

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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Saint Nicholas'

Our Lady of Lourdes

8th December 2024

2nd Sunday in Advent

Cycle C Week 2

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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.

Immaculate Conception - Mon 9th December

10.00 am Our Lady of Lourdes Whitehead

7.00 pm St. Nicholas' Carrickfergus

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 evenings in December on the meaning of Advent.

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.

PARISH CELL GROUPS JOINT MEETING

There will be a joint meeting of the Carrickfergus and Whitehead Parish Cell
Groups in the committee rooms at the back of St Nicholas' Church
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 10th December.

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**



Penitential Services

Monday 16th December at 7.00pm in St. Nicholas'

Tuesday 17th December at 7.00pm in St. Bernard's

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.



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



Anniversaries

Peter Quinn

Patsy Neeson Snr

Colleen O'Kane

Julia Degnan

Gerard McAllister

Bernard McAllister

Fred Kemp

Damien Kemp

Kenny Davidson

*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.

On sale Sunday 8th & 15th December.

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

**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.

Christmas cards and gifts are available from the **Parish Shop**

See a selection of gifts online at www.carrickparish.org/shop

Open every Sunday



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 Sunday 15th December. Thank you for your support throughout the years. Have a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.

The Legion of Mary invites you to attend an Advent Retreat on Saturday 14 December

to make Christ the centre of Christmas again!

Please join us for 10am Mass in Saint Peter's Cathedral Belfast, followed by a retreat led by Fr. Darren Brennan, in Saint Peter's Parish Hall until 3pm
No advance booking required.

£10 registration fee. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

If you have any queries, please email legioneventsdc@gmail.com or call 07590026628

***This Coming Week
9th Dec - 15th Dec***

Mon

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tues

St. John Roberts

Wed

St. Damasus

Thurs

St. Finian

St. Jane Frances de Chantal

Fri

St. Lucy

Sat

St. John of the Cross

Sun

3rd Sun of Advent

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

Christmas Masses

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

**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, or Parish Office (028 - 43778259).

Readings for Sun 15th Dec

Zephaniah 3: 14-18
Philippians 4: 4-7
Luke 3: 10-18

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

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