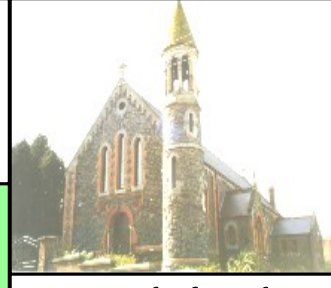




Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes

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5th March 2023 2nd Sunday of Lent Cycle A Week 2

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Readings for this Sunday
First Reading - Genesis 12:1 - 4
Second Reading - 2 Timothy 1: 8 - 10
Gospel - Matthew 17: 1 - 9

Mass Times (** Streamed Masses - see website for details)

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

The Rosary is held Every Wednesday at 9.30am in Our Lady of Lourdes and 6.30pm in Mount Saint Nicholas

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

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

Parish Lenten Services - Mondays at 7:30 p.m.
Please come along and join our Parish Lenten Services this Lent, as we wrestle to grow in love for Jesus our Saviour. The themes will be as follows: -
6th March - Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) in Carrickfergus. The format for Lectio Divina is reading from the bible, then meditation to reflect on the reading, followed by prayers and contemplation on the Word of God.
13th March - discussion on Lent – what is it, why do we do it and are you getting the best from your Lent? In Carrickfergus.
20th March - Visio Divina (Divine Seeing) in Carrickfergus.
Light refreshments will be provided after each service. The Liturgy Group



Recently Deceased

Mairead Morgan
Anne Robinson
Alfred Montgomery

Anniversaries

Terry Maginn
Tommy Maginn
Jackie Nicholl
Eileen Rice
Kathleen O'Toole

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

Parish's Young Parents Group will be organising some social events as we come back together after Covid restrictions. The first of these events is being organised for **Saturday 11th March 2023.**



The event is a cinema trip with food at Josh Mac's and then Carrickfergus cinema for a children's movie. All are welcome... Parents of children who would like to come along please contact Tom Moore for details on 07866575312



PARISH CELL GROUP MEETINGS
Tues. 7th March: There will be a cell meeting at 11.00 in Lourdes Pastoral Centre. For more details contact Ruth Bates 02893 378958. There will also be a cell meeting in Carrickfergus at 8pm. Margaret Webb: 07779729505 or Anne McFerran: 07809906792
Wed. 8th March: There will be a cell meeting at 11.00 in a meeting room at the back of Saint Nicholas' Church. Contact: Matt Monaghan: 07428247820 or Jim Mullan: 07841428436 All are welcome. "Come and see."

Altar servers training is every Sunday morning in Carrickfergus after 11:30 Mass for about 20 mins. Please come and join us.

First Confession
Our Parish First Confession this year will be after the Mass in Carrickfergus on Tuesday 7th March at 10:00 a.m. If you are available, please come along to Mass that morning and pray for these young parishioners.

Collections this Sun 5th March 2023
Weekly (White envelopes) & Stipend (Pink) Collections can be put in the marked Collection Boxes as you enter the Church. Thank you.

Teas in Whitehead

Light refreshments will be available in the Pastoral Centre in Whitehead after Mass today Sunday, **5th March**. Everyone is welcome.

Child Safeguarding Level 1 Information Seminar

For any parish volunteers unable to attend the training in December delivered in our own parish, a further session is available on the **7th March at 7pm** in Holy Rosary Parish Centre, 511 Ormeau Rd, Belfast. Tel 028 9049 2798 to book your place.

SALE OF ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES, including crystal, china, boxed cars and costume jewellery, all at much reduced prices.

Sat. 11 March, 10am - 4pm in Holy Family Parish Centre, 118-120 Cavehill Road. Free admission. Proceeds to Holy Family Parish, thanks to the generosity of a parishioner (antique dealer). Why not come along and find that perfect Mother's Day Gift?

The Catholic Chaplaincy QUB in association with Order of Malta QUB invites you to join us in our Conversations for the Common Good initiative and welcome:

Caroline Haughey OBE KC

'The Evolution of Modern Slavery in the 21st Century and the Church's Response'.

Date: **Tues. 7th March at 7PM**

Venue: The Catholic Chaplaincy QUB, 28 Elmwood Ave, Belfast BT9 6AY

Anam Cara Belfast, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday **13th March at 7:30pm** 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. We also offer an online meeting taking place Monday 20th February at 7pm. To join please contact us on 028 95213120.

The West Belfast Historical Society is meeting on Fri. 10th of March at 7.30pm in St. Michael's Parish Centre on Finaghy Road North The February talk is entitled **"THE LIFE AND TIMES OF MATILDA TONE (Wolfe's Wife)"** A Talk by Mr Larry Breen from The Federation of Local Historical Societies.



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

Covid Update - Good Practice

Many of you will have noticed that the wearing of masks/face coverings in closed surroundings has become the exception rather than the norm. It was never a mandatory requirement to wear a mask/face covering in church but Diocesan guidance **remains**, that all parishioners and visitors to our church services are **encouraged** to sanitise their hands as they enter the church and to wear a mask particularly while moving around inside the church. Our aim is always to keep parishioners safe, minimise the COVID risk and to promote confidence in coming to church. Thank you for your ongoing consideration.



Gifts & Cards for all occasions including

St. Patrick's Day, Confirmation & Easter, are available from the Parish Repository



Envelope Boxes, 2023 - 2024.

If you are new to the parish, or if you have not previously been using envelopes but now wish to do so, then please complete an "Envelope Registration Form" available at the back of the Church. If anyone would like to support the Parish financially through a Standing Order or to make their envelope donation in this way, then please contact the parish office for more information or speak with Patrick Quinn. Completed forms should be returned to the Parish Office. Could we also ask that you please notify the parish office of any change in personal details, such as address, before **7th March 2023**, either by Tel: (028) 93363269 or email: carrickfergus@downandconnor.org

A Mass for Life

will be celebrated in St Patrick's Church, Donegall Street, Belfast on **Sat. 11 March** at 12.30pm, in advance of the Rally for Life taking place at Custom House Square, gathering at 2pm.

ST PEREGRINE NOVENA

on First Monday of the month will be in St Mary's, Greencastle at 7pm on **Mon. 6th March.**

Healing Night Mon 6th March 7pm-8pm

As Lent begins, why not join the parishioners of **St Matthew's Parish Belfast**, for a time of Eucharistic Healing?

Lough Derg are recruiting a range of roles for extra staff during their Pilgrimage and Retreat Season in 2023. The Application Pack is available on www.loughderg.org/jobs or please email: hr@loughderg.org Phone: +353 (0)7198 61518. Closing Date Friday March 3rd at 3 pm.

This Coming Week

6th Mar - 12th Mar

Mon

St. Colette

Tues

St. Perpetua

St. Felicity

Wed

St. John of God

St. Senan

Thurs

St. Frances of Rome

Fri

St. John Ogilvie

Sat

St. Aengus

Sun

3rd Sun of Lent

Readings for Sun 12th Mar

Exodus 17:3 - 7

Romans 5: 1 - 2, 5 - 8

John 4: 5 - 42