

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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Saint Nicholas'

Our Lady of Lourdes

24th November 2024

Christ the King

Cycle B Week 2

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**Weekly Mass Times** (\*\* Streamed Masses - see website for link)

| St. Nicholas' Carrickfergus | Our Lady of Lourdes Whitehead |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Sun 11.30am **              | Sun 9.30am                    |
| Wed 7.00pm **               | Wed 10.00am                   |

Holy Days : As announced.

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 Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Mount Saint Nicholas.

**Eucharistic Adoration** is available every Saturday between 11.00 and 12.00 noon in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Mount St. Nicholas.



**Do this in Memory Masses.**

The next Do this in Memory Mass is **today**, Nov 24 at 11.30am.

All children preparing to receive First Communion in 2025 are invited to attend with their parents.

Tea will be provided for everyone by the Events Team.

## Bulletin Notices

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

### 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

## Requiescant in Pace



## Anniversaries

Matha Cochrane (1st)

Ricky Waterman

Joseph Morrison

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

## Forthcoming Event

“St. Patrick’s Celebration -  
Carrickfergus Golf Club - Saturday  
March 15th 2025 - 8 til late -  
McStocker Ceili Band - £5pp”

## Teas in Whitehead

Light refreshments will be available in the Pastoral Centre in Whitehead after 09.30 Mass today. Everyone is welcome.



### November items needed

UHT Milk (Green)  
Tinned Tomatoes  
Juice diluting  
Coffee  
Tinned Fruit & custard  
Tooth brushes & toiletries  
Christmas tubs sweets  
Christmas & chocolate pudding  
Selection boxes



## Tuesday Mass

The Tuesday morning Mass for December will take place in St. Nicholas' on Tuesday 3rd December at 10.00 a.m.

## November Dead Lists

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

## Vacancy - Housekeeper/Cleaner in Ballyclare Parish

Full details relating to the vacancy can be found at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: JOB VACANCIES. Closing date 12.00 noon on Tues 26th Nov.

**Pioneer Pledge** Many people in Ireland offer spiritual support to a relation who is struggling because of alcohol or an addiction problem. "Offering it up for the Holy Souls" is an expression which remind us that "the bonds of friendship and affection do not unravel with death" ... or with addiction or sickness. Prayer and penance have been part of the response by many Irish families to the challenges which they have met across the centuries. This tradition is also part of the journey of Advent. Pilgrimages to Lough Derg, Croagh Patrick and other holy sites allowed people to "carry the intentions" of their family in prayer.



**Parish Shop**  
Cards and gifts for Advent and Christmas now available.  
**Advent Calendars, 2025 Diary/Calendars, Cards, Gifts, Nativities & Candles**

Open each Sunday. See a selection of gifts online at [www.carrickparish.org/shop](http://www.carrickparish.org/shop)

**Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi - QUB Alumni and Friends**

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University Belfast will lead a Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi for alumni and friends. Departing 25 August 2025 for 7 nights, staying in excellent hotels in Rome and Assisi, this promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime trip. Every quarter century, the Holy Father invites the faithful from across the world to make pilgrimage to the Eternal City and to avail of the special graces associated with the ancient custom. The Pilgrimage's Spiritual Director will be Queen's Chaplain, Fr Dominic McGrattan, with dedicated tour guide, private coach travel and group meals included. In addition to a rich itinerary which takes in visits to the principal sacred and cultural sites, we will also observe the customs associated with this Year of Jubilee declared by Pope Francis. For more information including price, itinerary and how to book, please email Chaplaincy Director, Shannon Campbell, at catholicchaplaincy@qub.ac.uk We expect most families have an association with Queen's. Perhaps you or a loved one studied or worked at the University and have benefited from the faith and pastoral supports we provide. Know that we consider you friends.

**NI CANCER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES.**  
Sat 10 May to Thurs 15 May 2025

The price of £859 (with price reduction for Cancer Patients) includes: Return flights from Belfast International Airport, operated by Northern Star Travel Ltd and facilitated by Joe Walsh Tours. Full board and accommodation at the Hotel Agena in Lourdes for five nights based on twin/double/triple rooms. The party will consist of patients, ex-patients, relatives and friends accompanied by medical, nursing and other staff. To enquire or to obtain a booking form please contact:- Mrs Jean Clarke, Hon. Secretary, NI Cancer Pilgrimage, 67 Ballynahinch Road, Carryduff, Belfast, BT8 8DL, or speak to us on Tel. 078746 88388, or e-mail at:- mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk

**Parish Cell Group Meetings**

**Tuesday, 26th Nov:** There will be a Cell meeting in Carrick at 8.00 pm.

Contact: Margaret Webb: 07779729505 or Anne McFerran: 07809906792

**Wednesday, 27th Nov:** There will be a Cell meeting at 11.00 am in the committee room at the back of Saint Nicholas' Church. Contact: Matt Monaghan: 07428247820 or Jim Mullan: 07841428436 All are welcome. "Come and see."

**Offerings**

Weekly Collections for the four weeks in **October** amounted to **£5,542.13**  
Monthly Stipend Collection **£1,173.30**

World Missions Collection **£553.10**

*Many thanks for your generosity.*

**"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful."**

**Pastoral letter from Bishop Alan McGuckian, SJ**

In light of my recent pastoral letter, which addressed the crucial matter of end-of-life care and the proposed Terminally Ill Adults Bill to be discussed in Parliament on Nov 29th, I urge our parish communities to respond in the following ways:

- **To pray** for those who are terminally ill and their families, that they may find comfort, support, and the unwavering conviction that their lives have profound meaning and purpose.
- **Actively support** initiatives that enhance palliative and hospice care services in our local areas. We must ensure that no one feels they are a burden, but rather surrounded by loving care.
- **Encourage** parishioners to make their voices heard by writing to their Members of Parliament ahead of the upcoming vote. It is crucial that our elected representatives understand the depth of opposition to this dangerous legislation.
- **Share** the Church's teachings on human dignity with clarity and compassion, drawing upon resources such as the Council for Life's "Through the Valley of Death". (See **The Pastoral Letter on the Parish Website Information Page**)

**This Coming Week**

25th Nov - 1st Dec

**Wed**

St. Catherine Labouré

St. Fergal

**Sat**

St. Andrew

**Sun**

1st Sunday of Advent

**"Caring to the End: Why Euthanasia Is Not An Answer to Suffering.** Speakers: Dr Dominic Whitehouse and Jack Valero. St Malachy's Parish Hall, 24 Alfred St, Belfast BT2 8EN  
Time: 7pm 29th November 2024 Contact - emily@faithversed.com or 07481940689"

**Readings for Sun 1st Dec**

Jeremiah 33: 14-16  
1 Thessalonians 3: 12, 4:2  
Luke 21: 25-28; 34-36

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