



*Saint Nicholas'*

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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*Our Lady of Lourdes*

**16th March 2025**

**Second Sunday of Lent Cycle C Week 2**

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## **Bulletin Notices**

to be submitted to the  
parish Email Address by  
**12 noon Wednesday**

### **Baptisms**

(one month's notice)

Whitehead - 1st Sun of the month

C'fergus - 2nd Sun of the month

### **Weddings**

(three month's notice)

By arrangement

### **Funerals**

By arrangement

## **Requiescant in Pace**



### **Anniversaries**

Gill Haveron (1st)

Seamus Donaghy

Laurence McMahon

Martha Theresa McCusker

Christopher (Ted) McCusker

Billy McVeigh

Selina Lydon (1st)

Christopher Quinn

*Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine  
upon them. May they rest in peace.*

*Amen*

### **Offerings**

Weekly Collections for the four weeks

in February amounted to **£5,607.24**

Monthly Stipend Collection **£1,397.24**

**Sick & Retired Priests £514.10**

*Many thanks for you generosity.*

**Weekly Mass Times** (\*\* Streamed Masses - see parish website)  
Holy Days : As announced.

<b>St. Nicholas' Carrickfergus</b>	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes Whitehead</b>
Sun 11.30am **	Sun 9.30am
Wed 7.00pm **	Wed 10.00am

The **Rosary** is held before Wednesday Masses at  
9.30am in Our Lady of Lourdes and 6.30pm in Mount Saint Nicholas.

The **Sacrament of Penance** is available on the first Wed of the month from  
6.00pm to 6.45pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Mount Saint Nicholas.

**Eucharistic Adoration** is available every Saturday between 11.00 and 12.00 noon  
in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Mount St. Nicholas.

## **Mass for St. Patrick's Day Monday 17th March 2025**

**St. Nicholas' Carrickfergus - 10am**

**No Mass in Whitehead**

## **Step forward as a Pilgrim of Hope this Lent.**

As we journey through the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis invites us to be Pilgrims of Hope – people who walk in faith, supporting one another and deepening our relationship with Christ. We invite you to join us for our new Lenten program, Pilgrim Hearts – Walking in the steps of Jesus this Lent, a 4-week Lenten journey inspired by the Sunday gospels and the lives of the Irish Saints who embraced faith in times of challenge. From St Patrick's prayers on the mountain to St Brigid's acts of compassion, their lives remind us that holiness is lived in simple, everyday choices. They were the great evangelisers of the Christian faith in Ireland. Evangelisation begins with an invitation. Who in your life might need this journey? Invite a friend, a family member, or someone who perhaps has been away from Church for a while. Your invitation could be the start of their pilgrimage of hope. Everyone is welcome. Details as follows: -

### **Venue:**

**St. Nicholas' Church Carrickfergus**

### **Dates:**

**Wednesday 19th March;**

**Monday 24th March;**

**Monday 31st March;**

**Monday 7th April**

### **Time:**

**7.30 p.m.**



### **Mass at Mass Rock on Slemish Mountain.**

St Patrick's Day 17 March 2025 at 3pm.

Family Rosary at 2pm. Mass Rock is 250m from Slemish carpark, up a gradual incline. Free shuttle buses to Slemish car park all day from Michelin Tyre Factory (free parking available at the factory). Make a family day of it – food vans and toilet facilities at Slemish carpark. Contact Owen 07525 166090.

## Important Notice for Parishioners Communications

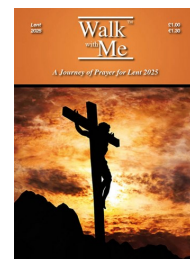
Could Parishioners ensure that they have updated the Parish Office if they have a change of personal details, specifically, if they have moved address in the last two years. New Envelope Boxes are due to be released later this month and Gift Aid records will then be reviewed.

If anyone wishes to support the parish financially by receiving an Envelope Box or through a Standing Order, please contact the parish office for more information or speak with Patrick Quinn from the Finance Committee.

**Parish Office: Tel: (028) 93363269 or email: carrickfergus@downandconnor.org**

**Parish shop.**  
Open before and after  
Sunday Mass.

**“Walk with Me”  
Lenten book 2025,  
Price £1.00**



**St Patrick's Cards & Gifts**  
on sale.

See [www.carrickparish.org/shop](http://www.carrickparish.org/shop)  
for more info.

### Forthcoming Events at Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre, Larne

“See, I’m doing something new” (Is 43:19) (Saturday, 22 March from 9:30 am – 4 pm) A Lenten renewing with Dr Gráinne Doherty

In this day of input and quiet reflection, we will meditate on what is helping and what is blocking our embracing of God’s love, and God’s plans for each one of us.

The Passion Story: “A Work of Infinite Love” (Saturday, 12 April from 9:30 am - 4 pm) A Day of Prayer and Reflection with Fr Aidan Troy CP

Fr Aidan will lead us in a day of prayer and reflection as we enter into Holy Week, where we are invited to immerse ourselves in this story of hope and unconditional love.

To book a place(s) or for further details, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) – 028 28276455/28272196 or email [drumalis@btconnect.com](mailto:drumalis@btconnect.com) Further information also available on Drumalis website: <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

### Parish Cell Group Meetings

**Tuesday, 18th Mar:** There will be a Cell meeting in Carrick at 8.00 pm. Contact: Margaret Webb: 07779729505 or Anne McFerran: 07809906792

**Wednesday, 19th Mar:** There will be a Cell meeting at 11.00 am in the committee room at the back of Saint Nicholas’ Church. Contact: Matt Monaghan: 07428247820 or Jim Mullan: 07841428436 All are welcome. “Come and see.”

### St Patrick’s Day Dawn Prayer initiative

Continuing the legacy of Saint Patrick who tells us in his Confessions that he rose as many as one hundred times before dawn to pray, a group of Christians will gather at 5:45 am at his grave on Saint Patrick’s morning, Monday 17th March. We will pray The Our Father/ The Lord’s Prayer one hundred times for peace and unity in Christ among our peoples. Everyone welcome. Please spread the word among friends from different Christian denominations.

### St. Ignatian Spiritual Exercises for Men

Fri May 2nd to Mon May 5th (bank holiday) in An Tobar Retreat Centre, Ardbraccan Navan, C15 T884. Cost €190 - includes all meals and en-suite single rooms. Call 087 - 348 2148

### Link to Fr Darren Brennan’s Jubilee Lenten Reflections.

[https://www.facebook.com/downandconnor/videos/640956081966234?locale=en\\_GB](https://www.facebook.com/downandconnor/videos/640956081966234?locale=en_GB)

**Cemetery Sunday** in the parish will take place this year on **1st June** as follows:

Islandmagee - immediately after 9.30am Mass in Whitehead;  
Mount St. Nicholas’ - immediately after 11.30am Mass in Carrickfergus;  
Victoria - 2.00 pm; Prospect - 3.00pm



**Lenten Envelopes now  
Available from the back  
of the church**

**A speaker from Trocaire  
will be at both Masses  
next weekend 23rd March**

### World Day of Prayer 2025

Many thanks to everyone who supported the recent World Day of Prayer service, held in the Church of Ireland Islandmagee Church. A total of £605 was raised at the service. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### ***This Coming Week*** ***17th Mar - 23rd Mar***

**Mon**  
St. Patrick

**Tues**  
St. Cyril of Jerusalem

**Wed**  
St. Joseph

**Fri**  
St. Enda

**Sun**  
3rd Sun. of Lent

**Readings for Sun 23rd Mar**  
Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15  
1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12  
Luke 13: 1-9

### Contact details for the Belfast 16 Family of Parishes

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Carrickfergus	<a href="http://www.carrickparish.org">www.carrickparish.org</a>	Very Rev. Peter Owens, PP VF	(028) 9336 3269
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Loughshore	<a href="http://www.loughshoreparishes.org">www.loughshoreparishes.org</a>	Very Rev. David Delargy PP	(028) 9037 0845