



Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes

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17th Sept 2023 24th Sunday of the Year Cycle A Week 4

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Readings for this Sunday First Reading - Sirach 27: 30 – 28:7
Second Reading - Romans 14: 7 - 9 Gospel - Matthew 18: 21 - 35

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

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

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

Requiescant in Pace

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.

Recently Deceased
Catherine Morrison
Month's Mind
Michael McKee
Anniversaries
Sarah Maxwell
Seamus Stewart
Neil O'Kane
Phoebe Barry
Florence O'Hara
Betty O'Hara Kelly
Joanne McGuinness
Darren Myers

Opening School Mass
On Tuesday, September 26, the morning Mass at 10.00am in Carrickfergus will be the opening Mass for St Nicholas' Primary School. We should like to invite parents, grandparents and any parishioners who are free to attend to show support for the school and the children.

Ministers of the Word and Eucharist Refresher Training. Planned training that was due to happen today has had to be postponed, until a later date.

There will be a short ceremony of recommitment for the Whitehead Ministers of Sacred Music after Mass today.

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

Liturgical Calendar Meeting
A meeting to discuss the Liturgical Calendar will take place on Monday 18th September at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the back of St. Nicholas' Church. All those who co-ordinate ministries in the Parish are invited to attend. The meeting will be particularly useful for leaders of the following ministries - Eucharist, Word, Music, Sacristans and Sacramental preparation.

Sacrament Preparation classes Preparation classes for First Confession and First Communion will begin on **Sunday September 24th**. These will be held in the Committee Room and begin at 10.50-11.25 each week. Please contact me on 07971003405 to confirm attendance and allow time for books etc to be ordered. If you have a child in P7 who is not attending St. Nicholas' Primary School or Acorn Integrated Primary School and you wish your child to be prepared for Confirmation, please contact me as soon as possible. Mary Muir.

Parishioners are all invited to attend our **Parish Open Days** which are happening over the next couple of Sundays. These days will give parishioners the opportunity to find out more about our parish groups; committees and clubs.

The first Open Day will be held in the St. Nicholas' Church, next **Sunday 24th Sept** directly after the 1130am Mass.

On **Sunday 8th Oct**, the same groups will be attending the Lourdes Pastoral Centre Whitehead, after the 930am Mass.

Please come along, show your support for the groups and enjoy some refreshments on the day.

Today's second collection is the Autumn Collection.

PARISH CELL GROUP MEETINGS

Tuesday, 19th September: There will be a cell meeting at 11.00 in Lourdes Pastoral Centre. Contact Ruth Bates 02893 378958.

There will also be a cell meeting in Carrickfergus at 8pm. Contact: Margaret Webb: 07779729505 or Anne McFerran: 07809906792

Wednesday, 20th September: There will be a cell meeting at 11.00 in a meeting room at the back of Saint Nicholas' Church. Contact: Matt Monaghan: 07428247820 or Jim Mullan: 07841428436

All are welcome. "Come and see."

GIFTS & CARDS for all occasions are available from the Parish Repository. (see website for further information).



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

PARISH RETREAT AT DRUMALIS: Sat 30th Sept – Sun 1st Oct

Cost: £85 Resident. Non Resident £60, Sunday only £50. All meals included, from evening meal Sat at 6pm to evening meal Sunday at 5.30pm. Please state type of reservation (cost) (room: single, twin or double) by contacting Ruth Bates on 02893 378958. Or 07876420867 or ruthrosecottage67@gmail.com mention any food allergies. Theme "Finding the Well within" An opportunity to grow in your faith and deepen your prayer.

Peace Day 2023 Thurs 21 Sept 7-8.30pm in St Anne's Cathedral. To mark the global celebration of UN Peace Day, and Good Relations Week, singer-songwriter Tommy Sands will headline a variety of musicians and speakers from different cultures, including two young singers from Ukraine. The evening will be hosted by Jude Hill-Mitchell, formerly of UTV. Light refreshments after.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ST. COLMCILLES PARISH CHOIR

Date: October 13th, 2023. Time: 7:30 PM. Venue: St Colmcilles Church, 191a Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast
Prepare to be captivated by a symphony of voices as the choir harmonizes with:
St Joseph's Primary School; Contact Singers (Gilnahirk Presbyterian); Fr. Martin O'Hagan from The Priests
Admission is absolutely FREE, and everyone is wholeheartedly welcomed. Light refreshments will be served.

Ceili classes starting on Mon 11th Sept 7.30pm - 9pm at St James' Parish Hall. Cost £20 for four weeks, payable on the first night. If interested, please contact Bronagh on 028 90370845

Catholic Chaplaincy QUB reopening at temporary premises

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University Belfast reopens for the new academic year on Monday 18 September at No. 42 University Road. There you will find a Chapel, social space and our much-loved Mosaic Café, open 8.30am to 8.30pm weekdays during term. Sunday Masses take place at 8pm in the Canada Room of the University's Lanyon Building (from Sunday 24 September) and weekday Masses in the Chaplaincy at No.42 (from Monday 25 September). We look forward to welcoming new and returning students!

The next **Youth 2000 Ulster retreat** will be taking place in the beautiful and tranquil surroundings of Lough Derg between 29th of Sept to the 1st of Oct. This retreat is for anyone aged 16-35. Great CRAIC!!, Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! The retreat is donation only, however if staying over there is a cost £35/€40. Register at www.youth2000.ie

The Great Randlestown Bake Off 2023 Competition and Coffee Morning Sun 15th Oct 11am St MacNissi's Parish Centre First Prize Baker: Apron & Bosch Mixer Prizes, Raffle & Tasty Bakes! Call: 07734570890 for entry details

This Coming Week *18th Sept - 24th Sept*

Tues

St. Januarius, Bishop
St. Theodore of Canterbury

Wed

St. Andrew Kim Taegon &
Companions Korean Martyrs

Thurs

St. Matthew, Apostle

Sat

St. Eunan, Ireland
St. Pio

Sun

Twenty Fifth Sunday
of the year

Readings for Sun 24th Sep
Isaiah 55: 6 – 9
Philippians 1: 20 - 24, 27
Matthew 20: 1 - 16

Contact details for Loughshore Pastoral Community

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St Gerard's	www.stgerardsparish.co.uk	Fr Patrick O'Keefe CSsR Adm. Fr Denis Luddy CSsR	(028) 9077 4833