

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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Saint Nicholas'

Our Lady of Lourdes

30th March 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent Cycle C Week 4

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

St. Nicholas' Carrickfergus	Our Lady of Lourdes Whitehead
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.

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



Recently Deceased

Raymond Devine

Anniversaries

Fr Martin Cushnan (1st)
Elfrida Walk (Birmingham)
Hughie McHugh

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

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:

Monday 31st March;

Monday 7th April

Time:

7.30 p.m.



Tuesday Mass The Tuesday morning Mass for April will take place in St. Nicholas' on Tuesday 8th April at 10.00 a.m.

Teas in Whitehead

Light refreshments will be available at the back of the church in Whitehead after
09:30 Mass on Sunday 6th April. Everyone is welcome.

Parish Retreat at Drumalis, Larne 4/5 October 2025.

For more information please contact: Carrickfergus Zara Roberts 07523 419397 or
Whitehead Ruth Bates 02893 378958



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*

“A Pilgrimage of Hope” is the theme of this year’s Holy Week Retreat from 17-20 April at Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre in Larne. It will be led by a joint team from Drumalis & Belfast Jesuit Centre and is offered on a residential or non-residential basis. 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 Further information also available on Drumalis website: <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>



Parish shop.

Open before and after Sunday Mass.
Easter Cards & Gifts
 See www.carrickparish.org/shop for more info.



‘Sing for Joy!’ - A Day of Music and Ministry

Are you involved, or keen to become involved in Church Music in your Parish, School, University etc.?

We invite you to join us for ‘Sing for Joy!’ - A Day of Music and Ministry. Saturday 26th April 2025 at Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal. Boat departs at 9:30am.

In the prayerful setting of Lough Derg, this day will provide space for the power of music to nourish our spirit and allow us to give praise to God through the beauty of sound, song and silence. There will be various inputs as well as time to pray, connect with others and explore this Sacred place. The day will conclude with the Celebration of the Eucharist at 5pm (open to the public).

This day is open to young people aged 18-35 and is free to attend (supported by the Knights of St Columbanus).

Registration is essential via <https://bit.ly/SingforJoy> . For further information please contact info@knightsstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk / +447759496677.

Recharge is a young adult group based in Down and Connor for those aged 18 to 35. The group meet twice monthly on the first and third Tuesday of each month to “recharge” the spiritual batteries through Adoration, intellectual formation and social gatherings.

We will be meeting on Tuesday the 1st and 15th of April at 7.30pm in St Colmcille’s Church, Ballyhackamore. All welcome!

FORTY HOURS OF PRAYER IN COLERAINE

As part of our jubilee year celebrations, the Causeway Family of Parishes is organising Forty Hours of Eucharistic Adoration at St Malachy's, Coleraine from 7am on Thursday 3rd April to 11pm on Friday 4th. St Malachy's will be open all day and throughout the night during these hours for private prayer and there will also be a number of Masses, devotions and opportunities for confession. Come along and spend some quality time with Our Lord as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

Eucharistic Adoration

Calling ALL ADORERS of the Blessed Sacrament in DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESE National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 6th April (weekend of 5th Sunday of Lent) Full Bus details on www.eucharisticadoration.ie

Down & Connor Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025 9/10 – 15th/16th July. 7 Nights. Please visit www.downandconnor.org/lourdes for more details or call the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162 or email lourdes@downandconnor.org Youth Team (9-16th July): applications now open (see posters in church for details.)

Easter Flowers for Carrickfergus and Whitehead

If you would like to donate towards the Easter flowers in St. Nicholas’ or Our Lady of Lourdes churches, please see Anne Quinn in Carrickfergus or Pamela Maginn in Whitehead. Thank you.

This Coming Week
31st Mar - 6th Apr

- Wed**
St. Francis of Paola
- Thurs**
St. Richard of Chichester
- Fri**
St. Isidore
- Sat**
St. Vincent Ferrer
- Sun**
5th Sun. of Lent

Parish Cell Group Meetings

Tuesday, 1st Apr: There will be a Cell meeting in Carrick at 8.00 pm. Contact: Margaret Webb: 07779729505 or Anne McFerran: 07809906792
Wednesday, 2nd Apr: 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.”

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

Readings for Sun 6th Apr
 Isaiah 43: 16-21
 Philippians 3: 8-14
 John 8: 1-11

Contact details for the Belfast 16 Family of Parishes

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Carrickfergus	www.carrickparish.org	Very Rev. Peter Owens, PP VF	(028) 9336 3269
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