

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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Saint Nicholas'

Our Lady of Lourdes

2nd February 2024

Presentation of the Lord Cycle C Week 4

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**Weekly Mass Times** (\*\* Streamed Masses - see parish website)  
Holy Days : As announced.

St. Nicholas' Carrickfergus	Our Lady of Lourdes Whitehead
Sun 11.30am **	Sun 9.30am
Wed 7.00pm **	Wed 10.00am

The **Rosary** is held before Wednesday Masses at  
9.30am in Our Lady of Lourdes and 6.30pm in Mount Saint Nicholas.

The **Sacrament of Penance** is available on the first Wed of the month from  
6.00pm to 6.45pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Mount Saint Nicholas.

**Eucharistic Adoration** is available every Saturday between 11.00 and 12.00 noon  
in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Mount St. Nicholas.

### Tuesday Mass

The Tuesday morning Mass for February will take place in St. Nicholas' on  
Tuesday 11th February at 10.00 a.m.

### **Teas in Whitehead**

Light refreshments will be available at the back of the church in Whitehead  
after 09.30 Mass **today**. Everyone is welcome.

### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who received the  
Gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation from Bishop Alan McGuckian, SJ,  
at Mount St. Nicholas' on Wednesday 29th January.

Sincere thanks to Staff of St. Nicholas' Primary School and all the parish  
volunteers who coordinated the preparations and helped in the celebration of the  
Liturgy.

Come Holy Spirit!

*Fr Peter*

### **Saint Patrick's Celebration**

Saturday, March 15 in Carrickfergus Golf Club.  
Ceilidh with music provided by McStocker Ceilidh Band.  
Maximum number 120. £5 per person.  
This includes a bowl of Irish stew.

### **Parish Bethany Bereavement Group**

*are here to support you through your grief, if you would like to  
speak to someone a member of the Group can be contacted on  
the Confidential mobile 07598825187*



## Requiescant in Pace



### Recently Deceased

Charlie Callaghan  
Bernard Hagan  
Claire McCausland  
Joan McNeice  
Ernie McClean  
Tom Cunningham

### Anniversaries

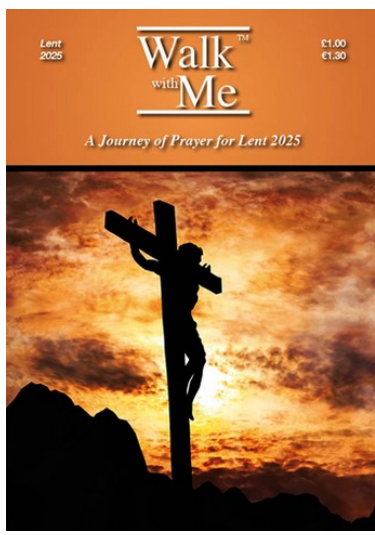
Annie McCormick  
Sean Moran  
Edie McAuley  
Mary Degnan

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

**Today's second  
collection is for the  
Monthly Stipend.**

### **Funeral Notice**

The funeral of Joan McNeice will be held on Monday,  
3rd February 2025 at Mount St Nicholas, 10 am.



## Lenten Books 2025

If you would like to order a copy of the “Walk with Me” Lenten book, please leave your name in the Parish Repository, or contact Anne on 07449 749476. Price £1.00

### **Recharge**

is a young adult group based in Down and Connor for those aged 18 to 35.

The group meet twice monthly on the first and third Tuesday of each month to “recharge” the spiritual batteries through Adoration, intellectual formation and social gatherings.

We will be meeting on Tuesday the 4th and 18th of February at 7.30pm in St Colmcille’s Church, Ballyhackamore. All welcome!

## **Candlemas Sunday 2nd Feb.**

Blessed Candles are available from the Parish Repository after Mass today.

See [www.carrickparish.org/shop](http://www.carrickparish.org/shop) for more info.



**2025 Diocesan Directories** are available from the parish shop.

### **St Brigid’s Day Lecture**

St Brigid’s Parish welcomes you to join us for our St Brigid’s Day Lecture.

Date: Sunday 2nd February 4.00pm

Venue: St Brides Parish Centre, 38 Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast

Guest Speaker: Bishop Alan McGuckian S.J.

Theme: Synodality for Mission. All our welcome.

### **Anam Cara,**

the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 10th February at 7.30pm in the Crowne Plaza, Shaws Bridge, Belfast.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

On Monday 3 February, the **relics of the Venerable Matt Talbot** will be received at St Peter’s Cathedral at 5pm. Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm and the visit will conclude with Night Prayer at 10pm.

All are welcome to join us at the Cathedral for this time of prayer and intercession, particularly for those struggling with addictions, as well as their families and all those who are affected by addiction.

### **Parish Cell Group Meetings**

**Tuesday, 4th Feb:** There will be a Cell meeting in Carrick at 8.00 pm. Contact: Margaret Webb: 07779729505 or Anne McFerran: 07809906792

**Wednesday, 5th Feb:** There will be a Cell meeting at 11.00 am in the committee room at the back of Saint Nicholas’ Church. Contact: Matt Monaghan: 07428247820 or Jim Mullan: 07841428436

All are welcome. “Come and see.”

### **Divine Mercy Conference**

We wish you every blessing from the Lord in His mercy and His loving care, in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, called by Pope Francis with its theme - Pilgrims of Hope. The theme of our Conference this year is: **“Repent...so that a time of refreshing may come.”** (Acts 3:19-21).

The conference will take place in the **RDS** this year on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd February. Friday (FREE) 6.00pm - 9.00pm, Saturday 10am - 8pm and Sunday 10am -5pm.

**The conference will be broadcast live** online through our website

[www.divinemercyconference.com](http://www.divinemercyconference.com) free of charge and on [churchservices.tv](http://churchservices.tv). It will also be available (audio only) on [www.RadioMaria.ie](http://www.RadioMaria.ie) and on Saorview 210 or dial up listening service 01 4373277. It also is broadcast on [www.ShalomWorld.org](http://www.ShalomWorld.org).

### ***This Coming Week***

*3rd Feb - 9th Feb*

#### **Mon**

St. Blaise, St. Ansgar

#### **Wed**

St. Agatha

#### **Thurs**

St. Paul Miki & Companions

#### **Fri**

St. Mel

#### **Sat**

St. Jerome Emiliani

#### **Sun**

5th Sun. in Ordinary Time

### **Readings for Sun 9th Feb**

Isaiah 6: 1-2, 3-8

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Luke 5: 1-11

### **Contact details for the Belfast 16 Family of Parishes**

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