



Saint Nicholas'

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes

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16th January 2022 2nd Sunday of the Year Cycle C Week 2

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

## Requiescant in Pace



### Anniversaries

Aaron O'Kane  
Francis Gent

*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)
16th Jan	A to L
23rd Dec	M to Z
30th Jan	A to L
6th Feb	M to Z
13th Feb	A to L
20th Feb	M to Z
27th Feb	A to L

Whitehead 9.30am	Surname (beginning with)
16th Jan	A to L
23rd Jan	M to Z
30th Jan	A to L
6th Feb	M to Z
13th Feb	A to L
20th Feb	M to Z
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.



**Wednesday Masses:** Whitehead 10.00 AM & Carrickfergus 7.00 PM  
These Masses are open to all parishioners, subject to seating.

### 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!!

**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 on 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](mailto:mountstnicholasplaygroup@hotmail.com) Website: [Mount St Nicholas Playgroup](http://Mount St Nicholas Playgroup)

**“Spiritual Challenges in Later Life”**

with Sr Una Agnew SSL PhD  
 hosted by Drumalis via Zoom from 11:00 am – 12:15 pm  
 (25 Jan, 1, 8, 15 & 22 Feb 2022)

“Spiritual well-being in later life is a potential that needs to be explored even as it is happening within us and among us. During this series, we will explore together this rich season of grace that we call ageing.” (Una Agnew SSL)  
 Suggested Donation: £50 per person.  
 For further details or to book a place, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) – 028 28272196/28276455 or email [drumalis@btconnect.com](mailto:drumalis@btconnect.com)

**Preparing for Marriage?**

**Catholic Engaged Encounter**

A Marriage Preparation course is planned for 9/10th April 2022 in The Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly, Co. Derry. This 2-day non-residential course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship.  
 Information/Booking: [marriageencounter.ie](http://marriageencounter.ie) or 028276 38512

**SVP 2021 Christmas Appeal**

Whitehead and Carrickfergus Conferences would like to thank all those who were so generous with their Donations of Cash, Gift vouchers, Toys and Foodstuffs for the 2021 Christmas Appeal.  
 SVP would like also to thank the Teachers, Pupils and Parents of the School for providing Hampers - these were distributed from the School Car Park on 14th December.  
 The Whitehead Conference was able to help 46 Individuals, Couples and Families in the Whitehead, Islandmagee and Ballycarry area.  
 The Carrickfergus Conference organised (with assistance from Amazon Delivery Service) the distribution of Toys to the value of approx. £1500.  
 Thank you once again and of course for your continued support throughout the year.

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

***This Coming Week***

17th Jan - 23rd Jan

- Mon**  
St. Anthony
- Wed**  
St. Wulstan
- Thurs**  
St. Fabian  
St. Sebastian
- Fri**  
St. Agnes
- Sat**  
St. Vincent
- Sun**  
3rd Sun in Ordinary Time

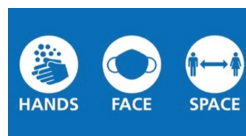


Due to Covid 19 restrictions, we have been unable to carry out visits to bereaved families in the parish. If you wish to talk to someone, call 07598825187, and someone will get back to you.

***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.**

**Readings - Sun 23rd Jan**  
 Nehemiah 8: 2-4, 5-6, 8-10  
 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30  
 Luke 1: 1-4, 4:14-21

**Glengormley** <https://churchmedia.tv/camera/st-bernards-church-glengormley>  
**Whitehouse** <https://www.loughshoreparishes.org/webcam/>