



Saint Nicholas'

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes

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10th January 2021 **Baptism of the Lord** Cycle B Week 1

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**Mount St. Nicholas' Parish WebCam**  
Sunday Mass is streamed live on the Parish Website.  
Recorded Masses are also available to view on YouTube.  
Links to the live Mass and the recorded Masses are located  
on the front page of the Parish Website.

**PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
**Amen.**

**Bulletin Notices to be submitted to the parish**  
**Email Address**  
**by 12 noon Wed**

## Requiescant in Pace



### Recently Deceased

Charles Graham  
**Anniversaries**

Madge Hagan, James Muir  
Margaret McGowan  
Thomas Best, Maisie Conlon  
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*  
*Amen*

### **Private Prayer**

Our churches will be opened for private prayer, at the following times, below.

**Our Lady of Lourdes**  
Sunday - 9.30am to 10.30am

**Mount St. Nicholas'**  
Sunday - 12.30pm to 1.30pm

*Opening for Prayers in both churches, will be reviewed on a weekly basis. Please check, the website for further updates.*

## Statement from the Catholic Bishops of Northern Ireland -7th January 2021

**“As many people as possible *stay at home* for the sake of health, life and the Common Good”**

In light of our ongoing consultations and of the current serious and worsening situation, and in line with clear public health guidance that people should *stay at home*, we have decided that for a limited period (from midnight on Thursday 7 January until Saturday 6 February 2021, subject to review in late January), the celebration of the Eucharist and other liturgies should take place without the physical presence of the faithful - with the exception of marriage, funeral, baptismal liturgies and drive-in services (subject to regulations).

Arrangements for recording and/or livestreaming, and making individual visits for private prayer are also permissible in accordance with regulations.

We encourage parishes, where possible, to continue to broadcast the celebration of Mass - and other devotions and prayer services - **online and on other media**, knowing that faith and prayer can be a tremendous support to individuals and society during these difficult times.

We make this decision reluctantly, conscious that not being able to gather for public worship can cause pain for all the faithful, but in the hope that this limited period of sacrifice will be for the protection of life and health and for the greater good of all.

We once more ask for prayers for the sick, the bereaved and all those whose livelihoods have been particularly impacted by the pandemic.

We keep in our prayers all health workers, carers, chaplains and other essential workers.

**Most Rev Noel Treanor DD Bishop of Down and Connor**

### Preparing for Marriage? Catholic Engaged Encounter

A 'Zoom' online Marriage Preparation course is planned for 27-28 March 2021.

This 2-day course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship. Information/Booking:

[www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)  
or Telephone (028) 276 38512



### Plain sailing

The pessimist complains about the wind.

The optimist expects it to change.

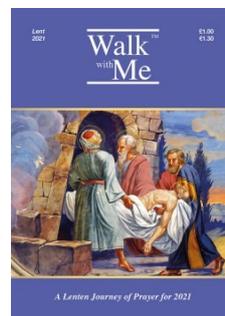
The realist adjusts the sails.

### Trocaire Christmas Gifts

A sincere thanks for all those parishioners who purchased Trocaire Gift Cards to help fund projects for children and families this Christmas.

You have contributed **£410.00** to this annual appeal.

Thank you for your ongoing support for Trocaire's projects.  
Patrick Quinn



### Lenten Books 2021

If you would like to order a copy of the "Walk with Me" Lenten book, please contact Anne on 07449 749476. Price £1.00

**4 Corners Festival Belfast** This inter-denominational arts festival aimed at promoting reconciliation runs from January 31 to February 7. Because of the pandemic it is a purely on-line project with all events being available in the comfort of your home via "live" video streaming services such as Facebook and YouTube. Morning and Night Prayer will be streamed throughout the festival. Night Prayer will be led by Jim Deeds and his colleague, Paula McKeown, director of the diocesan Living Church. Further details can be found at the website [www.4cornersfestival.com](http://www.4cornersfestival.com)

### 'St. Nicholas' Parish Repository

2021 Diocesan Directories & 2021 Calendars available. Contact Anne on 07449 749476.



Due to Covid 19 restrictions, we have been unable to carry out visits to bereaved families in the parish. If you wish to talk to someone call 07598825187, or leave a message and someone from the group will get back to you .

**Covid 19 HSE link**  
<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/>

### St. Nicholas' Primary School Open day 2021

Please contact the School Office to arrange a suitable date and time.  
Tel 028 93351149 (see Parish Website for further details).

### This Coming Week

11th Jan - 17th Jan

**Tues**

St. Aelred of Rievaulx

**Wed**

St. Hilary, Bishop

St. Kentigern, Scotland

**Fri**

St. Ita, Ireland

**Sat**

St. Fursa, Ireland

**Sun**

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

We need to keep on protecting each other.

**Hands:** On entering church please use sanitiser provided.

**Face:** Please wear a face covering coming to and at Mass.

**Space:** Please keep 2m from the people around you; while walking into church; walking to communion; and when leaving the church.



### Important Notice - COVID 19

As windows and vents will be open during the winter months, Parishioners are reminded to wrap up well with layers of clothes when attending the Church.

### Readings for Sun 17th Jan

1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19  
1 Corinthians 6: 13-15, 17-20  
John 1: 35-42

### StopCOVID NI App.

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/stopcovid-ni-app-explainer-leaflet>

See the Parish Website for more info.

Mass at St. Mary, Star of the Sea, Whitehouse

<https://www.loughshoreparishes.org/webcam/>

Mass at St. Bernard's, Glengormley

<https://www.churchservices.tv/glengormley/>