

Saint Nicholas

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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Our Lady of Lourdes

8th December 2024

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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.

2nd Sunday in Advent Cycle C Week 2

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.

<u>Immaculate Conception - Mon 9th December</u> 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 Bethany 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.



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





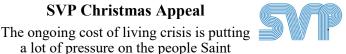
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Whitehead. Followed by Christmas treats in the Pastoral Centre and a visit from Santa.

Christmas cards and gifts are available from the Parish Shop



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

Open every Sunday



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

Carrickfergus Foodbank 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

Forthcoming Event

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

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).

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

Readings for Sun 15th Dec

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

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