

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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Saint Nicholas'

Our Lady of Lourdes

12th April 2026

Feast of the Divine Mercy

Cycle A Week 2

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### 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

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 Reconciliation Room  
 in Mount Saint Nicholas.

### Confessions

are available on Sunday mornings  
 from 11.00am to 11.20am  
 in St. Nicholas' Carrickfergus.

**Eucharistic Adoration** is available every  
 Saturday between 11.00 and 12.00 noon in  
 Mount St. Nicholas' (please enter via the  
 back door of the church).

### Bulletin Notices

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

### Requiescant in Pace



### Anniversaries

Eileen O'Donnell  
 Rose Quinn  
 James McConnell

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

**The second collection today is for  
 Monthly Stipend.**

### Mass Times for week starting Sunday 12th April

(\*\* Streamed Masses - see parish website for link)

Holy Days : As announced.

St. Nicholas' Carrickfergus	Our Lady of Lourdes Whitehead
Sun 11.30am **	Sun 9.30am
Mon 8.00am	
Tues 8.00am	
Wed 7.00pm	Wed 10.00am
Thurs 8.00am	
Fri 8.00am	

### Teas in Whitehead

Light refreshments will be available in the Pastoral Centre after 09.30  
 Mass next Sunday, 19th April. Everyone is welcome.

### THANK YOU

#### Carrickfergus and Whitehead Parish Cell Groups

Thank you very much to everyone who supported us with prayers and good wishes for our recent National Cells Seminar in Drumalis. The seminar was a happy, Spirit filled and successful event. Your goodness and thoughtfulness are much appreciated.

If you are interested in finding out more about Parish Cell Groups or would like to visit or join one, please contact any of the following:

Margaret Webb: 07779 729505, Matt Monaghan: 07428 247820

Jim Mullan: 07841 428436, Stephen Lavery: 07742 575308

Anne McFerran: 07809 906792

**PARISH CELL GROUP MEETINGS** There will be a Cell meeting at 7.30 and 8.00pm on Tuesday, 14th Apr.

For more information, please contact Margaret Webb: 07779729505 or Anne McFerran: 07809906792. Stephen Lavery: 07742 575308. There will be a meeting at 11.00 am on Wed, 15th Apr. Contact Matt Monaghan: 07428247820 or Jim Mullan: 07841428436. "Come and see." ([www.parishcellsireland.ie](http://www.parishcellsireland.ie))

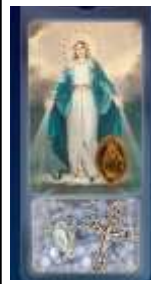
**Whitehead Cells** will start on Tuesday 14th Apr. at 11am at 4 Marine Parade. New members welcome.  
 Tel Ruth 07876420867

### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

Would you like your soul to be as pure as on the day you were baptised? If the answer is yes, read on. St Pope John Paul II canonized a Polish mystic, Sister Faustina (1905 – 1938) on the Sunday after Easter in 2000 and declared that from then on, the second Sunday of Easter would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday. In a revelation to Sister Faustina (recorded in her Diary 1109) Jesus told her, ‘I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to confessions and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy’ (Divine Mercy Sunday).

The conditions for receiving this great grace, including going to confessions, can be fulfilled by attending any of the following Churches on Divine Mercy Sunday, 12 April this year.

St Peter’s Cathedral @ 2pm,  
Mater Dei, Crumlin @ 2pm,  
Sacred Heart, Oldpark Rd @ 2pm and  
All Saints Ballymena @ 3pm.



### **Cards & Gifts**

available from the Church Shop.  
Open each Sunday.  
See parish website for more information



[www.carrickparish.org/shop](http://www.carrickparish.org/shop)

### **Cemetery Sunday 31st May 2026**

Islandmagee After 9.30am Mass  
Mount St. Nicholas’ After 11.30am Mass  
Victoria - 2.00pm  
Prospect -3.00pm

### **Diocesan Vocations Novena**

Pray for Vocations.

A Nine-Day Journey of Prayer. Join us in prayer online or in your parish as we prepare for Good Shepherd Sunday, asking the Lord to bless our diocese vocations to the priesthood. 18<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April.

Instagram: downandconnor\_vocations  
Facebook: Down & Connor – Vocations

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Calling ALL ADORERS of the Blessed Sacrament in Down & Connor Diocese National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 19th April (weekend after Divine Mercy) details on [www.eucharisticadoration.ie](http://www.eucharisticadoration.ie)  
Ring Una for bus leaving Toome, at 077 4357 5969 or Patricia for Belfast bus 07972 103 130

### **Diocesan Vocations Prayer**

God our Father, at the very beginning of your Church your Son Jesus chose twelve apostles to continue the work he had begun. By the power of your Holy Spirit, they continued to bring the Good News of your love to our world. Send that same Holy Spirit into the hearts of those you are calling to serve as priests for your people in our diocese. Fill them with your gifts of wisdom, understanding, piety and knowledge as they discern your will. Give them the gifts of right judgement and courage in following their call. Through the outpouring of the grace may many come to the joy of knowing and responding to the invitation of Jesus to “Come, Follow Me!” Amen

### **Foodbank -a typical food parcel includes:**

Breakfast cereals, Soup, Pasta, Rice, Pasta sauce, Tinned Beans, Tinned meat, Tinned vegetables, Tinned fruit, Tea or coffee, Sugar, Biscuits, Snacks.

### **Recharge**

is a young adult group based in St Colmcille’s Church in East Belfast for 18- to 35-year-olds. Date for your diary for April:  
Tuesday 21st April @7.30pm: Group Study course followed by social.

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

**Mon**  
St. Martin I, Pope  
**Thurs**  
St. Bernadette  
**Sat**  
St. Laserian  
**Sun**  
3rd Sunday of Easter

**Trocaire Boxes** Please return any box/envelopes as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **Gluten Free Hosts**

There are gluten free hosts available for anyone who may require one. If you need a gluten free host, please ask the Sacristan before Mass to organise one for you.

**Facebook link** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CarrickfergusParish>

### **Daily readings**

The link below is found on the Parish Website’s Information page. This gives access to today’s reading and the following Sunday’s reading.  
<https://www.catholicireland.net/readings/?feature=today>

**Readings for  
Sun 19th Apr**  
Acts 2: 14, 22-28  
1 Peter: 1: 17-21  
Luke 24: 13-35

### **Contact details for the ‘Stella Maris’ Family of Parishes**

<b>Parish</b>	<b>Website</b>	<b>Priests</b>	<b>Telephone No.</b>
Carrickfergus	<a href="http://www.carrickparish.org">www.carrickparish.org</a>	Very Rev. Peter Owens, PP Rev Andrew Black	(028) 9336 3269 (028) 9336 3269
Glengormley	<a href="http://www.stmarysonthehill.online">www.stmarysonthehill.online</a>	Very Rev. Pat Sheehan PP Very Rev. Canon Aidan Kerr PE PM	(028) 9083 2979 (028) 9083 2488
Loughshore	<a href="http://www.loughshoreparishes.org">www.loughshoreparishes.org</a>	Very Rev. David Delargy PP	(028) 9037 0845