



Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes

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14th Nov 2021 33rd Sunday of the Year Cycle B Week 1

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

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Bob & May McKeown, their daughter Winifred, and deceased members of the McKeown family.

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

Sunday Public Masses Nov 2021
We would invite those with **Surnames** in the following alphabet order to attend Mass on the following **assigned Sundays** during November.

Sunday	Carrick 11.30am	Sunday	Whitehead 9.30am
14th Nov	A to G	14th Nov	A to L
21st Nov	H to Mc	21st Nov	M to N
28th Nov	M to Z	28th Nov	O to Z

Parish Advent Services
Please come along and join in our Parish Advent Services as we prepare as a parish family for the great feast of Christmas.
During these services we will reflect on some of the virtues attributed to St. Joseph by Pope Francis in his Apostolic Letter "**Patris Corde**" (with a Father's Heart).
The 3 services, which will be live streamed, will take place in St. Nicholas' Church at 5:00 p.m. with the following themes: -
◆ 28th November - An Obedient Father
◆ 5th December - A Creatively Courageous Father
◆ 12th December - A Father in the Shadows

SVP Christmas Appeal
As we continue to navigate our way out of the current Covid-19 pandemic, Saint Vincent de Paul is planning for Christmas 2021 along similar lines to 2020. The need to support individuals, couples and families is as great as ever this year. Instead of collecting toys through the Giving Tree Appeal, we will again provide gift vouchers for families, so that we can keep the handling of goods to a minimum and empower parents to choose the presents their children wake up to on Christmas morning themselves. If you wish to support our Christmas Appeal, please leave donations of cash or gift vouchers in the Red Box at the church by Sunday 12th December. Thank you for your long standing and generous support over the years. Have a safe, peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Safeguarding Sunday - Sunday 21st November 2021
This year, as Bishop of the Diocese, I have designated Sunday 21st November as 'Safeguarding Sunday'. This is an opportunity for all the parishes to come together and acknowledge the dedication of hundreds of parish volunteers who serve in the ministry of Safeguarding across the Diocese. During the celebration of the Sunday liturgy, we will renew our commitment to the pastoral care of victims of sexual abuse as well as children, young people, and adults in our parishes.
On Sunday 21 November at 3pm, I will lead a Prayer Service from St Peter's Cathedral. Everyone is welcome to join online with me and diocesan representatives of Safeguarding for this Prayer Service via Church Services TV. To join, kindly follow the links to the Cathedral [webcam: http://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral](http://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral)
+ Noel Treanor Bishop of Down and Connor

Parish Pastoral Council Update

The PPC are now meeting as a group, face to face, again. With the past 20 months managing to cope with fast changing rules and guidelines affecting all our parish activities we are beginning to see some return to pre covid times. Bishop Treanor has sent parishes a letter of thanks to all volunteers who have worked to make people feel welcome and safe in our churches. He has also given guidance to relax some of the Covid-safe measures for all church-based liturgies and activities. Please watch the bulletin and website for updates. We are required to review our risk-assessments in the first instance.

The priority of the PPC is to review and update 'The Parish Pastoral Plan'. In the next few weeks we will be approaching parish groups for feedback on the current plan and especially the Annex that was published in the Connection magazine, which can be viewed on the parish website, www.carrickparish.org. We welcome your contribution on this matter and look forward to working with as many of you as possible. Please feel free to approach any of the PPC members if you have any ideas you wish to share.

Wednesday Masses - Whitehead 10.00 AM & Carrickfergus 7.00 PM

These Masses will continue to be open to all parishioners, subject to seating.

Pilgrimage of the Irish Bishops to Knock and Celebration of Mass for those who died during the pandemic, Sunday 14 November 2021 today at 3.00pm. This Mass will be live-streamed on www.knockshrine.ie and broadcast on the **RTE News Now** television channel. The bishops invite everyone to join with them in prayer on this solemn occasion.

Alcohol Awareness Week 16 – 22 November.

Al-Anon wishes to remind the community that help is available for anyone who needs it. They provide support to anyone whose life is, or has been affected by someone else drinking. Anything discussed within an Al-Anon meeting is treated as confidential, including your presence at the meeting. There are no charge fees for membership or attending meetings as Al-Anon is funded solely through members own voluntary donations and a collection will normally be held at each meeting. Members of any faith or non are welcome, and they make a point of discouraging talking about specific religious beliefs' All meetings are listed on the website www.al-anonuk.org.uk, or you can call our Confidential Helpline on 02890682368 10am – 1pm or 6pm – 10pm.



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, and someone will get back to you.

November Dead Lists Please return to the box at the back of the church.

Christmas Cards & Gifts in the Parish Repository

Boxed & Individual Cards	Nativity Sets
Church Art Calendars	Advent Calendars
Christmas Gifts	2022 Catholic Diary

The Shop is open before and after Wednesday & Sunday Mass or by appointment. For further details please contact Anne on 07449 749476.

Keep safe and protect each other.

Hands: On entering church please use the hand sanitiser.



Face: Face coverings **must be worn** by all when **entering** and **exiting** the Church, and for everyone's well-being we ask that face coverings continue to be worn by all when **moving around the Church** and at Communion time, and strongly recommended even when seated.

Space: Please keep 2m from the people around you; use the one-way systems, when walking into church to you seat; when moving around the church; when going to communion; and when leaving the church after mass.

Ventilation: In order to reduce the risk of airborne infections by COVID and to increase good ventilation in the church. Doors/windows will be kept open before and during services and the heating is switched off. **Parishioners are reminded to wrap up well with layers of clothes when attending Church.**

This Coming Week

15th Nov - 21st Nov

Mon

St. Albert the Great, Bishop

Tues

St. Margaret of Scotland

St. Gertrude

St. Edmund of Abingdon

Wed

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

St. Hugh of Lincoln

St. Hilda

Thurs

Dedication of the Basilica of St. Peter & St. Paul

Sun

Christ King of the Universe

Readings - Sun 21st Nov

Daniel 7: 13 – 14

Revelation 1: 5 - 8

John 18: 33 - 37

Mass at St. Bernard's, Glengormley <https://churchmedia.tv/camera/st-bernards-church-glengormley>

Mass at St. Mary, Star of the Sea, Whitehouse <https://www.loughshoreparishes.org/webcam/>