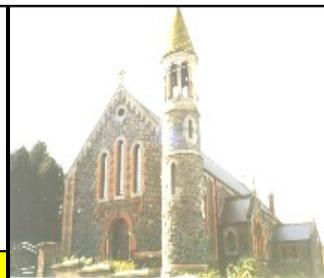


Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes

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25th April 2021 4th Sunday of Easter Cycle B Week 4

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Sunday Public Masses - April 2021

We would invite those with Surnames in the following alphabet order to Mass on the assigned Sundays during April.

Sunday	Carrick 11.30am	Sunday	Whitehead 9.30am
25th Apr	M-Mc	25th Apr	Mc-O
2nd May	N-Z	2nd May	P-Z

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

Requiescant in Pace



Recently Deceased

Anna Barclay (nee Baxter)
-Belfast

Month's Mind

Jim McLaughlin

Anniversaries

May Muir
Oliver English

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

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.**

Parish WebCam

Mass is streamed live, from St. Nicholas' at 11.30am each Sunday. The link for Masses are located on the front page of the Parish Website. These are also available to watch on YouTube. Just enter '[carrickparish](http://carrickparish.org)' when searching on YouTube to watch on your home TV.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Father Peter and the Parish Pastoral Council congratulate all the girls and boys who were confirmed at Mount St. Nicholas' on Thursday 22nd April.

Sincere thanks go to Mr Austin and his staff at St.Nicholas' Primary School for coordinating all the arrangements.

COME HOLY SPIRIT AND FILL THE HEARTS OF YOUR FAITHFUL!

Thank you
to those who generously
donated towards our
Church
floral
displays at
Easter.



Wednesday evening Masses

6.00 pm, Whitehead

7.30 pm, Carrickfergus

These Masses are open to all parishioners, subject to seating availability.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY “Support your priests with your love and prayers, that they may always be shepherds after Christ’s heart.” Pope Francis As we begin this week of prayer for vocations to the priesthood, we pray for Bishop Treanor and the priests of our Diocese. May their service and witness guide all the faithful and inspire more men to respond to Jesus's invitation to “Come follow me!”

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

God, our Father, at the very beginning of your Church, your Son, Jesus, chose twelve apostles to continue the work he had begun. By the power of your Holy Spirit, they continued to bring the Good News of your love to our world.

Send that same Holy Spirit into the hearts of those you are calling to serve as priests for your people in our diocese. Fill them with your gifts of wisdom, understanding, piety and knowledge as they discern your will. Give them the gifts of right judgment and courage in following their call. Through the outpouring of your grace may many come to the joy of knowing and responding to the invitation of Jesus to “Come, follow me!” Amen.

Good Shepherd, hear our prayer.

St Joseph, pray for us!

‘St. Nicholas’ Parish Repository’

Sunday Missals; Gifts and Cards for all occasions including Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation.

Please feel free to call in before Mass on any Sunday.

To ensure safe social distancing, only one customer can be in the shop at a time.

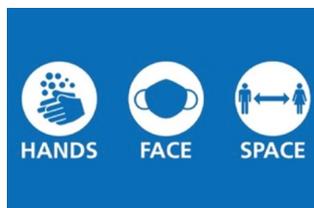
In Conversation with Sr Nathalie Becquart

Sr Nathalie Becquart will join the Catholic Chaplaincy at QUB live from Rome next Wednesday, 21 April at 7pm. Sr Natalie was appointed as undersecretary to the Synod of Bishops by Pope Francis earlier this year, becoming the first woman to hold this position in Church history. This online event is organised and facilitated by Blest, Chaplaincy’s new group for women students. Everyone is welcome to join the student-led conversation. Zoom ID: 89575216842 Passcode: Synod21

Help Us - Help You

Capacity at our Churches in line with our COVID Risk Assessments

- ◆ 38 units for individuals / households in St. Nicholas’ Carrickfergus and
- ◆ 15 units for individual / households in Our Lady of Lourdes Whitehead.



Our seating units within the churches, vary in size, and comply fully with social distancing regulations. Stewards are there to help you and will allocate seats, in line with maximising the church capacity, for all services.

If you know that you are attending Mass with other parishioners in your ‘bubble’, please let the steward know at the door when entering the church.

This Coming Week

26th Apr - 2nd May

Tues

St. Asicus, Ireland

Wed

St Peter Chanel, Priest
St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montford

Thurs

St. Catherine of Siena

Fri

St. Pius V, Pope

Sat

St. Joseph the Worker

Sun

Fifth Sunday of Easter

St. Nicholas’ Primary School Places are still available for Primary 1 starting school in Sept 2021. Please contact the school office on (028) 93351149 or email www.stnicholasps.org.uk for any further information.



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 .

Readings for Sun 2nd May

Acts 9: 26-31
1 John 3: 18-24
John 15: 1-8

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/>