

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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Saint Nicholas'

Our Lady of Lourdes

1st December 2024

1st Sunday in Advent

Cycle C Week 1

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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.

## Advent Meditation

Advent is a time to look forward to the coming of the Christ-child.  
We invite you to take some time out of your busy life and come along to meditate  
with us on two Monday evenings in December on the meaning of Advent.

The **2nd December** will be on Joseph's Dream  
and the **9th December** on The Nativity.

Each meditation will take place in St. Nicholas' committee room at 7.30 p.m.

Light refreshments will be provided and everyone is welcome.

The Panel of Catechists/Liturgy Group.

## Tuesday Mass

The Tuesday morning Mass for December will take place in St. Nicholas' on  
Tuesday 3rd December at 10.00 a.m.

## **PARISH BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** **Annual Mass for the Bereaved**

Wednesday 11th December 2024 7 00 pm in St Nicholas' Church Carrickfergus  
All very welcome especially those who have been bereaved this year.

Light Refreshments will be served after Mass



**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**

**St Nicholas' Primary School Open Day**  
**Wed 4th & Sat 7th December 10am-12pm**  
Telephone (028)93351149 for more information

**Anam Cara**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly  
Parent Support Evening on Monday 9th December 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](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

## 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

Fr. Brendan McMullan  
Kathleen Rice (Larne)

### Anniversaries

Sheila Hughes (1st)  
Andrew McShane  
Christopher Curran (20th)  
Margaret O'Dornan  
Danny McGowan

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

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



**Trócaire Gifts of Change**

Bring real hope and opportunity to at risk families and communities around the world with a Trócaire Gift of Change. There's a gift for Everyone such as: The Gift of Chicks, Emergency Water and Solar Lamps. Prices start from £5.

For further information please contact Patrick Quinn, in the Parish Shop, or check the Trocaire noticeboard in the church porch.



**Parish Shop**

Cards and gifts for Advent and Christmas now available. Open each Sunday. See a selection of gifts online at [www.carrickparish.org/shop](http://www.carrickparish.org/shop)

**CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT**  
**22nd December 7.30pm**

Join International soprano Margaret Keys and Classical Brit award winner Fr Eugene for an unforgettable Christmas concert by candlelight in St Malachy's Church Castlewellan. Accompanied by Scala Strings, Ulster Orchestra Musicians, St Malachy's High School Choir and local Musicians "The Hylands" this promises to be a magical evening of Christmas music. Performing Christmas Classics and festive favourites. Tickets are £20 online at eventbrite.ie, or Parish Office (028 - 43778259).

**Randalstown Advent Retreat** St MacNissi's Hall Sat 7th Dec 9am - 4pm. Contact AnneMarie 07813160470

**A Series of Talks on the History of Christianity from Apostolic to Modern Times**  
Last Sat of each month. 11am to 1pm. St Colmcille's Parish. Email [stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org](mailto:stcolmcilles@downandconnor.org)

**The Down and Connor Lourdes youth team** would like to invite you to a Christmas quiz in aid of the youth team. Friday 6th Dec 7pm to around 9:30/10pm in St Bridget's parish hall, Belfast. Raffle prizes to be won as well. All welcome

**Carrickfergus Foodbank**  
Together with Trussell

**November items needed**

- UHT Milk (Green)
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Juice diluting
- Coffee
- Tinned Fruit & custard
- Tooth brushes & toiletries
- Christmas tubs sweets
- Christmas & chocolate pudding
- Selection boxes

**St. Nicholas' PS PTA Invitation**

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**

STALLS  
GAMES  
CRAFTS  
PRIZES

**Saturday 7th December**  
**10am - 12pm**  
*With Special Guest*

St. Nicholas' Primary School | Minorca Place | Carrickfergus | BT38 8AU

**Parish Cell Group Meeting Whitehead**  
**Tuesday, 3rd Dec:** There will be a Cell meeting at 11.00 am at 4 Marine Parade. Contact: Ruth Bates: 07876420867. All are welcome. "Come and see."

**RADIO MARIA IRELAND**  
Fundraiser Thurs 5th Dec in the Balmoral Hotel, Belfast. Doors open 6pm, four course meal, live music. Why not come along and enjoy a great night and help a charity! To book your ticket (recommended £60/€65 per person) go to Eventbrite.ie or by phone on 00353 1 4 123456. Radio Maria Ireland is available on Saorview, Freeview, website [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie), or on the App 'Radio Maria Ireland', via Alexa, Facebook and Google and, for those without digital connectivity via landline phone broadcast on 01 437 3277.

**Nine Days Novena**  
'Every year for the 9 days before Christmas, 16-24 December at 6am, St. Vincent De Paul Parish invite you to our, 'Misa De Gallo.' (Mass of the Rooster.) This year on Christmas Eve we welcome Bishop Alan for the first time as our main Celebrant. We extend a warm invitation to all.

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

**This Coming Week**  
2nd Dec - 8th Dec  
**Tues**  
St. Francis Xavier  
**Wed**  
St. John Damascene  
**Fri**  
St. Nicholas  
**Sat**  
St. Ambrose  
**Sun**  
2nd Sun of Advent

**Readings for Sun 8th Dec**  
Baruch 5: 1-9  
Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11  
Luke 3: 1-6

**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