



Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes

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15th January 2023 2nd Sunday of the Year Cycle A Week 2

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Readings for Sun 15th Jan
First Reading - Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6
Second Reading - Corinthians 1: 1-3
Gospel - John 1: 29-34

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

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

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.

Requiescant in Pace



Recently Deceased

Alice McStravick
Anniversaries

Francey Gent
Charlie Graham
Aaron O'Kane
Andrew Moore

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

SVP Thank You

The Saint Vincent de Paul Conferences in Carrickfergus and Whitehead would like to thank all those who were so generous with their donations of cash, gift vouchers, toys and foodstuffs for the 2022 Christmas Appeal.

Thank you as well for your continued support throughout the year.

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 19th of January @ 7pm in Glengormley

Book online:

<https://downandconnorsafeguarding.com/booking-courses/>
or telephone the Safeguarding Office on 028 90492798 to book your place

Offerings

Weekly Collections for the four weeks in Dec amounted to £7,035.90
Stipend Collection £1,182.70
Christmas Offerings £1,802.00
Many thanks for you generosity

Liturgical Calendar Meeting

A meeting to discuss the Liturgical Calendar will take place on Monday 16th January at 8:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the back of St. Nicholas' Church. All those who co-ordinate ministries in the Parish are invited to attend. The meeting will be particularly useful for leaders of the following ministries - Eucharist, Word, Music, Sacristans, Sacramental preparation and Covid.

Collections for Sunday 15th January 2023

Weekly Collection (White envelopes) and Living Youth (Blue envelopes) can be put in the marked Collection Boxes as you enter the Church.
Thank you.

Study Theology, is this for you?

The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 8. Find out more on our website,
www.prioryinstitute.com

Parish Shop.



2023
Calendars and
Diocesan
Directories
are available
from the
parish shop.

VACANCY

‘PARISH SAFEGUARDING SUPPORT OFFICER’

An opportunity has arisen within the Diocesan Safeguarding Office, where we seek to recruit into the role of Parish Safeguarding Support Officer. This role will be based within the Safeguarding Office at 120 Cliftonville Road, Belfast and will work as part of the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, to ensure that the Diocesan Trust fulfils its statutory duties with regards to the Safeguarding of Children and Adults. The postholder will work 21 hours over 3 days per week, where a blend of working within the Safeguarding Office and Parish on-site visits will be a requirement. The Parish Safeguarding Support Officer will promote and encourage the highest safeguarding standards and will support our Parish Safeguarding Committees and Pastoral Communities to develop an understanding, so as to ensure compliance with the Diocesan Safeguarding policies and procedures. The post-holder will work to foster collaboration and constructive engagement with clergy, religious, employees and volunteers. Salary: Will be considered within the range of £17,000 to £18,500 gross per annum commensurate upon experience. Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: job vacancies, where terms and conditions relating to the role can also be accessed. We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria as presented and are interested in playing an active role within the Diocese of Down & Connor. Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Thurs 26th Jan 2023

The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. **Beginning Experience** is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride’s Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (January 21st; February 18th and March 18th 2023)

Booking essential. Residential weekend in Drumalis, Larne, 10/12th March. To find out more, contact Phil: 02890 207645 or Marie 07896119669 or email belfastbe@yahoo.com



Living Church – Faith Development Conference

The Living Church Office is hosting a Faith Development Conference in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Shaw’s Bridge, Belfast, on Saturday 28th January 2023. This course will equip you with the skills and resources to lead faith development programmes in your parish, with your prayer group or organisation. Five excellent Programmes are being showcased and there will be an opportunity to meet with the developers and presenters of the programmes in taster sessions that they will run.

Our keynote speaker will be Mr David Wells. David is an international speaker and author and has worked with Dioceses internationally encouraging and inspiring people to be leaders and sharing the Joy of the Gospel in their local parish communities.

Each delegate will receive lunch and will take home resources to support the delivery of five programmes that can be delivered in the Parish. For more information, or to book online, go to: www.livingchurchevents.com. Or to request an application form, contact Claire at the Living Church Office, 02890690920 or livingchurch@downandconnor.org

Foster Care Services and Support

‘There are children in crisis today in our local communities – children of all ages and all abilities. Can you spare an hour a day, an overnight or a weekend or more to make a difference in a child’s life? If you can, then contact the Regional Fostering Team at www.adoptionandfosteringcare.hscni.net or on 0800 0720 137....remember ,every child is just one caring adult away from success’.

FOOD BANK

Items currently needed for this winter. All donations will go to much needed families via the Carrickfergus foodbank run by the Trussel Trust.

UHT milk, tinned tomatoes & veg, Jars of pasta bake, Dolmio, tuna, Tinned custard & rice. Family boxes of biscuits, tinned ham, Fray Bentos pies, gravy granules, shloer, boxes of chocolates.



Covid Update - Good Practice

Many of you will have noticed that the wearing of masks in closed surroundings is increasingly becoming the exception rather than the norm.

It was never a mandatory requirement to wear a mask 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 of these arrangements.

This Coming Week

16th Jan - 22nd Jan

Mon

St. Fursa

Tues

St. Anthony

Thurs

St. Wulstan

Fri

St. Fabian
St. Sebastian

Sat

St. Agnes

Sun

3rd Sun in Ordinary Time

Readings for Sun 22nd Jan

Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3

Corinthians 1: 10-13,17

Matthew 4: 12 - 23