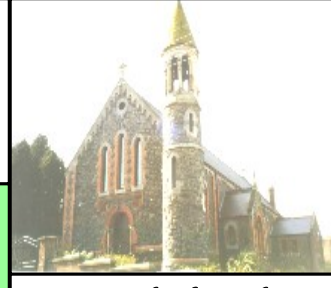




Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes

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19th Nov 2023 33rd Sunday of the Year Cycle A Week 1

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Readings for this Sunday First Reading - Proverbs 31: 10 - 13
Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 5: 1 - 6 Gospel - Matthew 25: 14 - 30


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



Recently Deceased
Margaret Lafferty

Anniversaries
Peter Moore
Ricky Waterman

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

The **Sacrament of Penance** is available on the first Wed of the month from
6.00pm to 6.45pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Mount Saint Nicholas.

Eucharistic Adoration
Eucharistic Adoration is available every Saturday between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00
noon in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Mount St. Nicholas.

PARISH DINNER DANCE
SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER
CARRICKFERGUS GOLF CLUB
7.30 PM FOR 8.00 PM

Could all final payments and menu choices be
given to a member of the Events Team please.
Final date for payment is today. Many thanks.



Offerings
Weekly Collections for the five
weeks in **Oct**
amounted to £7,585.33
Monthly Stipend Collection
£1,483.15
Mission Sunday Collection
£702.69
Many thanks for you generosity.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIP
COUNSELLOR WITH ACCORD NI?**

Accord NI Catholic Marriage Care Service is seeking applications for a 2- year
part-time Certificate in Counselling (Couple and Relationship)). You will need
weekend availability for our funded residential training courses in Crossgar, Co.
Down and a commitment to complete the course over 2 years, beginning in April
2024. You do not need previous counselling experience or qualifications,
academic qualifications or to pay academic rates. Whilst there is no charge to
trainees for the training itself, there is a one-off non-refundable deposit of £200 to
secure your place. Course fees will be funded and placement will be provided by
Accord NI. The closing date for receipt of applications is 20th December 2023. If
you would like further information, please contact Brenda at 02890233002 or
info@accordni.com

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

**Today's second collection is for
the Bishops Commission**

**Children's Liturgy Carrickfergus
recommences today.**

Parish Advent Services

Please come along and join in our Parish Advent Services as we prepare as a parish family for the great feast of Christmas. The programme this year is as follows: -

- ◆ Monday 20th November - Visio Divina
- ◆ Monday 27th November - Lectio Divina
- ◆ Monday 4th December - Lectio Divina
- ◆ Monday 11th December - Lectio Divina

We will be meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for Lectio Divina and in the committee room at the back of St. Nicholas' Church for Visio Divina, with each service lasting up to 1 hour. Please note the entrance is the one by the back door. Everyone is welcome. The Panel of Catechists.



St. Nicholas' Parish Shop
Check out our latest Christmas stock.
Call inside today before and after mass.
Check out the Christmas catalogue at www.carrickparish.org/shop for more information.



Carrickfergus Art Club

Art Exhibition in the Civic Centre
Antrim Street, Carrickfergus
From Sat 18th Nov (1pm) to Fri 1st Dec
(Open Mon-Sat 10am to 4pm)

On October 26th 2023, Mr. Robert Thompson from the Education Authority visited the school. The next morning, October 27th, he sent the following email to Mrs. Geraldine Doherty.

*Good morning Geraldine, It did my heart good to visit your school yesterday. You and your staff have done an excellent job in creating a really vibrant and welcoming learning environment. There was so much going on as we took a walk round the school. Please pass on congratulations to all of the staff and I send my best wishes for a lovely half-term break.
Warm regards, Robert.*

"Advent to Christmas" Afternoon of Reflection with Fr Perry Gildea cm

Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre, Larne - Saturday, 2 December from 2 pm - 5 pm
Fr Perry will lead a gentle afternoon of reflection as we begin the Advent journey, concluding with celebration of the Vigil Mass of the First Sunday of Advent. The afternoon is free of charge though donations are welcome. Pre-booking is essential. To book a place, please contact Drumalis by phone 028 2827 2196/2827 6455 or by email drumalis@btconnect.com

Tea after 11.30am Mass today

This Coming Week 20th Nov - 26th Nov

Tues
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed
St. Cecilia
Thurs
St. Clement I, Pope
St. Columban - Ireland
Fri
St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions
Sun
Christ King of the Universe

Readings for Sun 26th Nov
Ezekiel 34: 11 - 12, 15 - 17
1 Corinthians 15: 20 - 26, 28
Matthew 25: 31 - 46

"The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) held a meeting on 6 November 2023 and discussed and actioned the following agenda items:

- The Parish Pastoral Plan - implementation progress and outstanding actions relating to areas of the plan:
- The PPC reviewed the Parish Pastoral's Plan principal areas of focus.
- Additional ideas/initiatives were also proposed and discussed for progress in 2024.

The next PPC will focus on the status of all open actions pertaining to the Pastoral Plan. The PPC team cordially welcomed the addition of Mr & Mrs Mario & Iliana Luque to the Pastoral Council team.

The next meeting of the PPC is scheduled for Tuesday 5 December 2023."

Irish Men's Rosary

Sat 2nd December 1pm at Castle Street Junction opposite Primark.
Enquires contact Owen Tel 07525166090

November Pledge

A short-term pledge gives spiritual support and encouragement to people and their families who are living under a shadow of addiction. Further information from the **Pioneers** on 01 80-5 4226 or via www.pioneers.ie/pray

Contact details for Loughshore Pastoral Community

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