



Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Saint Nicholas'

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Our Lady of Lourdes

5th April 2026

Easter Sunday

Cycle A Week 1

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Baptisms
 (one month's notice)
 Whitehead - 1st Sun of the month
 Carrickfergus - 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

Please note changes for weekday masses this coming week

Requiescant in Pace



Recently Deceased
 Peter Devlin
 Peggy Taplin

Month Mind
 Phil Moran

Anniversaries
 Phyllis Haveron (2nd)
 Fr Martin Cushnan
 Fr. Owen O'Kane
 Pat Armstrong
 Mary Armstrong
 Alex Devenny

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

Monday 7.00pm Mass in St Nicholas' Carrickfergus

Tuesday 10.00am Mass in St Nicholas' Carrickfergus

Wednesday 10.00am Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Whitehead
(No Wednesday evening Mass in Carrickfergus)

Thursday 10.00am Mass in St Nicholas' Carrickfergus


Friday 10.00am Mass in St Nicholas' Carrickfergus

Please leave your Palm Sunday and Triduum booklets at the back of the church. Thank you.

Anam Cara the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening for all bereaved parents in Ulster on Tuesday 21st April 2026 at 7:00pm in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Belfast. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents but registration is required using this link [Click here to register for Bereavement Information Evening](#) . For more information email info@anamcara.ie or call us on 028 952 13120

The second collection today is for the Easter Collection.

Easter Flowers for Carrickfergus and Whitehead
 If you would like to donate towards the Easter flowers in St. Nicholas' or Our Lady of Lourdes churches, please see Anne Quinn in Carrickfergus or Pamela Maginn in Whitehead. Thank you.

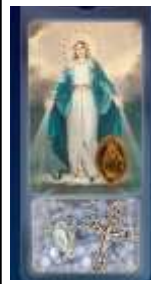


Divine Mercy Sunday

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



www.carrickparish.org/shop

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
Ring Una for bus leaving Toome, at 077 4357 5969 or Patricia for Belfast bus 07972 103 130

Trocaire Boxes/Envelopes

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

Recharge

is a young adult group based in St Colmcille’s Church in East Belfast for 18- to 35-year-olds.

We meet twice a month to “recharge” our spiritual batteries through prayer, intellectual formation and friendship.

All are welcome!

Dates for your diary for April:

Tuesday 7th April @7.30pm: Holy Hour with Adoration followed by drinks in the Hearth Bar.

Tuesday 21st April @7.30pm: Group Study course followed by social.

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.

Cemetery Sunday 31st May 2026

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

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.

This Coming Week
6th Apr – 12th Apr

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

Sun
Feast of the Divine Mercy

Induction Loop System

This is a reminder for parishioners that both churches in the Parish have an Induction Loop System. Any parishioner with a hearing aid should tune it into the system by using the 'T' switch on their hearing aid, if it has one.

Pope Leo’s prayer intentions for 2026

April: For priests in crisis. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Readings for Sun 12th Apr
Acts 2: 42-47
1 Peter: 1: 3-9
John 20: 19-31

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