



Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



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Saint Nicholas'

Our Lady of Lourdes

24th May 2026 Pentecost Cycle A Week 4

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Baptisms
(one month's notice)
Whitehead - 1st Sun of the month
C'fergus - 2nd Sun of the month
By arrangement with the Parish Office

The Rosary is held
before Wednesday Masses at
9.30am in Our Lady of Lourdes and
6.30pm in Mount Saint Nicholas.

Weddings
(three month's notice)
By arrangement
Funerals
By arrangement


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

Mass Times for week starting Sunday 24th May
(* Streamed Masses - see parish website for link)
Holy Days : As announced.

Requiescant in Pace

Recently Deceased
Maurice Cahill
Canon Hugh Joseph O'Hagan
Month Mind
Mary Josephine Marcella Shiels
Anniversaries
Bernard Shaw
Jimmy Mellon
Yvonne Newell (1st)
Margaret Boyle
Pat Barry

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

St. Nicholas' Carrickfergus	Our Lady of Lourdes Whitehead
Sun 11.30am **	Sun 9.30am
Mon 8.00am	
Tues 12.00 noon	
Wed 7.00pm **	Wed 10.00am
Thurs 8.00am	
Fri 8.00am	

Mass this Tuesday at 12 noon in St Nicholas' (no 8am mass on Tuesday)

Pentecost Celebration
The birthday of the Church will be celebrated today, Pentecost Sunday. Both churches have been decorated for the occasion and some of our foreign national parishioners will read the bidding prayers in their mother tongue for us. A special welcome to the children who received their First Holy Communion or were conferred with the Sacrament of Confirmation recently.
Light refreshments will be provided after the 09.30 Mass in Whitehead.
Everyone is welcome. Happy Pentecost Day.

ADVANCE BOOKING FOR PARISH RETREAT
which is taking place on Saturday 3rd
October 5pm to Sunday 5pm 2026.
Please phone Ruth Bates
on 0787 64208 67.

The Belfast Jesuit Centre
invites you to join our next Faith & Film gathering. After last month's screening of *A Hidden Life*, we continue our Terrence Malick journey with, *The Tree of Life* — a poetic, visually stunning meditation on family, creation, loss, and the search for meaning.
Screening on Thursday 28 May at 7pm - followed by a short, reflective discussion.
Everyone welcome. Small donation suggested.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association Member consultation meeting

There will be an online meeting for members on Thursday June 11th June 7:30pm to 9:30pm
Members should contact info@pioneers.ie for the link to join the meeting.

Traumatic Growth Conference

Daneo Human & Spiritual Development Services Belfast, are organising a four-day Institute looking at Psychological and Spiritual understandings of Post Traumatic Growth and Transformation through Turmoil. The event takes Place at Tobar Mhuire Retreat & Conference Centre, Crossgar on 7th - 10th July. The Speakers are Dr. Melinda Moore Eastern Kentucky University and Dr Steve Taylor Leeds Beckett University.

www.daneo.org

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

Cards & Gifts

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

www.carrickparish.org/shop



Candles

Holy Water Bottles

Grave lights



Cemetery Sunday 31st May 2026

Islandmagee After 9.30am Mass

Mount St. Nicholas' After 11.30am Mass

Victoria - 2.00pm

Prospect -3.00pm

**Down & Connor Diocesan Novena to The Sacred Heart
June 4th to June 12th, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.**

It is with great joy as a diocese we celebrate the Novena to The Sacred Heart. The Sacred Heart Novena invites you to nine days of prayer, cumulating in the celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Come to Me. These words of Jesus are among the most tender in all of the Gospels. They are not a command but an invitation - offered freely, offered personally, offered to each one of us.

To set aside time each day for prayer is to say yes to that invitation.

It is a simple act, yet a profound one. In the busyness of our lives - with all their demands, their joys, and their anxieties - to pause and turn our hearts toward Jesus is itself a form of love.

The prayers will be available in a booklet you can pick up at Mass or read online; it will also include a piece of scripture and a reflection for each day for those who wish to go a little deeper. The images used in this year's Novena book are by students from our schools from across the diocese. Bishop Alan's hope is that this novena will be prayed either individually or together by parishes, groups, schools or families. Even young children can join in with the short prayers!

***This Coming Week
25th May -31st May***

Mon

Mary, Mother of the Church

St. Bede the Venerable
St. Mary Magdalene of Pazzi

St. Gregory VII, Pope

Tues

St. Philip Neri, Priest

Wed

St. Augustine of Canterbury

Sat

St. Joan of Arc

Sun

Holy Trinity

PARISH CELL GROUP MEETINGS

There will be a Cell meeting at 7.30 and 8.00pm on Tuesday, 26th May.

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, 27th May. Contact Matt Monaghan: 07428247820 or Jim Mullan: 07841428436.

"Come and see." (www.parishcellsireland.ie)

Whitehead Cells will start on Tuesday 26th May. at 11am at 4 Marine Parade. New members welcome. Tel Ruth 07876420867

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 31st May**

Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9
2 Corinthians:13: 11-13
John 3: 16-18

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