

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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Saint Nicholas'

Our Lady of Lourdes

8th September 2024

23rd Sunday of the Year

Cycle B Week 3

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**Weekly Mass Times** (\*\* Streamed Masses - see website for link)

St. Nicholas' Carrickfergus	Our Lady of Lourdes Whitehead
Sun 11.30am **	Sun 9.30am
Tues 10.00am	
Wed 7.00pm **	Wed 10.00am

Holy Days : As announced.

## Bulletin Notices

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

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.

### **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

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

**DRUMALIS RETREAT** 5th October Friday 5.30 pm - 6th October 5.30pm.  
 Please find a sheet at the back of each Church where you can leave Ruth your details and  
 she will contact you regarding information and your requirements as to diet and  
 accommodation. Ruth's number is 07876420867

## **Sacrament Preparation**

If you have a child in P3, P4 or P7 who is not attending St. Nicholas' Primary  
 School or Acorn Integrated Primary School, and wish your child to be prepared  
 for the Sacraments please contact the Parish Office or Mary Muir (07971003405)  
 as soon as possible.

Class begins on September 15th from 10.45am - 11.25am.

## **Requiescant in Pace**



### Month Mind

Raymond Treacy

### Anniversaries

Oliver Wilson  
 Veronica Walker  
 Agnes Duffin

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

Today we will welcome

### **Aid to the Church in Need (Ireland),**

to speak at all Masses rising awareness of the Christian Persecution and promotion  
 of the missionary work that ACN support over 75 years and take up a collection  
 during the visit. As a Catholic charity, ACN supports the faithful wherever they  
 are persecuted, oppressed or in need, through information, prayer, and action.

Today, ACN supports almost 6,000 projects around the world focusing on  
 humanitarian assistance, pastoral care, evangelisation, and support for persecuted  
 Christians. As an example, one in every ten student priests in the world is now  
 supported by the generous benefactors of ACN.

**Today's second collection is for  
 Aid to the Church in Need (Ireland).**

### **Weekend Retreat for Mission Supporters and Friends of SMA**

Friday 27th Sept (4.30pm) – Sunday 29th Sept (2.00pm)

The SMA community welcomes our Supporters and friends to this Weekend Retreat and  
 Reflection, which will be an opportunity to take time aside in the tranquil and relaxed  
 setting of Dromantine. All will join in celebrating Mass each day at the Novena in honour  
 of St. Thérèse. The Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Sick will be  
 celebrated during the weekend.

### Carrick Parish Foodbank

If you can help donate food items, please leave in the green box in the church porch.

- Milk (UHT), Sugar (500g), ● Fruit Juice (Long life carton),
- Soup, ●Cereals, ● Pasta Sauces,
- Tinned Goods ●Tea Bags/Instant Coffee, ●Instant Mash Potato,
- Rice/Pasta, ● Tinned Meat/Fish/Fruit,
- Jam, ● Biscuits or snack bars. Etc.

Thank you



### Parish Bethany

**Bereavement Group** are here to support you through your grief, if you would like to speak to someone a member of the Group can be contacted on the Confidential mobile **07598825187**

### Parish Shop

Open before and after Sunday Mass. Gifts, Cards & Magazines available.

For more info see our latest offers at

[www.carrickparish.org/shop](http://www.carrickparish.org/shop)

### Special Belfast Pilgrimage (Limited availability) to Fatima

EX Dublin Easter 2025, Flying with TAP airlines, Also 13th June 2025 for Feast of Saint Anthony, 13th October 2025 for Miracle of Sun Contact James Treacy 00353 61921470 [jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com](mailto:jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com) Payment by instalments acceptable  
**LAST REMAINING SEATS**

**Anam Cara Belfast**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Mon 9th Sept at 7:30pm in the Crowne Plaza, 117 Miltown Rd, Shaws Bridge, Belfast, BT87XP. We also offer an online meeting on the 2nd Thurs To join please contact us on 028 95213120.

The **West Belfast Historical Society** is meeting on Friday the 13th of September at 7.30pm in JSt. Michael's Parish Centre on Finaghy Road North (Access via Church Gateway on Finaghy Road North just before the garage opposite the Church at junction with Andersonstown Road).

THE PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE PRECEDED BY

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT 7PM

The September talk is entitled "**THE LIFE OF A VATICAN DIPLOMAT**"

The guest speaker will be "MR. JEROME MULLEN"

All are Welcome to Attend. Refreshments will be provided.

### PATHWAYS ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2024/25

begins on Sat, 12 Oct at Drumalis. The programme takes place one Saturday a month from 10 am – 4 pm between Oct and Jun. **GROWTH IN PRAYER AND REFLECTIVE LIVING** (hosted by Drumalis via Zoom, commencing Mon, 16 Sept). This 20 session course via Zoom between Sept and Mar. is based on the insights of Ignatian Spirituality.

Places are also available on the Zoom course, "**ROOTED IN LOVE**", delivered over ten Thursday evening sessions from Sept 2024 to May. In preparation for the **Synod taking place in Rome in October**, Sr Sheila Curran RSM will lead a day exploring the meaning and implications for being a synodal church on Saturday 7 September from 10 am – 4 pm.

For further information contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) – 028 28276455/28272196 or email [drumalis@btconnect.com](mailto:drumalis@btconnect.com)

**SEASON OF CREATION**, the ecumenical time of prayer and action for creation takes place from 1st Sept-4th Oct. Down & Connor Laudato Si Commission is working with Corrymeela to organize several events around International Day of Peace. Full details are available on [www.jointhedotstogether.org](http://www.jointhedotstogether.org) Highlights include the "Peace, Justice & Care of the Earth" Conference, 9.30am-5pm on 19th Sept in Corrymeela, the "Land & Lough" Forum, 7.30-9pm on Friday 20th Sept in Glengormley Methodist Church and a Multi-Faith Conference, "Faiths Together for Climate Justice and Peace", 10.00-13.00 on Saturday 21st Sept in the Agape Centre, Lisburn Road. For more info, contact: [info@jointhedotstogether.org](mailto:info@jointhedotstogether.org)

### This Coming Week

9th Sep - 15th Sep

**Mon**

St. Ciaran

**Wed**

St. Deiniol - Wales

**Thurs**

St. Ailbe - Ireland

**Fri**

St. John Chrysotom

**Sat**

Exaltaton of the Holy Cross

**Sun**

24th Sun in Ordinary Time

**Northern Trust Stress Control** classes will continue to be hosted online. Jim White, Consultant Clinical Psychologist, will remain as key presenter for these online stress control classes. Instructions on how to access the online classes are available at <https://ni.stresscontrol.org/> The classes are FREE and the next round will commence on Monday 23rd Sept at 9am, with session two, the following Monday at 9am (30th Sept).

### Up and coming Events

Quiz Night - 2nd November 2024,

Christmas Party Night with disco -

6th December 2024,

St Patrick's Celebrations - 15th March 2025.

(Further details, closer to each event.)

SMA Novena 2024 In honour of St. Thérèse Of the Child Jesus Patroness of the Missions Monday 23rd Sept to Tuesday 1st Oct Daily Mass & Novena Prayers. At 10.00am & 7.30pm SMA Chapel Dromantine. Also, via webcam ([www.sma.ie](http://www.sma.ie)) African Missions, Dromantine, Newry, BT34 1RH

### Readings for Sun 15th Sep

Isaiah 50: 4-9

James 2: 14-18

Mark 8: 27-35

### 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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