

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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Saint Nicholas'

Our Lady of Lourdes

15th December 2024

3rd Sunday in Advent

Cycle C 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
Wed 7.00pm **	Wed 10.00am

Holy Days : As announced.

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.



**Family Advent Carol Service**  
**Sunday 15th December, 5pm**

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Whitehead.  
 Followed by Christmas treats in the Pastoral Centre and a visit from Santa.

## 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

Gregory Haveron

Mary McMahon

## Anniversaries

Maura Best (1st)

Raymond Donaghy (1st)

Edda Sofia McKenzie

Hubert & Marie McKeown

Jimmy Newell

Margaret McGonigle

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

## **Invitation to Opening of Jubilee Year** **29th December**

On Christmas Eve 2024, Pope Francis will open the  
 Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica and the Jubilee of  
 Hope will begin in Rome.

The theme the Holy Father has chosen for this year of  
 special graces is 'Pilgrims of Hope' and he invites the  
 whole People of God – clergy and laity – to celebrate  
 God's Gift of Grace through their expressions of Deep  
 Faith, Lively Hope and Active Charity.

The Holy Year in the Diocese will begin on the Feast of the Holy Family.

All parishioners are warmly invited to join Bishop Alan McGuckian at the  
 Solemn Opening Mass of the Jubilee Year of Hope on  
 Sunday, 29th December at 3pm in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast.

We encourage everyone to attend and be part of this celebration for the Jubilee  
 Year. The webcam will allow for people to view the Mass from home:

[www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral](http://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral)



## **Christmas Flowers - Carrickfergus and Whitehead**

If you would like to donate towards flowers for Christmas in our  
 churches, please see Anne Quinn in Carrickfergus or  
 Margaret O'Neill in Whitehead. Alternatively, leave your offering in  
 the boxes provided in the church porches. Thank you.



### Trocaire Gifts of Change

Bring real hope and opportunity to at risk families and communities around the world with a Trocaire Gift of Change. There's a gift for everyone. On sale each Sunday before Christmas. For further information please contact Patrick Quinn, in the Parish Shop, or check the Trocaire noticeboard in the church porch.

### "Follow the Star"

Christmas cards, gifts, candles, nativity decorations and children's books & cribs available from our shop today.



Check online at

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



### CELTIC CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL

St Mary's Church, Chapel Lane, Belfast, is the venue for a special event in aid of this year's St Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal. Local Belfast man Patrick Davey of Davey Music is a respected performer, teacher and composer of traditional Irish music, and he will be hosting Celtic Carols by Candlelight in St Mary's Church, Chapel Lane, Belfast, on Sunday 22 December at 5.00pm. There will be music and readings for the season from the Celtic nations and proceeds from the event will be donated to this year's SVP Annual Appeal. [www.svp.ie](http://www.svp.ie)

### SVP Christmas Appeal



The ongoing cost of living crisis is putting a lot of pressure on the people Saint Vincent de Paul help throughout the year. This Christmas we are asking for cash or gift vouchers through our 'Gift of Choice' appeal. That will empower individuals, couples and families to make decisions on how to manage their own circumstances. They can choose the presents they put under the tree for Christmas morning and the meals that suit their needs. To support our Christmas Appeal this year, please leave donations of cash or vouchers in the Red Box by **today**, Sunday 15th December. Thank you for your support throughout the years. Have a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.

### CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

22nd December 7.30pm

International soprano Margaret Keys and Classical Brit award winner Fr Eugene in a Christmas concert by candlelight in St Malachy's Church Castlewellan. Performing Christmas Classics and festive favourites.

Tickets are £20 online at [eventbrite.ie](http://eventbrite.ie), or Parish Office (028 - 43778259).

**Give blood in Carrickfergus on Thursday 2nd January**, you could save 3 lives. Book now for your local community blood donation session! Town Hall Carrickfergus Thurs 2nd & Fri 3rd Jan 12:30 to 19:30 Book your appointment by the web link - <https://bit.ly/GiveBloodNI>

### Masses for Christmas and the New Year

#### Christmas Eve

Tuesday 24th December  
Vigil Mass at 5.00pm in Whitehead  
Vigil Mass at 7.00pm in Carrickfergus

#### Christmas Day

Wednesday 25th December  
Mass at 9.30am in Whitehead  
Mass at 11.00am in Carrickfergus

Thursday 26th to Saturday 28th December -  
No Masses except funerals

#### Sunday 29th December

Mass at 9.30am in Whitehead  
Mass at 11.30am in Carrickfergus

Monday 30th December to Saturday 4th January - No Masses except funerals

#### Sunday 5th January

Mass at 9.30am in Whitehead  
Mass at 11.30am in Carrickfergus  
NORMAL SCHEDULE RESUMES  
THEREAFTER

### Offerings

Weekly Collections for the four weeks in November amounted to **£5,688.64**

Monthly Stipend Collection **£1,347.47**

Bishops Commission **£453.57**

Many thanks for you generosity.

### This Coming Week 16th Dec - 22nd Dec

**Wed**

St. Flannan

**Sat**

St. Peter Canisius

**Sun**

4th Sun of Advent

### Readings for Sun 22nd Dec

Micah 5: 1-4

Hebrews 10: 5-10

Luke 1: 39-45



### Forthcoming Event

"St. Patrick's Celebration - Carrickfergus Golf Club - Saturday March 15th 2025 - 8 til late - McStocker Ceili Band - £5pp"

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

Parish	Website	Priests	Telephone No.
Carrickfergus	<a href="http://www.carrickparish.org">www.carrickparish.org</a>	Very Rev. Peter Owens, PP VF	(028) 9336 3269
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