

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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Saint Nicholas'

Our Lady of Lourdes

6th April 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent Cycle C Week 1

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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

Lawrence Nolan

Anniversaries

Phyllis Haveron (1st)

Alex Devenny

John Morrison

William Brown

Tom Robinson

*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 7th April

Time:

7.30 p.m.



Our final Do This in Memory Mass prior to First Communion is
next Sunday, April 13.

Light refreshments will be served after Mass.

Everyone welcome.

The Events Team.

Holy Thursday - Eucharistic Adoration

Would you be willing to spend 30 minutes with Jesus? Eucharistic Adoration will take place after Mass on Holy Thursday, 17th April, from 8:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Could you commit to remaining in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament for half an hour during this time? If so, please put your name on the sheet at the back of the church. Thank you.

Teas in Whitehead

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

**Today's second collection is for
 the Monthly Stipend.**

WHITEHEAD CELL MEETING

will take place on Tuesday at 4 Marine Parade, but **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME.** On the 8th April, only, it will begin at 2.30 pm.

Parish Cell Group Meetings Carrickfergus

Our meetings in Carrickfergus recommence on Tuesday, 29th April and Wednesday, 30th April.

Penitential Services Easter

Monday 14th April at 7pm in Star of the Sea, Whitehouse.
 Tuesday 15th April 7pm St Bernard's
 Wednesday 16th April 7pm St Gerard's

From the Upper Room to the Empty Tomb

A day retreat through the Easter Triduum
 Saturday 12 April 2025
 11.00am - 4.00pm
 Sacred Heart Hall, Ballyclare
 You are invited to prayerfully walk with the Lord through the three 'great days' of our faith
 Suggested donation £10
 lunch and refreshments will be provided.
 Advance booking essential. Please email: ballyclare@downandconnor.org

Life in the Spirit Seminars

St Michael the Archangel Parish Centre
 Finaghy Road North Belfast
 Sunday 27th April to Sunday 1st June 7.30pm
 27th April God's Love Fr James O'Reilly
 4th May Salvation Fr Ciaran Dallat
 11th May New Life Martina Purdy
 18th May Receiving God's Gift Collette Higgins
 25th May Baptism in the Holy Spirit Fr Darren Brennan
 1st June Growth & Transformation Thomas Carey



Parish shop.
 Open before and after Sunday Mass.
Easter Cards & Gifts
 See www.carrickparish.org/shop
 for more information on upcoming Holy Communion.



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.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 14th April at 7.30pm in the Crowne Plaza, Shaws Bridge, Belfast. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

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. We will be meeting on Tuesday 15th of April at 7.30pm in St Colmcille's Church, Ballyhackamore. All 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

This Coming Week
 7th Apr - 13th Apr

Mon
 St. John Baptist de la Salle

Fri
 St. Stanislaus

Sun
 Palm Sunday

St. Pio Relics to visit Holycross Abbey (E41PH01): Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th May. Veneration and ceremonies from 10am to 8pm on Saturday and 9am to 8pm on Sunday (incorporating our annual St. Pio Pilgrimage on Sunday from 1.30pm). All are welcome. Contact 0504-43124 or hbparishoffice@gmail.com for information.

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 13th Apr
 Isaiah 50: 4-7
 Philippians 2: 6-11
 Luke 22: 14, 23:56

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