



Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Saint Nicholas'

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Our Lady of Lourdes

8th February 2026

5th Sunday of the Year

Cycle A Week 1

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Bulletin Notices

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

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Brian O'Neill

Mary Degnan

Sean Moran

Lilla Waterman

Maria Sole

Eileen Daly

John Morrison

Annie Morrison

Ursula Burns

Rose Maginn

Joan McNeice (1st)

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

St. Patrick's Ceilidh Party

in Carrickfergus Golf Club

7pm

Saturday, 14th March 2026

Tickets cost £6 including supper.

Tickets are now on sale from any
member of the events team.

Baptisms
(one month's notice)
Whitehead - 1st Sun of the month
C'fergus - 2nd Sun of the month

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

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

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.

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).

Mass Times this week from Sun 8th Feb

(** Streamed Masses - see parish website for link)

Holy Days : As announced.

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

2nd Tuesday Mass (see above for this coming week)

Please note early morning masses at 8am this coming Thursday & Friday.

Do This in Memory Programme

The next Do This in Memory Mass will be Sunday February 15th.
All First Communicants and their families are warmly invited to attend as we
prepare for First Communion on May 16th.
Refreshments will be served after Mass.

World Day of Prayer Service on Friday 6th March at 8.00 p.m.

It is the turn of Our Lady of Lourdes Church to host the annual World Day of Prayer
service this year for our area, as part of our place in the circuit of churches covering
Whitehead, Islandmagee and Ballycarry. The service for this year has been prepared by
the Christian women in Nigeria, with the theme "I will give you rest, come". We will be
part of a great wave of prayer, which will begin on the International Date Line in Samoa.

As the earth rotates, the wave of prayer builds, sweeping across the Pacific to Asia,
Africa, the Middle East and then the shores of Europe. From there, it goes across the
Atlantic to the Caribbean, the Americas and back to the Pacific, where the final service
will take place, in American Samoa, thus completing a worldwide circle of prayer. Do
please come along and join us that evening, if you are available.

Discernment Retreat for Diocesan Priesthood

They left everything at once and followed him.

6th – 8th March 2026 Drumalis Retreat House, Larne

For further details, contact Fr Conor McGrath c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org

Free, Confidential & Independent Advice Support available Wednesdays 10am-12noon



Carrickfergus Foodbank
Together with Trussell Trust

COMMUNITY ADVICE
Mid & East Antrim

Foodbank donation for the 2025.

Total for year 504.2 kgs

We really appreciate the continued support from Mount St Nicholas Parish and want to say a huge thank you ☺

A typical food parcel includes:

Breakfast cereals, Soup, Pasta, Rice, Pasta sauce, Tinned Beans, Tinned meat, Tinned vegetables, Tinned fruit, Tea or coffee, Sugar, Biscuits, Snacks.

Parish Cell Group Meetings

There will be a Cell meeting at 7.30 and 8.00pm on Tuesday, 10th Feb. For more information, please contact Margaret Webb: 07779729505 or Anne McFerran: 07809906792

There will be a meeting at 11.00 am on Wed, 11th Feb.

Contact Matt Monaghan: 07428247820 or Jim Mullan: 07841428436. "Come and see." (www.parishcellsireland.ie)



Blessed Candles from Candlemas available from the Parish Shop

Cards & Gifts for all occasions.

Open each Sunday.
See parish website for more information

www.carrickparish.org/shop



Accord (NI) and Couples for Christ (NI/Ireland) are having a St. Valentine's Thanksgiving Eucharistic Celebration with the Blessing of Rings for Engaged Couples and the Renewal of Marriage Vows for Milestone Celebrants.

This will take place on Saturday 14th February 2026 in St. Colmcille's Church, Upper Newtownards Belfast BT14 3JB, at 2pm, followed by a meal in Stormont Hotel.

Pope Leo's prayer intentions for 2026

February: For children with incurable diseases. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

This Coming Week 9th Feb - 15th Feb

Wed

Our Lady of Lourdes



Sat

St. Cyril

Sun

6th Sunday of the Year

CARRICKFERGUS AND WHITEHEAD PARISH CELL GROUPS

FROM ENCOUNTER TO MISSION

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue (Isaiah 50:4)

Carrickfergus and Whitehead Parish Cell Groups are hosting the annual National Parish Cells Seminar in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne on Saturday, 28th and Sunday, 29th March 2026. We would greatly appreciate the prayerful support of our fellow parishioners as we prepare for the seminar. The seminar is open to non-cell members and all are welcome. For more information contact: Margaret Webb @ 07779 729 505 or Anne McFerran @ 07809 906 792

PRAYER FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE NATIONAL CELLS SEMINAR 2026

Lord, we thank You for the opportunity to come together in faith and fellowship at our National Seminar in March. We thank You for the miracle of Your loving presence and Your light which burns in each of us. Bless and protect our endeavours in preparation for the seminar so that all who attend will be strengthened and encouraged in their work as missionaries. Let Your light shine brightly within us as we witness to Your infinite love and invite others to come and see.

May we yield an abundant and fruitful harvest in Jesus' name. Amen.

Website: parishcellsireland.ie

Readings for **Sun 15th Feb**

Sirach 15: 15-20
1 Corinthians 2: 6-10
Matthew 5: 17-37

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