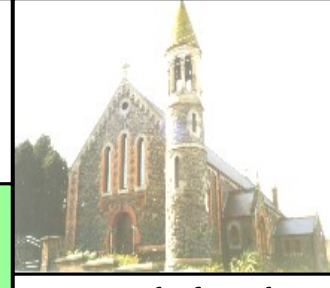




Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes

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28th May 2023 Pentecost Cycle A Week 4

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Readings for this Sunday
First Reading - Acts 2: 1 – 11 Second Reading - 1Corinthians 12: 3 - 7, 12– 13
Gospel - John 20: 19 - 23

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
Paul Madden

Month's Mind
Anna Slaughter

Anniversaries
Patsy Neeson (1st)
Brian McKenna
Margaret Boyle
Freda Grant
Ronald David Walk (Birmingham)
Harry O'Donnell
Mary Mulholland
Mary Kemp
Bobby Kemp
Samuel Haveron (Snr)
Patrick Haveron
Sam Haveron (Jnr)
Jimmy Mellon
Neal Mellon

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

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

This weekend we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came down upon the apostles. In an instant a group of frightened disciples were empowered to go out and proclaim God's amazing dream for the world - the Good News of Jesus Christ!

When we read about Pentecost and the birth of the Church in the Acts of the Apostles, we find inspiration for where we are as a Church here in Ireland today. We know that we have come to a fork in the road. We can't keep going the way we were, we have to head out on a new pathway. In Down & Connor the Pathways to the Future project is charting the next steps on this journey. We have to be realistic - change is inevitable. There will be new ways of working in our parishes and communities. But this isn't something to be afraid of. God still has a dream for our Church. He wants us to be filled with the Spirit and willing to go out and share the Gospel with others. He wants us to be generous, loving and inclusive, welcoming everyone into his family. And he wants us to be confident that each of us - lay women and men, clergy and religious - has a part to play in renewing our parishes, the diocese and building up the Kingdom of God.

To find out more please read **Bishop Donal McKeown's Pastoral Letter** available on www.downandconnor.org or www.pathwaystothefuture.org

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Pentecost Celebration

The birthday of the Church will be celebrated today, Pentecost Sunday. Both churches have been decorated for the occasion and some of our foreign national parishioners will read the bidding prayers in their mother tongue for us. A special welcome to the children who made their First Holy Communion recently. The hospitality teams will provide refreshments after each Mass. Everyone is welcome.
Happy Pentecost Day.



GIFTS & CARDS

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



Ministers of the Word and Eucharist Refresher Training

Father Peter will facilitate a refresher training session for all Readers and Eucharistic Ministers next **Sunday 4th June** after each Mass. It will last 20 - 30 minutes. If you are a Reader or a Eucharistic Minister, please stay behind after Mass that morning if you can. Thank you.

Lourdes Pastoral Centre

The monthly Sunday teas and Monday social mornings will be taking a break for the summer after the Pentecost Sunday celebrations.

Acclaimed classical singers **The Priests** will bring their story to The Saint Patrick on **May 31st at 7:30pm.** The trio, Fr Eugene O'Hagan, Fr Martin O'Hagan and Fr David Delargy will be in conversation with broadcaster Gerry Kelly before a live audience. Tickets £15. More information Tel 028 44 619000

PARISH CELL GROUP MEETINGS

Tuesday, 30th 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, 31st 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."

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.

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 Sat. 3rd June. Returning to Belfast at 5pm. To book your seat please contact 07592280522

This Coming Week

29th May - 4th Jun

Mon
Mary, Mother of the Church

Tues
St. Joan of Arc

Wed
Visitation of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Thurs
Our Lor Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest
St. Justin

Fri
St. Marcellinus
St. Peter

Sat
St. Charles Lwanga & Companions
St. Kevin

Sun
Holy Trinity

DOWN and CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST LIVING CHURCH OFFICE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR 3 YEAR CONTRACT

An exciting opportunity has arisen within our Living Church Office, where we seek to recruit into the role of Assistant Director. Supporting the Director of the Living Church and working as part of a team to implement Diocesan Initiatives in youth ministry, peace and reconciliation, evangelisation, and faith development. Working 35 hours per week. Flexible working arrangements with an option for hybrid working. Salary: Will be considered within the range of £34,000 to £39,000 gross per annum –commensurate upon experience. Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: job vacancies. Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Thurs 8th June 2023

North Channel Wind

Public Exhibition & Consultation. Gobbins Visitor Centre Thurs 1st June 2023 2pm to 8pm

Belfast Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Christmas 23 EX Dublin. Contact James Treacy (00353) 61921470 jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com

Learn about **High Crosses** and the impact of Christianity on Celtic art! The 2nd International Celtic Art Conference is coming to The Saint Patrick Centre, Downpatrick June 8-10. Tickets for seminars/outings with artists and scholars are available at Eventbrite. Details www.saintpatrickcentre.com

Readings for Sun 4th Jun
Exodus 34: 4 – 6, 8 – 9
2 Corinthians 13: 11 - 13
John 3: 16 - 18

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.

The second collection next Sunday (4th June) is for the Monthly Stipend.