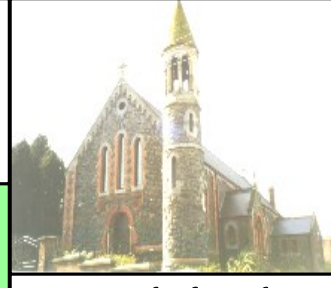




Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes

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31st March 2024

Easter Sunday

Cycle B Week 1

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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

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.

Easter Message
Fr. Peter wishes all our parishioners and visitors to the parish
A Blessed and Peaceful Easter.

PLEASE NOTE
There will be no Masses in the Parish this week, apart from funerals.

Requiescant in Pace


The Parish Office will be closed during Easter Week
(1st - 7th April)
The next bulletin will be **Sunday 14th April**

Recently Deceased
Selna Lydon
Anniversaries
Hughie McHugh (1st)
Terry Humphrey
Elfrida Walk (Birmingham)
Colin McKinney
Al Walker
Alex Devenny
*Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine
upon them. May they rest in peace.
Amen*

EASTER EGG HUNT
Our Children's Easter Egg Hunt takes place TODAY
After 11.30am Mass in St. Nicholas' Carrickfergus.
Come along and join in the fun,
It's bound to be an Egg-Stravaganza.
See you there !!

Children's Liturgy
Please be advised there will be no Children;s Liturgy today
Or next Sunday, 7th April
Children's Liturgy will recommence after the Easter break on Sunday 14th April
During 11.30am mass.

Trocaire Lenten Boxes / Envelopes
Please return your Lenten Boxes
or Envelopes to the Church as
soon as possible. Thank you.

Offerings
Weekly Collections for the four
Weeks in February
Amounted to £6952.04
Monthly Stipend Collection
£1324.14
Sick & Retired Priests
£543.50
Many thanks for your generosity

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 - 3.00pm

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 parents of children who are Receiving their First Holy Communion this year of a special Invitation to come to the 11.30am 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.

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.

**Calling ALL ADORERS of the Blessed Sacrament in ---
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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)

PARISH CELL GROUP MEETINGS

Parish Cell Group meeting in Carrickfergus at 8pm on Tuesday, 9th April.

Contact: Margaret Webb: 07779729505 or Anne McFerran: 07809906792

Wednesday, 10th April: There will be a Cell meeting at 11.00 in the big meeting room at the back of Saint Nicholas' Church.

Contact: Matt Monaghan: 07428247820 or Jim Mullan: 07841428436

New members welcome. "Come and see."

Carrickfergus St Vincent de Paul

Have you ever thought of volunteering? St Vincent de Paul is an international charity and the largest voluntary charity in Ireland.

Our volunteers assist everyone from our neighbours down the road to refugees across the street, families living next door and asylum seekers desperate for a home. Whatever their background, SVP is here to help those who need support the most.

If you have a spare hour and want to do some good in your local community, we would love you to come and volunteer with us. Every hour a volunteer can spare makes a positive difference in someone's life.

To find out more please visit our website <https://www.svp.ie/ways-to-help/volunteer/>

This Coming Week
1st Apr - 7th Apr

Sun
2nd Sunday of Easter
Feast of the Divine Mercy

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.

Readings for Sun 7th Apr

Acts 4: 32 - 35

1 John 5: 1-6

John 20: 19 - 31

Contact details for Loughshore Pastoral Community

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