



Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes

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9th January 2022 Baptism of the Lord Cycle C Week 3

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

Requiescant in Pace



Month's Mind

Gillian McGivern

Recently Deceased

Imelda Cushnan Kennedy
Marian Mahood

Anniversaries

Johnny McGuinness (1st)
Barry Maxwell
Edward Maxwell
Thomas Benignus Mullan
Charlie Graham
Kathleen Nolan
Elizabeth McLaughlin
Nuala Flynn (1st)
Charlie McCartney
Mary McCartney
Martin Boyd
Greta Boyd
James Muir

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

Amen

Sunday Public Masses January to February

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

Carrick 11.30am	Surname (beginning with)	Whitehead 9.30am	Surname (beginning with)
9th Jan	M to Z	9th Jan	M to Z
16th Jan	A to L	16th Jan	A to L
23rd Dec	M to Z	23rd Jan	M to Z
30th Jan	A to L	30th Jan	A to L
6th Feb	M to Z	6th Feb	M to Z
13th Feb	A to L	13th Feb	A to L
20th Feb	M to Z	20th Feb	M to Z
27th Feb	A to L	27th Feb	A to L

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays remains suspended.

Mass is **Streamed live**, from St. Nicholas' Church. (See **Parish Website**). To watch on your home TV, just enter 'carrickparish' to view on YouTube.

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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.

The Parish Pastoral Council would like your feedback on the following three questions:

- 1. What's the most important thing that makes you feel part of our parish community?**
- 2. How could the parish better support your experience of faith and worship?**
- 3. What is the most single issue facing our parish today?**

Please consider your answers and we will be gathering your feedback during Mass on the weekends of the 16th and 23rd of January 2022.

Please don't forget your reading glasses!!

Wednesday Masses: Whitehead 10.00 AM & Carrickfergus 7.00 PM

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

Mount St Nicholas, Pre-school, Playgroup YMCA building, 30-34 Irish Quarter West - **Open Enrolment**
Mount St Nicholas, a Pre-school Playgroup and the main feeder group to St Nicholas Primary. If your child is aged 3 or BEFORE July 1st 2019 you can apply for a, pre-school, funded place. Admission criteria live on EA Website on 17th December. Online Applications open: 10th January @ 12 noon and close on: 28th January @12 noon. Notification of the outcomes of applications: 28th April 2022 (Stage 1); 16th June 2022 (Stage 2). If your child is aged 3 AFTER July 1st 2019 you can apply for a (fee-paying) playgroup place. Enquiries can be made by contacting: Hilda Boyd on 07729583134 or by Email: mountstnicholasplaygroup@hotmail.com Website: [Mount St Nicholas PlaygrOup](#)

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 **£486** to this annual appeal.

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

Anam Cara Belfast, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on

Monday 10th January at 7:20pm in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Belfast.
This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.
Subject to change in accordance with government advise

Thank You

Anne Quinn in St. Nicholas' and Margaret O'Neill in Our Lady of Lourdes would like to thank all those who gave donations for the Christmas Flowers.

2022 Diocesan Directories and Church Art Calendars are available from the Repository

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

The Bible is at the heart of our faith and our relationship with God. Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but many people find it hard to even begin.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible is an 8 week online programme written by Jeff Cavins and facilitated by the Living Church office. Course participants will receive a resource pack and connect online for a time of teaching, discussion and prayerful reflection. There are three groups available

Wednesday Morning at 11am beginning on Wednesday 12th January

Wednesday Evening at 7pm beginning on Wednesday 12th January

Monday Evening at 7pm beginning on Monday 17th January

To register you can complete an online form <https://forms.office.com/r/g3FWFK5x8w> or e-mail a.steen@downandconnor.org Come and join us for a programme will give you a way to read the bible, understand it and so experience its life changing power.



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.

Keep safe and protect each other.

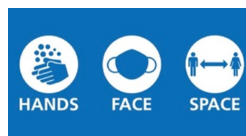
Hands: On entering church please use the hand sanitiser.

Face: It is legal requirement that Face coverings **must be worn** by all when **entering** and **exiting** the Church. During this time of increased COVID 19 infections in our community, we ask that face coverings be worn by all **when seated and when moving around the Church.**

Space: Please keep **2 metres from others around you** when you enter and leave the church; and when going to holy communion.
Please follow stewards instructions regarding the **one-way system** around the church and at communion time.

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

10th Jan - 16th Jan

Mon 10th

St. William

Wed 12th

St. Aelred of Rievaulx

Thurs 13th

St. Hilary

St. Kentigern

Sat 15th

St. Ita

Sun 16th

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for Sun 16th Jan

Isaiah 62: 1-5

Corinthians 12: 4-11

John 2: 1-11

Glengormley <https://churchmedia.tv/camera/st-bernards-church-glengormley>

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