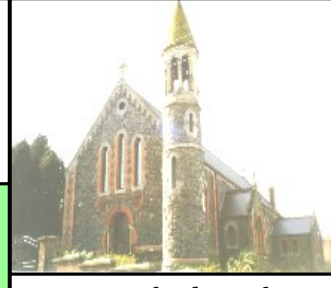




Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes

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24th March 2024

Palm Sunday

Cycle B Week 2

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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

The **Rosary** is held before Wednesday Services 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 a.m. and 12:00 noon in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Mount St. Nicholas.

BISHOP ALAN MCGUCKIAN

On the 19th March, Feast of St Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Bishop Alan McGuckian took canonical possession of the Diocese of Down and Connor when he presented his 'Papal Mandate' to the Diocesan College of Consultors. He will be liturgically installed as our new Bishop on the 14th April in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast.

We remember our Chief Pastor in prayer.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at Mount St Nicholas on the 21st March.

Thanks to St Nicholas' Primary School for coordinating all the preparations.

Come Holy Spirit!

Holy Thursday - Eucharistic Adoration

Would you be willing to spend 30 minutes with Jesus? Eucharistic Adoration will take place after Mass on Holy Thursday, 28th March, from 8:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Could you commit to remaining in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament for half an hour during this time? If so, please put your name on the sheet at the back of the church. Thank you.

Children's Liturgy

Please be advised there will be no Children's Liturgy on Easter Sunday 31st March 2024 or Sunday 7th April 2024. Children's Liturgy will recommence after Easter on Sunday 14th April 2024 during 11.30am mass.

Easter Penitential Services

St Nicholas', Carrickfergus
Monday 25th March at 7.00pm
St Bernard's, Glengormley
Tuesday 26th March at 7.00pm
St Gerard's, Belfast
Wednesday 27th March at 7.00pm

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

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 3rd Sun of the month

Weddings

(three month's notice)
By arrangement

Funerals

By arrangement

Requiescant in Pace



Recently Deceased

Gill Haveron

Month's Mind

Frankie Close

Anniversaries

Jim Conlon (1st)
Ian Slaughter (1st)
Anna Slaughter (1st)
James McLaughlin

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

Date for your Diary

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

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 for more info.

Blessed candles are available from the Parish Shop.



Easter Flowers for Carrickfergus and Whitehead



If you would like to donate towards the Easter flowers in St. Nicholas' or Our Lady of Lourdes churches, please see Anne Quinn in Carrickfergus or Pamela Maginn in Whitehead or put your donation in the boxes provided. Thank you.

First Holy Communion

We would like to remind all the parents of children who are receiving their First Holy Communion this year of a special invitation to come to the 11.30 Mass in St. Nicholas' with their families on Sunday 14th April.

Refreshments will be provided after Mass.

The Liturgy Group.

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.

Trocaire Lenten Boxes / Envelopes

Please return your Lenten Boxes or Envelopes to the Church for Holy Thursday.

Anyone making a Trocaire donation online through the Parish bank account, please mark your bank reference 'Lent24'.

If you require any further information please contact Patrick Quinn.



**Calling ALL ADORERS of the Blessed Sacrament in ---
-DOWN & CONNOR
DIOCESE**

National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 14th April (wkd after Divine Mercy).

Ring 07963 581 543 to enquire or book a seat.

Full Bus details on www.eucharisticadoration.ie (scroll down)

Divine Mercy Sunday - St. MacNissi's Larne

Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with us at St. MacNissi's Church Larne on 7th April 2024.

Programme:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 2-3pm

Confessions: 2pm onwards

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 3pm

Mass begins at approximately 3-15pm

Music provided by Megan Mooney and Richard Barnes.

Have an electric night out at "Young Frankenstein" by St Agnes' Choral Society

One of Belfast's biggest and best musical societies is back on stage with "Young Frankenstein" - the hilarious Mel Brooks Musical Comedy. St Agnes' Choral Society will be performing this monstrous hit at The MAC, Belfast from Tuesday 23rd to Saturday 27th April. "Walk this way" and get your tickets at themaclive.com

We will also be fundraising for The Welcome Organisation at the shows.

Good Friday Falls/Shankill Annual Prayer Walk

will take place on Good Friday 29th March beginning at 4.45pm in front of Clonard Church, stopping midway at Shankill Methodist for a brief prayer, and returning to Clonard by 6.00pm. All are welcome as we commit ourselves once again to the ministry of reconciliation, in the footsteps of Jesus of Nazareth, who gave his life for everyone on this day.

This Coming Week
25th Mar - 31st Mar

Thurs
Holy Thursday
Fri
Good Friday
Sun
Easter Sunday

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

26 – 28 April 2024, Co. Kildare:

an opportunity to energise communication and romance in your marriage!

Visit: www.marriageencounter.ie/marriage-encounter-weekend

Readings for Sun 31st Mar

Acts 10: 34, 37-43

Colossians 3: 1 - 4

John 20: 1 – 9

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