

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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Saint Nicholas'

Our Lady of Lourdes

12th January 2024

Baptism of our Lord Cycle C Week 3

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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 January will take place in St. Nicholas' this  
Tuesday 14th January at 10.00 a.m.

### Preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Please note the following arrangements, which will all take place in St. Nicholas'  
Church, as we prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation: -

**Monday 13th January at 7.30 p.m.** A meeting for parents and their children  
being conferred with the Sacrament of Confirmation. Aisling Steen from the Pathways  
to the Future team will be our guest speaker and Orla Corey will be the parent speaker.  
Light refreshments will be provided.

**Tuesday 21st January at 6.00 p.m.** The Service of Light and Commitment will take  
place. All parents and their children who will be conferred with the Sacrament of  
Confirmation are invited to attend this service.

**Wednesday 29th January at 11.00 a.m.** The Sacrament of Confirmation will be  
celebrated by our new Bishop, Alan McGuckian. Everyone is invited to attend this  
special occasion in the lives of our parish children.

### Liturgical Calendar Meeting

A meeting to discuss the Liturgical Calendar will take place on Wednesday 22nd January  
after evening Mass, starting at 7:35 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 and Sacramental preparation.

### Dominican College Fortwilliam Open Day

Saturday 18th January 2025 from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm Principal's address at 9.30 am  
and 11.00 am (Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils all welcome)

### The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the  
blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless  
cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both  
humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace  
of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

### Bulletin Notices

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

#### **Baptisms**

(one month's notice)

Whitehead - 1st Sun of the month

C'fergus - 2nd Sun of the month

#### **Weddings**

(three month's notice)

By arrangement

#### **Funerals**

By arrangement

### Requiescant in Pace



### Recently Deceased

Kathleen Devine

#### Month Mind

Greg Haveron

#### Anniversaries

Andrew Moore

Greta Boyd

Baby Martin Boyd

Vincent Woods

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

### Offerings

Weekly Collections for the five weeks  
in December amounted to **£5,550.57**  
Monthly Stipend Collection **£982.15**  
Christmas Offering **£2,093.38**  
*Many thanks for you generosity.*

## Trocaire Christmas Gifts of Change

A sincere thanks for all those parishioners who purchased Trocaire Gift Cards to help fund projects for children and families this Christmas. You have contributed **£738.42** to this year's annual appeal. Thank you for your ongoing support for Trocaire's projects. *Patrick Quinn*

### 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 and foodstuffs for the 2024 Christmas Appeal. Thank you as well for your continued support throughout the year.

You are warmly invited to the opening of this year's **4 Corners Festival** with Dr Lorna Gold, Chair of the International Laudato Si Movement. In this 10th anniversary year of Pope Francis' Encyclical "Laudato Si", Belfast is privileged to host Lorna Gold, Chair of the International Laudato Si Movement, at the 4 Corners Festival on Sunday 2nd February (7pm, Jennymount Methodist Church, 222 North Queen Street, BT15 3DH). Further info from [info@jointhedotstogether.org](mailto:info@jointhedotstogether.org)

### Study Theology Online, 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 11. Find out more on our website. [www.prioryinstitute.com](http://www.prioryinstitute.com)

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 (25th January; 22nd February and 29th March) Booking essential. To find out more, contact Pauline 07519289185 or Marie 07896119669 or email [belfastbe@yahoo.com](mailto:belfastbe@yahoo.com)

### QUB Chaplaincy Reopens for New Year

The Queen's Chaplaincy reopens after Christmas break with Mass this Sunday, 12 January, at 8pm the University's historic Lanyon Building. Our weekday Mass schedule resumes on Monday 13 January at our temporary premises, 42 University Road. For more information on the services we offer visit [qubcatholic.org](http://qubcatholic.org)

Join with us at St Colmcille's Parish, 191 Upper Newtownards Road Belfast BT4 3JB... starting on this Wednesday 15th January at 8.00pm for **ALPHA**. The Alpha experience includes food, a video presentation and small group discussions. It is a place where you can be yourself. You can say what you think about faith issues, and challenge everything. No question is too complex or too simple. Your point of view is as important as anyone else's. To register your interest contact Noleen by emailing: [n.dunn@downandconnor.org](mailto:n.dunn@downandconnor.org) or send a text to: 07879 498131

**Forthcoming Event**  
"St. Patrick's Celebration - Carrickfergus Golf Club - Saturday March 15th 2025 - 8 til late - McStocker Ceili Band - £5pp"

## Candlemas Day Sun 2nd Feb.

If you would like to purchase a candle for Candlemas please contact Anne in the Repository at St. Nicholas' or Gerardine in Our Lady of Lourdes. Candles will be blessed at the weekend Masses.



### "Witnesses of Hope"

Drumalis Retreat Centre. Friday 17th to Sunday 19th Jan 2025  
Speaker Fr. Darren Brennan  
To book a place contact Margaret on 07716 288811  
Down & Connor Charismatic Renewal Committee

### Al-Anon offering Family support for those affected by alcoholism

Al-Anon is launching a new campaign 'You are not alone!' to encourage more people living with problem drinkers to find their local Al-Anon meeting. In Northern Ireland there are 30 Al-Anon groups. They provide support to anyone whose life is, or has been affected by someone else drinking. By attending Al-Anon Family Group meetings, individuals discover that they didn't cause the problem, and cannot control or cure it. They also learn how best to cope with their situation by switching their focus from the alcoholic to themselves. Whatever your relationship to the drinker, whatever your story, Al-Anon can help. Our Information Office, based in Belfast is opened from 10am – 1pm Monday to Friday; contact number 02890682368. All meetings are listed on the website [www.al-anonuk.org.uk](http://www.al-anonuk.org.uk), or you can call our Confidential Helpline on 02890682368 10am – 1pm or 6pm – 10pm daily.

### ***This Coming Week*** *13th Jan - 19th Jan*

**Mon**  
St. Hilary  
St. Kentigern

**Wed**  
St. Ita

**Thurs**  
St. Fursa

**Fri**  
St. Anthony

**Sun**  
2nd Sun. in Ordinary Time

**Readings for Sun 19th Jan**  
Isaiah 62: 1-5  
1 Corinthians 12: 4-11  
John 2: 1-12

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