



Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

Saint Nicholas'

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Our Lady of Lourdes

15th February 2026

6th Sunday of the Year

Cycle A Week 2

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Bulletin Notices

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

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Daniel Owens
Patricia Devenny
Joe Degnan
Michael Quigley (1st)
Margaret Hall
Paddy Lennox

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

Today's second collection is
for Sick & Retired Priests.

St. Patrick's Ceilidh Party
in Carrickfergus Golf Club
7pm
Saturday, 14th March 2026
Tickets cost £6 including supper.
Tickets are now on sale from any
member of the events team.

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

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 Reconciliation Room
in Mount Saint Nicholas.

Eucharistic Adoration is available every Saturday between 11.00 and 12.00 noon
in Mount St. Nicholas' (please enter via the back door of the church).

Mass Times this week from Sun 15th Feb

(** Streamed Masses - see parish website for link)
Holy Days : As announced.

St. Nicholas' Carrickfergus	Our Lady of Lourdes Whitehead
Sun 11.30am **	Sun 9.30am
Mon 8.00am	
Tues 8.00am	
Wed 10.00am ** (Ash Wed)	Wed 7.00pm (Ash Wed)
Thurs 8.00am	
Fri 8.00am	

Please take note of changes in Mass times above, for this incoming week.

St Nicholas - Confessions are available before Sunday Mass 11.00am to 11.25am

World Day of Prayer Service on Friday 6th March at 8.00 p.m.

It is the turn of Our Lady of Lourdes Church to host the annual World Day of Prayer service this year for our area, as part of our place in the circuit of churches covering Whitehead, Islandmagee and Ballycarry. The service for this year has been prepared by the Christian women in Nigeria, with the theme "I will give you rest, come". Do please come along and join us that evening, if you are available.

Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse

In Ireland, a Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse is marked each year on the Friday immediately following Ash Wednesday. This year it will be marked across Ireland on Friday 20th February 2026 Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ will celebrate Mass in St Peter's Cathedral on Friday 20th February 2026 at 6:00pm. This day is not only for victims and survivors who have been so severely injured inside our Church, but also for the families and communities affected by the pain and grief of their loved ones.

World Day of Prayer Rehearsal

There will be a rehearsal for the World Day of Prayer service on Friday 27th February at 7.30 p.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Any singers in the congregation are welcome to come along and join in the practice for the hymns, even if you're not in the choir, and that will boost the congregational singing on the night.

We are also appealing for help with some logistics for the service and providing refreshments in the Pastoral Centre afterwards: - buying some cakes/buns/biscuits - we can only accept wrapped foodstuffs which detail the product ingredients cash donations, which will be used to buy items for the supper setting up tables/chairs in the Pastoral Centre on 6th March during the day help with serving the supper

help with washing and tidying up afterwards Please contact Eileen Vance (07942 921654), Ann Woods (07859 078151) or Gerardine Stewart (07747 114419) if you are able to help with any of the above. Foodstuffs or cash should be donated by Wednesday 4th March.

Discernment Retreat for Diocesan Priesthood

They left everything at once and followed him.

6th – 8th March 2026 Drumalis Retreat House, Larne

For further details, contact Fr Conor McGrath

c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org



Cards & Gifts for all occasions.

Open each Sunday.
See parish website for more information

www.carrickparish.org/shop



Foodbank Donations.

A typical food parcel includes:

Breakfast cereals, Soup, Pasta, Rice, Pasta sauce, Tinned Beans, Tinned meat, Tinned vegetables, Tinned fruit, Tea or coffee, Sugar, Biscuits, Snacks.

Offerings

Weekly Collections for the four weeks in January amounted to £5,635.92

Monthly Stipend Collection £1,580.72

Pastoral Faith & Dev. collection £526.30

Many thanks for your generosity.

Down & Connor Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026: 8th/9th – 14th/15th July. 5 & 7 Night options available. Please visit www.downandconnor.org/lourdes for more information or call the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162

Catholic Mothers Ireland - Catholic Mothers Ireland, along with Family Solidarity, Teams of Our Lady and Marriage Encounter are holding a special event for Catholic Couples on Saturday 18th April. https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid02tnSpfwW4jymDxDjM4bVx5N5mFhqTvjfkKNqd1fug714uCh77tfTnY4ZM8E6UYVprl&id=100095535672372

Lenten Trocaire Boxes
are available as you leave Mass today

Beginning Weekend Experience - The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering "a weekend away for a lifetime of change" at Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre, Larne on Friday 20th-Sunday 22nd March 2026. To find out more contact Marie 07896119669 or Pauline 07519289185 or email belfastbe@yahoo.com

This Coming Week
16th Feb – 22nd Feb

Tues
St Fintan

Wed
Ash Wednesday



Sat
St. Peter Damian

Sun
1st Sunday of Lent

Readings for
Sun 22nd Feb
Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Romans 5: 12-19
Matthew 4: 1-11



CARRICKFERGUS AND WHITEHEAD PARISH CELL GROUPS

FROM ENCOUNTER TO MISSION

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue (Isaiah 50:4)

Carrickfergus and Whitehead Parish Cell Groups are hosting the annual National Parish Cells Seminar in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne on Saturday, 28th and Sunday, 29th March 2026. We would greatly appreciate the prayerful support of our fellow parishioners as we prepare for the seminar. The seminar is open to non-cell members and all are welcome. For more information contact: Margaret Webb @ 07779 729 505 or Anne McFerran @ 07809 906 792

PRAYER FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE NATIONAL CELLS SEMINAR 2026

Lord, we thank You for the opportunity to come together in faith and fellowship at our National Seminar in March. We thank You for the miracle of Your loving presence and Your light which burns in each of us. Bless and protect our endeavours in preparation for the seminar so that all who attend will be strengthened and encouraged in their work as missionaries. Let Your light shine brightly within us as we witness to Your infinite love and invite others to come and see.

May we yield an abundant and fruitful harvest in Jesus' name. Amen.

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