



Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes

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21st May 2023 The Ascension of the Lord Cycle A Week 3

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Readings for this Sunday
First Reading - Acts 1: 1 – 11 Second Reading - Ephesians 1: 17 - 23
Gospel - Matthew 28: 16 - 20

Mass Times this week (** 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 before Wednesday Services at 9.30am in Our Lady of Lourdes and 6.30pm in Mount Saint Nicholas

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

Requiescant in Pace


Recently Deceased
Josephine Williams
(nee McGowan)

Anniversaries
Pat Murray
Pat Barry (20th)

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

Ministers of the Word and Eucharist Refresher Training
Father Peter will facilitate a refresher training session for all Readers and Eucharistic Ministers on **Sunday 4th June** after each Mass. It will last 20 - 30 minutes. If you are a Reader or a Eucharistic Minister, please stay behind after Mass that morning if you can. Thank you.

Eucharistic Adoration
As part of our Pentecost celebrations, Eucharistic Adoration will be available in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in Carrick on Saturday 27th May between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. We would then like to continue Eucharistic Adoration on a weekly basis after Pentecost. If you feel you are able to commit to giving some time to support this ministry going forward, please talk to any member of the Liturgy Group. Thank you.

Pentecost Celebration
The birthday of the Church will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, 28th May. Everyone is invited to wear something red in recognition of this important feast day in our liturgical calendar. Both churches will be decorated for the occasion and some of our foreign national parishioners will read the bidding prayers in their mother tongue for us. The children who made their First Holy Communion recently are invited to come wearing their special clothes. The hospitality teams will provide refreshments after each Mass. Everyone is welcome.

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE
Here in Down and Connor, our Pathways programme has been set up to help us go out, make disciples and share the love of Christ more effectively in the coming years. One initial task is the count of Mass attendance which is happening across the diocese this weekend. On a practical level this helps us to get an accurate snapshot of who is connecting with our local parishes at this time.

Contact details for Loughshore Pastoral Community
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Loughshore Parishes www.loughshoreparishes.org
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St Gerard's Parish www.stgerardsparish.co.uk
Fr Patrick O'Keefe CSsR Adm., Fr Denis Luddy CSsR Tel: (028) 9077 4833

Altar servers training is available in both Whitehead and Carrickfergus after each Mass on a Sunday morning, lasting about 20 minutes. Come along and join the team.

The Diocesan Committee for Charismatic Renewal has organised a celebration for Pentecost on Pentecost Sunday, the 28th May from 7pm to 9pm, in St Bernard's Church, Antrim Road, Glengormley BT36 7QR. The celebration will include prayer and praise, testimony and a talk by Fr. Darren Brennan PP. Everyone welcome.



GIFTS & CARDS

for all occasions are available from the Parish Repository. (see website for further info.)



SAFEGUARDING:

The Diocese of Down and Connor has invited the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland to conduct a review of safeguarding practice across the Diocese. The review will take place 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th June. If you have any views about Safeguarding in the Diocese, you are invited to contact Teresa Devlin, Chief Executive Officer, National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland, prior to the review dates: Tel 003531 5053124 or email

teresa.devlin@safeguarding.ie

This is part of the process of learning and maintaining best safeguarding practice across the Diocese and ensuring our Church is a safe and nurturing place for young people where they can grow and develop their faith. Philip O Hara, Interim Director of Safeguarding, Designated Liaison Person, Diocese of Down and Connor.

HELP! Volunteers needed urgently.

The hospitality sector everywhere is struggling - and so is Drumalis. We would greatly appreciate any help you could offer towards sustaining the ministry of hospitality and healing here. To have a chat about this, please phone Maura on 07736324250.

Today's second collection is for the Education of Diocesan Students.

Graduation Mass – QUB Catholic Chaplaincy

On Thursday 1 June at 5.15pm, the QUB Chaplaincy will host a Graduation Mass for the Class of 2023. Students, their families and friends, as well as staff and alumni are most welcome. This Mass will be the last special celebration before we close our doors and move to temporary accommodation whilst our landmark building on Elmwood Avenue undergoes major redevelopment. If the Chaplaincy holds special memories for you and you would like to experience it as-is for one last time, know that we would love to have you join us. Refreshments will be served afterwards. If you plan to come, it would be helpful if you could let us know by emailing

catholicchaplaincy@qub.ac.uk

Lough Derg 2023
The Living Church Office are organising a three-day pilgrimage to Lough Derg. The Pilgrimage will be led by Jim Deeds. Dates Friday 30th June – Sunday 2nd July 2023.

Cost £90 includes luxury coach transfers. Bus departs 9am Friday 30th June from Glengall Street. Places are limited so early booking is recommended. Contact Claire
Tel: 02890 690920 Email:

livingchurch@downandconnor.org

Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre

A warm welcome is extended to a series of conversations under the theme of "Stories of Life, Faith and Hope."

Tuesday 30 May - Baroness Nuala O'Loan (former Police Ombudsman)

Tuesday 6 June - Fr Aidan Troy CP (former parish priest in Holy Cross, Ardoyne) and advocate on issues around suicide. Further information can be received from the reception at Tobar Mhuire, telephone 02844830242 or email

reception@tobarmhuire.com

This Coming Week

22nd May - 28th May

Mon
St. Rita

Wed

Our Lady Help of Christians

Thurs

St. Bede the Venerable
St. Mary Magdalen of Pazzi
St. Gregory VII, Pope

Fri

St. Philip Neri

Sat

St. Augustine of Canterbury

Sun

Pentecost Sunday

Stress Control Online Classes are FREE and the next round will commence on Mon 5th June, with session two on the following Thursday, 8th June. Classes begin at 9am and will remain available on YouTube until 8am the morning of the next session. Click here for further details. <https://ni.stresscontrol.org/>

Readings for Sun 28th May

Acts 2: 1 – 11

1Corinthians 12: 3 - 7, 12– 13

John 20: 19 - 23

COVID- 19 Please note that although face coverings are no longer legally required when entering and exiting the church, the Diocese and Parish strongly recommends that face coverings be worn at all times while in the church, even when seated.