



Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Saint Nicholas'

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Our Lady of Lourdes

20th November 2022 Christ the King Cycle C Week 2

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Mass Times (** Streamed Masses - see website for details)

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

Bulletin Notices

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

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.

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Ricky Waterman
Brian Kay
Brian Teague

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

Advent Services on the Theme of 'Why am I a Catholic?'

Please come along and join in our Parish Advent Services as we prepare as a parish family for the great feast of Christmas. This Advent we will be looking at some of the very basics of what it means to be a Catholic – the gospels, the sacraments and the incarnation of Jesus at Christmas.

We will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the committee room at the back of St. Nicholas' Church for up to 1.5 hours on

- ◆ Monday 28th November,
- ◆ Monday 5th December and
- ◆ Monday 12th December.

Everyone is invited to join us for what will be interesting discussions on the topics being considered each night.

The Liturgy Group.

SVP Christmas Appeal

Saint Vincent de Paul is planning for Christmas 2022 along similar lines to recent years.

The increased cost of living and rising energy and food bills are putting a lot of pressure on the individuals, couples and families we help.

Instead of collecting toys through the Giving Tree Appeal, we will be providing gift vouchers for families, which enables parents to choose the presents their children wake up to on Christmas morning.



To support our Christmas Appeal this year, please leave donations of

cash or gift vouchers
in the Red Box by

Sunday 11th December.

Thank you for your very generous support throughout the years.
Have a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.



October Offerings

Weekly Collections £5,412.62
Stipend Collection £1,340.00
World Mission £461.35

Many thanks for you generosity

November Dead Lists

Please return your Envelope and leave in the box provided at the back of the church.

ADVENT PENTENTIAL SERVICE - We celebrate God's mercy and forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation at
St Bernard's on Tuesday 20th December 7pm.
St Nicholas' Carrickfergus, on Monday 19th December
& St Gerard's Wednesday 21st December at 7pm.

Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy & Religious

There will be a Mass for Deceased Clergy and Religious who have died during the last three years. All Parishioners, Clergy and Religious throughout the Diocese are invited to join the families of the deceased to offer Mass together with Bishop Noel.

Monday 28th November 2022. St Peter's Cathedral (Belfast) 7:00 pm

The Mass will also be broadcast online at:

<http://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral>



Christmas Cards & Gifts

Christmas items, are now available from the parish shop/ repository.

Boxed & Individual Cards, Advent & 2023 Calendars Candles, Cribs, Nativity Sets 2023 Catholic Diary Trocaire Gifts

For further info. see our Christmas Booklet

Last Monday of the Month Get-Together

There will be a social morning in Lourdes Pastoral Centre on Mon 28th Nov, from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. There will be a children's corner, free tea and coffee and just time and space to relax and catch up. Everyone is welcome.



Pledge for November

Many people offer spiritual support to a relation who is struggling because of alcohol or an addiction problem. Parishioners who wish to take a short-term Pioneer pledge during the month of the Holy Souls are invited to visit

www.pioneers.ie/pray



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 granuals, shloer, selection boxes, boxes of chocolate, chocolate & Christmas pudding.

Al-Anon offering Family support for those affected by alcoholism **Alcohol Awareness Week 18-25 Nov 2022**

All meetings are listed on the website www.al-anonuk.org.uk, or you can call our Confidential Helpline on 02890682368 10am – 1pm or 6pm – 10pm daily

How might you be preparing for Christmas this year?

This Advent, we invite you to join us for a time of reflection and praying with the Gospels through **Lectio Divina** as we prepare to welcome the child Jesus this Christmas. We have 2 Online sessions via zoom, starting Mon 21st Nov @7:30 pm or Tues 22nd Nov @11:30 am for 4 weeks. Contact Claire tel. 028 90690920 or livingchurch@downandconnor.org

The Order of Malta QUB and the Catholic Chaplaincy QUB invite you to support this year's

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

in support of Belfast Homeless Services.

Suggested items include:

Toothpaste/brushes, Soap, Sweets, Shampoo, Body wash, Sanitary products, Deodorant, Gloves, Scarves, Hats, Please place your items in a wrapped box or in a bag and leave in the Catholic Chaplaincy, 28 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast, by Mon 12 Dec.

For info, contact QUB@orderofmalta.ie

“A Leap of Divine Joy and A Look of Love: Advent Revealed through Paintings” with

Sr Magdalen Lawler SND hosted by Drumalis via Zoom from 2 pm – 3:30 pm (Tuesdays, 22 November and 6, 13 & 20 December) Suggested Donation: £40 per person. For further details contact Drumalis (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) – 028 28272196 or email drumalis@btconnect.com

Advent Reflection

at SMA Dromantine, Newry
Tues 13th Dec 4pm to
Wed 14th Dec 5pm

An Advent reflection in preparation for Christmas given by SMA Community, Dromantine and a celebration of the Sacraments (Eucharist, Reconciliation and Anointing of the sick).

Cost £120/€145

Tel: 02830821224 email:

admin@dromantineconference.com

This Coming Week

21st Nov - 27th Nov

Mon

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tues

St. Cecilia

Wed

St. Clement I

St. Columban

Thurs

St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

Sun

First Sunday of Advent

Readings for next Sunday

27th Nov

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24: 37-44

Glengormley Webcam

<https://churchmedia.tv/camera/st-bernards-church-glengormley>

Whitehouse Webcam

<https://www.loughshoreparishes.org/weekly-mass-schedules/>