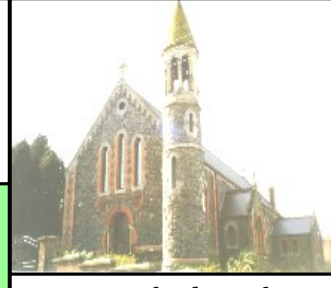




Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes

Follow us on-line at
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8th January 2023 Baptism of the Lord Cycle A Week 3

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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

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.

Bulletin Notices

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

Requiescant in Pace



Recently Deceased

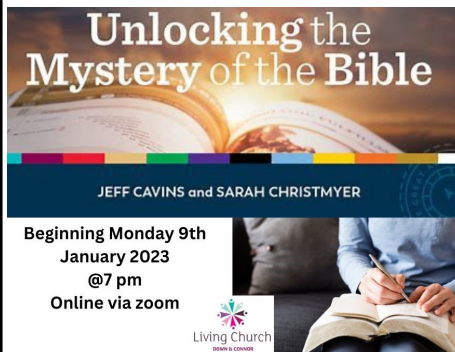
Evelyn Brooks
Iris Storey

Anniversaries

Mildred Cowan
James Muir
Greta Boyd
Martin Boyd
Johnny McGuinness

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

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible (Jeff Cavin)



6 weekly sessions, concluding with a retreat day, incorporating the final 2 sessions.
VENUE: Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre, Crossgar.
Beginning Tues 10th Jan. @7pm for 6 weeks.
Retreat Day 25th Feb. 10am-4:00 pm
Cost £30
To register Tele: 02890690920
or email livingchurch@downandconnor.org

Trocaire Christmas Gifts

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 **£466** to this annual appeal.
Thank you for your ongoing support for Trocaire's projects.
Patrick Quinn



Mount St Nicholas, Pre-school,
Playgroup YMCA building, 30-34 Irish
Quarter West

OPEN ENROLMENT

Mount St Nicholas, a Pre-school Playgroup and the main feeder group to St Nicholas Primary. If your child is aged 3 or on BEFORE July 1st 23 you can apply for a pre-school, funded place. Admission criteria live on EA Website on 13th Dec 22
If your child is aged 3 AFTER July 1st 23 you can apply for a (fee-paying) playgroup place. Contact: Hilda Boyd on 07729583134 or by Email: mountstnicholasplaygroup@hotmail.com
Website: Mount St Nicholas Playgroup

Thank You

Anne Quinn in St. Nicholas' and Margaret O'Neill in Our Lady of Lourdes would like to thank all those who gave donations for the Christmas Flowers.

Parish Bethany Bereavement Group



are here to support you through your grief, if you would like to speak to someone a member of the Group can be contacted on the Confidential mobile **07598825187**

Collections for Sunday 8th January 2023

Weekly Collection Envelopes (White) can be put in the marked Collection Boxes as you enter the Church.

Thank you.

Parish Shop.

2023 Art Calendars & Trocaire Charity Calendars available.

2023 Diocesan Directories can also be ordered from the parish shop.

NI CANCER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES.

Sun 28 May to Fri 2 June 2023

The price of £799 (with price reduction for Cancer Patients) will include:

Return flights from Belfast International Airport, operated by Northern Star Travel Ltd. Full board and accommodation at the Hotel Agena in Lourdes for five nights based on twin/double/triple rooms.

Service of JWT guides in Lourdes.

The party will consist of patients, ex-patients, relatives and friends accompanied by medical, nursing and other staff.

To enquire or to obtain a booking form please speak to a member of the committee on Tel. 078746 88388 or email mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk

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.

Our latest review of the Risk Assessment has concluded that Holy Water fonts can be made available for use - a welcome return for many.

Thank you for your ongoing consideration of these arrangements.

Stress Control Classes - Northern Trust.

Classes will continue to be hosted online. To access the online classes please visit <https://ni.stresscontrol.org/>.

The classes are FREE and the next round will commence on Monday 2nd January.

Each class will begin at 9am and will be available to watch online for 2 ½ days (62 hours) after the start time.

Programme 1 commences 2nd January 2023

If you have any questions or queries please get in touch using this email stress.control@northerntrust.hscni.net.

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

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.



This Coming Week

9th Jan - 15th Jan

Tues

St. William

Thurs

St. Aelred of Rievaulx

Fri

St. Hilary
St. Kentigern

Sun

2nd Sun in Ordinary Time

Readings for Sun 15th Jan

Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6
Corinthians 1: 1-3
John 1: 29-34