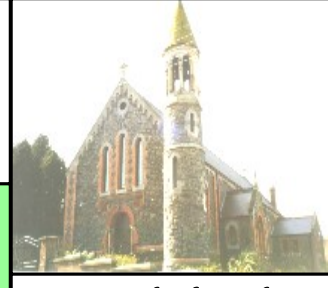




Saint Nicholas'

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes

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7th May 2023 **Fifth Sunday of Easter Cycle A Week 1**

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**Readings for this Sunday**  
First Reading - Acts 6: 1 – 7 Second Reading - 1 Peter 2: 4 - 9  
Gospel - John 14: 1 - 12

**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**  
Freda Smith

**Anniversaries**  
Joe Maxwell  
Susie McGivern  
Josephine Donaghy  
Annie Kemp  
Robert Kemp

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

**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.

**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

**Teas in Whitehead**  
Light refreshments will be  
available in the Pastoral Centre in  
Whitehead after  
Mass today Sunday, 7th May.  
Everyone is welcome.

**Contact details for Loughshore Pastoral Community**  
**Carrickfergus Parish** [www.carrickparish.org](http://www.carrickparish.org)  
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**St Gerard's Parish** [www.stgerardsparish.co.uk](http://www.stgerardsparish.co.uk)  
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## First Holy Communion

Could we ask all our parishioners to keep in their prayers this week our parish children who are making 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.)



## 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."

## World Youth Day

25th July - 31st July. Days in the Diocese in Porto  
1st Aug - 7th Aug - Lisbon  
1,150 Euros 8 spaces left  
Phone DDCC 028 71264087

## Pilgrimage to Knock

17-18 June 2023.  
Staying in the Knock House Hotel. £180 all in.  
If you are interested contact Sally Elliott on 028 90 247587.

## Our Lady of Fatima

Rosary Rally will be held at the Grotto of Our Lady of Mercy, in the car park of St. Oliver Plunkett Church at 4pm - 5pm on Sat. 13th May, everyone welcome to come and pray the rosary and prayers to Our Lady of Fatima.

A Holy Rosary will be recited on May 13th, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima at St Mary's Grotto Chapel Lane Belfast at 4.00 pm. The special intention is for the Protection of Life and the Renewal of the Holy Catholic Faith in Ireland.  
For information please call Precious Life on 07592280522

## Carers required for Victoria Court care home in Carrickfergus.

Do you know of anyone who would be interested in joining us? Both day and night shifts available. We've got a great team and offer all the training and support needed to be successful. They don't need any prior training just a love of people. All ages welcome. The minimum for night duty would be a single shift of 12 hours.  
Victoria Court Care Home Email: cl@salusproperties.com mob: +44 7889 600 636

## Belfast Jesuit Centre – May Events

St Ignatius of Loyola – a Saint for troubled times. Saturday 20th May 2pm – 4pm.

Encountering the Holy Spirit in our lives – Pentecost Retreat led by Tom Cashman, Ignatian Spiritual Guide. The non-residential retreat takes place on Friday 26th May 7-9pm, Saturday 27th May 9:30am – 5pm and Sunday 28th May 9:30am concluding with Pentecost Mass at noon.

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



**Bethany**  
Bereavement Support

**Parish Bethany Bereavement Group** are here to support you through your grief, if you would like to speak to someone a member of the Group can be contacted on the Confidential mobile **07598825187**

## The West Belfast Historical Society

is meeting on Friday the 12th of May at 7.30pm in St. Michael's Parish Centre on Finaghy Road North The May talk is entitled "**OBSERVING BELFAST**" The Guest Speaker will be: Mr. Billy McCullough All are Welcome to Attend

**Society African Missions Pilgrimage to Knock. Sat. 27th May 2023**

## This Coming Week

8th May - 14th May

**Wed**

St. Comgall

**Fri**

St. Achilleus

St. Nereus

St. Pancras

**Sat**

Our Lady of Fatima

**Sun**

6th Sun of Easter

## Readings for Sun 14th May

Acts 8: 5 – 8, 14 - 17

1 Peter 3: 15 - 18

John 14: 15 - 21

**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.