



# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Saint Nicholas' Church



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

14 January 2018

2nd Sunday of the Year

Sundays - Cycle B

Weekdays 2

Divine Office Week 2

## OUR PARISH

### PARISH PRIEST

**Fr Peter Owens PP**

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## MASS TIMES

### Saint Nicholas'

**Vigil Sat 6 pm**

**Sun 11.30 am**

**Tue & Thu 10.00 am**

Holy Days: As announced

### Adoration

**Tue & Thurs 10.30-10.45am**

**Sat 10 am - 5 pm**

### Our Lady of Lourdes'

**Sun 9.30 am**

**Mon & Wed 10 am**

Holy Days: As announced

### Adoration

**Mon & Wed 10.30 - 10.45am**

## CONFESSIONS

Saint Nicholas' Church

**Sat 5.30 pm — 5.50 pm**

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

**Sun - before Mass**

## BAPTISMS (one month's notice)

W/Head first Sun in the month  
C/Fergus third Sun in the month.

## WEDDINGS By Arrangement

Three months' notice is required

## FUNERALS By Arrangement

## PARISH OFFICE

Tel: **028 93363269**

**Mon — Thu 10.30am - 1.30pm**

Bulletin Notices to be in the  
Parochial House by 12 noon Wed

## St Vincent de Paul

**028 9035 1561**

## OUR PASTORAL COMMUNITY

### Glengormley Parish

(St Mary's On The Hill;  
St Bernard's; St Macnissi's)

Fr Patrick Sheehan, PP, VF  
**9083 2979**

Fr Brendan Beagon, PE, CC  
**9084 1507**

Fr Darren Brennan, CC  
**9083 2488**

### Loughshore Parishes

(St Mary's, Greencastle;  
St Mary's, Star of The Sea,  
Whitehouse;

St James', Whiteabbey;  
St Colman's, Greenisland)

Fr David Delargy, PP  
**9037 0845**

Fr Samuel Kerr, PE, CC  
**9036 5773**

### St Gerard's Parish

(St Gerard's, Antrim Road)

Fr Gerard Cassidy, CSsR, PP  
**9077 4833**

Fr Patrick McLaughlin, CSsR, CC  
**9077 4833**

### Carrickfergus Parish

(St Nicholas', Carrickfergus,  
Our Lady of Lourdes', Whitehead)

Fr Peter Owens, PP  
**9336 3269**

## Offerings

**Weekly Offering £1,252**

**Monthly Offering £840**

**Christmas Offering £3045**

*Many thanks for your generosity*

## Parish Christmas Draw

We would like to thank everyone  
who bought tickets. The winners  
were:

1st prize - J. McNeice  
2nd Prize - K. Kernaghan  
3rd Prize - A. Stewart

## Requiescant in Pace



### Anniversaries

Cecilia & Edward Donnelly,  
James Muir, Norah Black,  
Anne & Eric Cameron

### Recently Deceased

Marie Patricia Mulholland

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

**Fr Owens will visit the Sick &  
Housebound this week**  
**Mon 15 Jan - Whitehead - am**  
**Tues 16 Jan - Carrickfergus -  
am & pm**

## Sign of Peace

Medics at the Mater Hospital have apprised  
the Diocese of the high risk of a strain of  
the flu virus which has yet to peak.  
Hospitals in Northern Ireland are  
experiencing high numbers of patient  
admissions of those suffering from  
respiratory illnesses directly linked to the  
flu virus. As a precautionary measure,  
parishioners are encouraged to use  
disinfecting hand gels and hand wash soaps  
to minimise risk of infection. The  
customary "sign of peace" handshake  
exchanged during Mass is suspended until  
the risk of infection is significantly  
reduced.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## Parish Event - Date for your Diary!

St Patrick's Family Night with Loch Lao  
Ceilidh Band on Saturday 17th March in  
St Nicholas Community Hall.

## Youth Forum

Our Parish is launching a Forum for all  
young parishioners P6 - Y14, as part of  
bringing to life our Pastoral Plan. This will  
provide opportunities to play an active part  
in Parish life, grow in faith, build  
community and have a bit of craic.

**We invite all young people in the Parish  
and parents/guardians to a quick meeting  
after 11.30 am Mass in  
St Nicholas' on Sunday 4th February.**  
For more information, please contact  
**Siobhán - 07593449231.**

## Liturgy Meeting

There will be a Liturgy meeting held  
directly after the 11.30 Mass on  
**Sunday 21st January** in the  
Committee Room at the back of  
St. Nicholas' Church.

All those involved in the co-ordination  
of Liturgical ministries and are very  
welcome.

The purpose of the meeting is to  
arrange the liturgical timetable for  
Carrickfergus and Whitehead for the  
coming months.

## Dates For Your 2018 Diary

The Parish Pastoral Council are hosting  
Parish Welcome Days after  
Sunday Mass as follows:

**Sun 18th February – Carrickfergus**

**Sun 25th February – Whitehead**

We hope to see you there.

## Dominican College Fortwilliam - Open Day

Dominican College Fortwilliam:  
OPEN DAY takes place on  
**Sat 20th January from 9.30am to 1.00pm.**  
Primary 7 girls and their parents are most  
welcome, as are students wishing to transfer  
to Dominican College for A-level studies.  
Principal's Address: 9.30am and 11.00 am.

## Parish Bethany Support Group

Tel: **07598825187** to contact any  
member of the group.

## Anam Cara Information Evening

Northern Ireland Children's Hospice and  
Anam Cara, the national organisation that  
provides support services to bereaved parents, are  
hosting a Bereavement Information Evening in  
**Corr's Corner Hotel, 315 Ballyclare Road,  
Newtownabbey,**  
**on Tuesday 30th January from 7:30-9:30pm.**

This event gives parents an opportunity to hear an  
experienced bereavement professional talk about  
the many challenges families may face after the  
death of their son or daughter.

This is a free event open to all bereaved parents.  
Northern Ireland Children's Hospice & Anam  
Cara will need to confirm numbers for room set  
up, we would appreciate if you could RSVP to  
info@anamcara.ie before Monday, 29th January  
2018 or call us on 02895213120.

## Doing Public Theology - Applying Social Ethics to Public Life

Programme at Drumalis over 6 Sunday  
afternoons in 2018, delivered by  
Dr Johnston McMaster, commencing  
**Sunday, 21 January from 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm.**  
Course Contribution: £40.  
To register or for further details, please contact  
Drumalis by phone or in person during office  
hours (Mon – Sat, 9 am – 5 pm)  
**tel 028 28272196 or 028 28276455.**

A non-refundable and non-transferable deposit of  
£20 is necessary to confirm your place on the  
course.

## 'Balancing the Load': Work related stress and resilience

Target audience: Practitioners working in  
caring services

**Date: Tuesday 13th February 2018**

**Time: 1.30-4.30pm**

**Facilitator: Dr Sharon McCloskey**  
**Cost: £25.00**

**Venue: Seminar Room 1, Education and  
Research Centre  
Northern Ireland Hospice, 74 Somerton  
Road, Belfast, BT15 3LH**

To book a place, please contact Anne Rogan,  
Education Administrator on 028 90 781836  
or at anne.rogan@nihospice.org. Details can  
also be found on the education page of our  
website: www.nihospice.org/education-  
innovation-research/learn-with-us or on the  
poster in the Church porch.

A lecture by Lord Alton of Liverpool  
**"Legislating for Life"**

in  
**St Brigid's Parish Centre Derryvolgie Avenue  
Belfast BT9 6FP**

**on  
Thursday 25th January at 7.30pm.**

David Alton is an Independent Life Peer, he is a  
Catholic and strongly holds a "pro-life" position.  
His motto on his Coat of Arms is taken from the  
Book of Deuteronomy: **Choose Life.**

## Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages

7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle Service from  
€279 per person.

Book any flight - any time and we provide  
guaranteed airport shuttle service.  
Call us for further info and book the dates that suit  
you. Tel. 00353 1443 4510 or 020 3239 8662.  
Email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com

## N.I. Cancer Pilgrimage To Lourdes

**Sunday 27th May to Friday 1st June 2018**

The price of £669 (with price reduction for Cancer  
Patients) includes return flights from Belfast  
International Airport, full board and  
accommodation at Hotel Agena and travel  
insurance for persons up to 85 years on date of  
return.

Medical, nursing and other staff will accompany the  
Pilgrimage. To enquire or to obtain a booking form  
contact: Mrs Jean Clarke on Tel: 07516759646 or  
e-mail at mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk.

## Pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo, Loreto & Montecassino

**18th-25th May 2018 ex Belfast**  
(50th anniversary of Padre Pio's death plus  
stigmata 100th anniversary)

**Spiritual Director**  
Very Rev Canon Sean Rogan PE, Kilcoo  
7 Nights - 4\* Hotel  
Price £1090 pp (single room supp. £245)  
Deposit £250 - includes meals, fully escorted  
guided tours and all taxes

**Contact Marie or Paul Downe Travel**  
**Tel : 028 4461 3288**  
**Email : marie@downetravel.co.uk**

**Entertainment & Community  
Development Committee**  
**St Nicholas' Community Centre**  
**Bingo**  
**Sundays 8.00pm**