



Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes

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9th June 2024

10th Sunday of the Year

Cycle B Week 2

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Mass Times week (** Streamed Masses - see website for link)

St. Nicholas' Carrickfergus	Our Lady of Lourdes Whitehead
Sun 11.30am **	Sun 9.30am
Tues 10.00am	
Wed 7.00pm **	Wed 10.00am

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 3rd Sun of the month

Weddings

(three month's notice)

By arrangement

Funerals

By arrangement

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Pat Gardiner

Adrianna Kruk

Ciaran Moran

Eileen McAlister

Sean McSweeney

Eternal rest grant unto them,

O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Amen

The West Belfast Historical Society is meeting on Fri 14th of June at 7.30pm in St. Michael's Parish Centre on Finaghy Road North. The June talk is entitled "ROGER CASEMENT"

Guest speaker will be "MR. PATRICK CASEMENT"

The **Rosary** is held before Wednesday Services 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 a.m. and 12:00 noon in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Mount St. Nicholas.

Teas in Whitehead.

Light refreshments will be available in the Pastoral Centre in Whitehead after 09.30 Mass on Sunday, 16th June. Everyone is welcome.

The Events team will be providing tea and refreshments after 11.30 Mass on Sunday 16th June. Please feel free to join us. This will be our last tea before the summer, resuming in September. We will have our summer barbeque in August, date will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

Family Fun Evening

A family fun event will be held in Lourdes Pastoral Centre on **Friday 28th June 2024, 5.30pm - 8.30pm.**

There will be a BBQ, lots of kids activities-including bouncy castles, face painting, tombola, bingo, teas & coffees etc. Everyone is warmly invited to come along and take this opportunity to catch up with family and friends.

Any tombola or raffle donations would be gratefully received in advance.

These can be left at the porch of either church by Wed 26th June.

Important Notice School Car Park – June to August

Part of the lower car park is now closed for construction work.

During this time there will be a one way traffic system in operation.

Entering via the School gate and exiting via the top Church gate at the traffic lights.

Due to reduced parking availability we would ask –

- That you park responsibly and safely at all times
- Follow any signage that is in place
- Give priority and consideration to those with mobility issues
- Not to block emergency access
- Help reduce car usage by way of car sharing
- Or perhaps giving a neighbour a lift to church

Thank you for your cooperation. Drive slowly and safely.

FREE Walking tours in Downpatrick area as part of Heritage Walking week, Monday June 10 - Saturday June 16 including Early Christian and Medieval Tour next Saturday as well as Saint Patrick Treasure Trails. Details available from The Saint Patrick Centre 02944 619000 or Eventbrite to book.

Carrick Parish Foodbank

If you can help donate food items, please leave in the green box in the church porch.

- Milk (UHT), Sugar (500g), ● Fruit Juice (Long life carton),
- Soup, ● Cereals, ● Pasta Sauces,
- Tinned Goods ● Tea Bags/Instant Coffee, ● Instant Mash Potato,
- Rice/Pasta, ● Tinned Meat/Fish/Fruit,
- Jam, ● Biscuits or snack bars. Etc.

Thank you



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



Parish shop.

Open before and after Sunday Mass. See our latest offers at

www.carrickparish.org/shop

for more info.



PARISH CELLS END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

A joint celebration to mark the end of the Cell year will be held in the parish meeting rooms on Tuesday, 18th June at 7.30pm.

Summer Concert, Sunday 16 June at 2:00pm St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast.

Admission is free, with a retiring collection in support of our Music Department.

SUMMER MASS ROTA

As you have heard, due to the rapidly declining number of parishioners attending Sunday Mass and priests available for full-time ministry, our Diocese is to be divided up into 24 'Families of Parishes' in order to facilitate the more effective sharing of personnel and resources.

Our Parish will belong to the 'Family of Parishes' known as 'Belfast 16' which will also include Glengormley and the Loughshore Parishes (Greencastle, Whitehouse and Whiteabbey/ Greenisland). There are four priests in this family at the moment: Canon Aidan Kerr, Fr David Delargy, Fr Patrick Sheehan and myself. It is envisioned that in due course there will only be one priest in this 'Family', possibly assisted by a permanent deacon.

Before our new bishop, Dr Alan McGuckian, SJ, finalises the establishment of the 24 'Families of Parishes', the priests of the diocese have been encouraged by him and the 'Pathways to the Future' Steering-Group to work more closely together by way of creating a diocesan ethos of cooperation and solidarity. To this end the priests of 'Belfast 16' have come together to organise a shared Summer Mass Rota. This represents our first major joint project and sets the tone of how our parishes will collaborate in the future.

This summer rota will enable each priest to take a fortnight's holiday in July/August. In each parish a number of Sunday and weekday Masses will be suspended for the summer, to be resumed in September.

How will this affect our parish?

I will be on holiday 6th - 20th July and for the remainder of July and for the month of August I will be assisting in the other parishes of 'Belfast 16'.

During the month of July there will be no Sunday Mass in Whitehead – Sunday Mass resumes there on the 4th August.

There will be no Wednesday morning Mass in Whitehead on the 10th and 17th July – Wednesday morning Mass resumes there on 24th July.

There will be no Wednesday evening Mass in Carrickfergus on the 10th and 17th July - Wednesday evening Mass resumes there on 24th July.

As in previous years, there will be no Tuesday morning Mass in Carrickfergus in July and August – Tuesday morning Mass resumes there on the 3rd September.

Baptisms, funerals and sick-calls will be covered at all times by one of the four priests of our 'Family of Parishes'.

Let us support each other during this time of great change in our diocese.

Fr Peter

Service for the Day of Reflection

Join us in a service which draws on the healing practice of lament, Friday 21st of June 2024 at St Anne's Cathedral, Donegall Street, Belfast from 11.30am to 12.30pm. This service is part of the Day of Reflection, established by Healing Through Remembering in 2007 and held on the longest day of the year in partnership with Corrymeela, Wave Trauma Centre, St John's Parish, Belfast Cathedral and the Commission for Victims and Survivors.

If any glasses have been left in the church please contact the parish office.

This Coming Week 10th Jun - 16th Jun

Tues
St. Barnabas

Thurs
St. Anthony of Padua

Sun
11th Sun in Ordinary Time

Readings for Sun 16th Jun

Ezekiel 17: 22-24
2 Corinthians 5: 6 - 10
Mark 4: 26 - 34

Contact details for Loughshore Pastoral Community

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