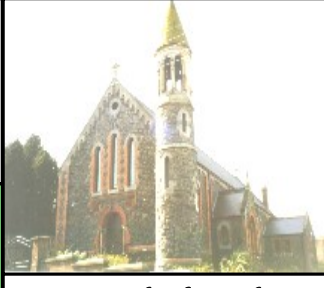




# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Saint Nicholas'

Our Lady of Lourdes

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21st April 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Cycle B Week 4

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

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.

**Baptisms**  
(one month's notice)  
Whitehead 1st Sun of the month  
C'fergus 3rd Sun of the month  
**Weddings**  
(three month's notice)  
By arrangement  
**Funerals**  
By arrangement

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 a.m. and 12:00 noon in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Mount St. Nicholas.

**Teas in Whitehead**  
Light refreshments will be available in the Pastoral Centre in Whitehead after 09.30 Mass **today**, Sunday, 21st April.  
Everyone is welcome.

**Requiescant in Pace**  
  
**Recently Deceased**  
Phyllis Haveron  
**Anniversaries**  
Celine Arkins  
  
*Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine  
upon them. May they rest in peace.  
Amen*

**AD MULTOS ANNOS**  
We congratulate Most Reverend Alan McGuckian, SJ, DD on his liturgical Installation as Bishop of Down and Connor last Sunday in St. Peter's Cathedral, Belfast.  
We hold him and his intentions in prayer.

**Poor Clares in Carlow**  
invite women from age 22 to 40 years for a cuppa and a chat to find out more about our life.  
If interested please contact us before the event. [poorclaresvoc@gmail.com](mailto:poorclaresvoc@gmail.com)  
Saturday 4th May from 2.30 to 4.30

**The Events Team**  
Our next venture is a bus trip to Newcastle pencilled in for Saturday 1st June, leaving Whitehead/Carrick about 10.30am and returning approx. 7pm.  
2-course meal, tea/coffee included.  
Register your interest now with a member of the events team.

**Easter Flowers**  
Thank you to all those who so generously made donations towards our Easter floral displays in St. Nicholas' and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches.  
Anne & Pamela.

**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***

**Cemetery Sunday**  
in the Parish will take place this year on **Sunday 2nd June** as follows:  
Islandmagee - immediately after 9.30am Mass in Whitehead;  
Mount St. Nicholas' - immediately after 11.30am Mass in Carrickfergus;  
Victoria - 2.00 pm;  
Prospect - 3.00 pm

## Carrick Parish Foodbank

If you can help donate food items, please leave in the green box in the church porch.

- Milk (UHT), Sugar (500g), ● Fruit Juice (Long life carton),
- Soup, ● Cereals, ● Pasta Sauces,
- Tinned Goods ● Tea Bags/Instant Coffee, ● Instant Mash Potato,
- Rice/Pasta, ● Tinned Meat/Fish/ Fruit, ● Jam, ● Biscuits or snack bars. Etc.

Thank you



## Parish shop.

Open before and after Sunday Mass. See our latest offers at [www.carrickparish.org/shop](http://www.carrickparish.org/shop) for more info.

Blessed candles are available from the Parish Shop.



## Lough Derg

Full details of all programmes and pilgrimage opportunities are now available on our website [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

Booking may be done online or by Tel: 0(0353) 71 9861518

## PARISH CELL GROUP MEETINGS

**Tuesday, 23rd Apr:** There will be a cell meeting at 11.00am in 4 Marine Parade, Whitehead. Contact Ruth Bates 07876420867 .

There will also be a cell meeting in Carrick at 8pm. Contact: Margaret Webb: 07779729505 or Anne Ferran: 07809906792.

**Wednesday, 24th Apr:** There will be a cell meeting at 11.00 in the committee room at the back of St Nicholas' Church. Contact: Matt Monaghan: 07428247820 or Jim Mullan: 07841428436 All are welcome. "Come and see."

## Called to Be a Monk? A Monastic Come and See Day

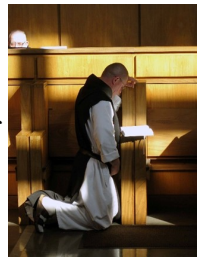
**Sunday 23rd June 2024 Our Lady of Bethlehem Abbey 10am - 5pm**

Very often, even if we feel sure that we have some calling or vocation to priestly or religious life, we don't take that first step by ourselves - we need someone else to ask the question! We monks at the Cistercian monastery of Our Lady of Bethlehem, in Portglenone, County Antrim, want to invite men between the ages of 20 and 50 to join us for a day at the Abbey.

The day will have a very simple format. Beginning at 10am with a talk and time for discussion and questions; a light lunch; some quiet time; and a tour of the Abbey.

This is a day which will seek to provide contact, reflection, immersion and beginning. Perhaps it's the question that you have been waiting for someone else to ask you: how does life as a Cistercian monk appeal to you?

To indicate that you would like to attend this introductory day, please email Dom Aelred Magee oco on [frmagee@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:frmagee@yahoo.co.uk), or ring 028 25821211, to leave your name and contact details.



## "Big Band for a Big Cause"

In aid of Marie Curie charity, you're invited to an evening with Dana and the PM Big Band on Friday May 31st at The Theatre at the Mill at 7:45pm.

Vocalists Ceara Grehan and David Hamilton will feature in a night of music featuring songs of Sinatra, Glen Miller, Michael Buble, Tom Jones and Amy Winehouse.

Tickets £25  
from theatre box office 0300 123 7788.

## Mediate with Mary in May

An invitation to pray with art, sacred scripture and reflect on the life of Mary  
Sacred Heart Hall, Ballyclare

Tues 7th, 14th & 21st May  
7.50pm to 8.30pm

For further details email [ballyclare@downandconnor.org](mailto:ballyclare@downandconnor.org)

## *This Coming Week* *22nd Apr - 28th Apr*

**Tues**  
St. George  
St. Adalbert of Prague  
**Wed**  
St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen  
**Thurs**  
St. Mark  
**Sat**  
St. Asicus  
**Sun**  
5th Sun of Easter

## Date for your Diary

The **PARISH RETREAT** will take place on 5th & 6th October.  
Further information to follow.

## Readings for Sun 28th Apr

Acts 9: 26-31  
1 John 3: 18 - 24  
John 15: 1 - 8

## Contact details for Loughshore Pastoral Community

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Carrickfergus	<a href="http://www.carrickparish.org">www.carrickparish.org</a>	Very Rev. Peter Owens, PP VF	(028) 9336 3269
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Loughshore	<a href="http://www.loughshoreparishes.org">www.loughshoreparishes.org</a>	Very Rev. David Delargy PP	(028) 9037 0845
St Gerard's	<a href="http://www.stgerardsparish.co.uk">www.stgerardsparish.co.uk</a>	Rev. Patrick O'Keefe CSsR PP Rev. Denis Luddy CSsR CC	(028) 9077 4833