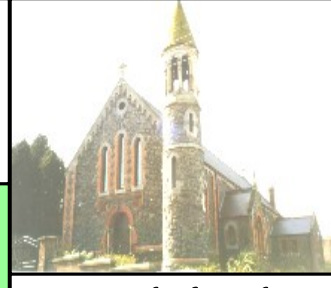




Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes

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14th May 2023 Sixth Sunday of Easter Cycle A Week 2

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Readings for this Sunday
First Reading - Acts 8: 5 – 8, 14 - 17 Second Reading - 1 Peter 3: 15 - 18
Gospel - John 14: 15 - 21

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


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.

Recently Deceased
V. Rev Kevin McMullan P.E.
Eilish McKnight
Month's Mind
Raymond Frampton
Anniversaries
Claire Attwood
Eddie Polland
Sally Glanville
Rose Shanks Poland
Isobella Poland
Mary Armstrong

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.

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

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
at St Gerard's Church Monday 15th May 2023
to Tuesday 23rd May 2023 9:30 am and 7:30 pm
Everyone is Welcome

Offerings
Weekly Collections for the five weeks
in April amounted to £6,669.22
Monthly Stipend Collection
£1,332.23
Catholics in the Holy Land £484.27
Easter Collection £1,059.98
Trocaire £4,343.31
Many thanks for you generosity

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First Holy Communion

Could we ask all our parishioners to keep in their prayers this week our parish children who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 13th May.

Parents, we would so love to see your children in their special clothes at Mass on Sunday 14th May in either Whitehead or Carrickfergus. The Liturgy Group.



GIFTS & CARDS

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



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.

PARISH CELL GROUP MEETINGS

Tuesday, 16th May: There will be a cell meeting at 11.00 in Lourdes Pastoral Centre. For more details 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, 17th May: 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."

Presiding - The Art of Leading the People of God in Public Prayer

The Liturgy Association of Ireland are holding their second May Conference on Sat. 27 May in Ranehan Hall, St Patrick's College, Maynooth. It begins with Registration at 10.30 am, and ends by 17.00.

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

As a Church we are called to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and share his love in the world. But we realise that our current way of doing things is getting more difficult to sustain. With smaller congregations and fewer priests we have to find new ways to ensure that the mission of the Church can be carried out in the future. For this reason our Diocese of Down and Connor is undertaking a major programme of change called Pathways to the Future. It will look at the priorities and structures of the Church to see how we can best serve our 86 parishes and other ministries over the next twenty years. A steering team of lay people and clergy has been preparing for this work in recent months and representatives of every parish have taken part in initial conversations. In the coming months we all have a chance to find out more and play our part. One important task is to collect accurate information and for that reason a census of Mass attendance across the diocese will be taken up next week. This is a time of rebuilding and renewal for our diocese and we set off on the pathway confident that the Holy Spirit, sent to us by the Father, will guide us on our journey together. Please keep this project in your prayers!

Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre: You are invited to a series of conversations in Tobar Mhuire in which people share their experience of life, and finding hope in their lives. Our next conversation will be on Mon. 15th May at 7pm with Rev Harold Good who will share his experience in peace and reconciliation. All welcome. Voluntary donation.

Assumpta est Maria. Thursday 25th May 2023, 7.30pm.

Premiere of Organ Variations on the Plain Chant Antiphon by Professor Desmond Hunter. In Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Newcastle, County Down.

Join thousands of people across Ireland to Pray for Life

The Pray for Life Novena. begins on 23rd May 2023 and ends on 31st May., the wonderful feast of the Visitation of Our Lady to her cousin Elizabeth.

If you are praying the novena as a group, please get in touch via the website www.prayforlife.ie to let us know, so that together we can build a sense of a community of life, and of praying together, inviting and encouraging others to join us.

All Ireland Rosary Rally in Knock- coach leaving from the Kennedy Centre, Falls Rd, Belfast at 8.15am to the Rosary Rally in Knock on Saturday 3rd June. Returning to Belfast at 5pm. To book your seat please contact 07592280522

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.

This Coming Week

15th May - 21st May

Mon

St. Carthage

Tues

St. Brendan

Wed

St. Paschal

Thurs

Ascension of the Lord

Fri

St. Dunstan

Sat

St. Bernardine of Siena

Sun

Ascension of the Lord

Readings for Sun 21st May

Acts 1: 1 – 11

Ephesians 1: 17 - 23

Matthew 28: 16 - 20