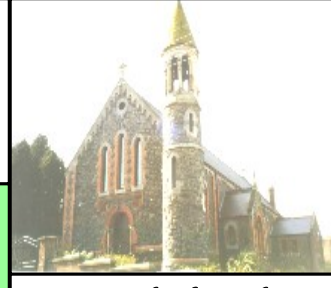




Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes

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12th May 2024

Ascension of the Lord

Cycle B Week 3

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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

William Brown

Anniversaries

Eilish McKnight (1st)

Freda Smith (1st)

Claire Attwood

Joe Maxwell

Neal Mellon

Francis McDade

Annie Kennedy

Patrick Armstrong

Mary Armstrong

Eileen McConnell

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

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

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.

Pentecost Celebration

The birthday of the Church will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, 19th May. Everyone is invited to wear something red in recognition of this important feast day in our liturgical calendar. Both churches will be decorated for the occasion and some of our foreign national parishioners will read the bidding prayers in their mother tongue for us. The children who received their First Holy Communion yesterday are invited to come wearing their special clothes. The children who had the Sacrament of Confirmation conferred on them recently are also invited to come and celebrate this great feast, when the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles. The hospitality teams will provide refreshments after each Mass. Everyone is welcome.

Teas, Art and Photographic Displays in Whitehead

Light refreshments will be available in the Pastoral Centre in Whitehead after 09.30 Mass on Sunday, 19th May. There will also be art and photographic displays in the Pastoral Centre, showcasing some of the artwork and photographs from our talented contributors to the event. Everyone is welcome.

Bus Trip to Newcastle 1st June

Due to cancellations, we now have 8 empty seats on the bus. If anyone would like to join us, please speak to a member of the Events Team as soon as possible. A £10 non-refundable deposit should be paid by Sunday 19th May



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

Mass for the Sick - Sunday 26th May at 3.00 p.m.

A Mass specially dedicated to the sick will be celebrated on Sunday 26th May at 3.00 p.m. in St. Nicholas' Church Carrickfergus. A blessing of the sick will be available during this Mass, which will be live streamed. Refreshments will be available afterwards and everyone is welcome.

Sincere thanks to John Patterson for fully sponsoring the tea
which will follow Mass on Pentecost Sunday, 19th May

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.



ANNUAL NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

We will celebrate this year with our neighbouring Parishes and our theme will be "Creating a Culture of Care"

HOLY FAMILY PARISH CHURCH LIMESTONE ROAD

MONDAY 13TH MAY TO FRIDAY 17TH MAY 9:30 and 19:30

MONDAY 20TH MAY AND TUESDAY 21ST MAY 9:30 and 19:30

ST GERARD'S PARISH CHURCH, ANTRIM ROAD

SATURDAY 18TH 9:30 and 18:30 & SUNDAY 19TH 9:30, 11:30 and 19:30

St Gerard's Parish warmly invite you to participate in our Annual Novena.

Summer Concert with Canticle, the Choir of the Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University

We are thrilled to announce details of our forthcoming Summer Concert, Sunday 2 June at 7pm. The singers and musicians of Canticle Sacred Music Society will provide a rich programme of sacred and traditional music, with contributions from our student string quartet, our Irish traditional ensemble, and celebrated soprano, Eilis Fox. Fitzroy Presbyterian Church, with light refreshments afterwards by Mosaic Cafe. All monies raised from tickets, priced at just £10 each, will help support our choir tour to Italy in June. Please follow the link to secure your ticket.

<https://fixr.co/event/canticle-summer-concert-tickets-82467491>

'Come Follow Me' Weekend Workshop,

7th-9th June:

An introductory training weekend to teach children (ages 7-11) about the Catholic faith using the 'Come Follow Me' catechetical programme, for use in parishes and schools. Presented by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph at St Mary's Church, the Claddagh. No previous experience required!

For more information and to register, please contact Ruth on (087) 4090344 or email

comefollowmegalway@gmail.com.

Foster Care Fortnight

runs from Monday 13 - Sunday 26 May 2024, and highlights how fostering transforms lives. As the number of children coming into care each year increases, more foster homes are needed across Northern Ireland.

At HSC NI Foster Care, there are lots of ways people can get involved including short-term support, emergency care placement, supported lodgings/STAY, or long-term care. There is no such thing as a 'typical' foster carer. We welcome enquiries and applications from all backgrounds.

Could you foster?

For more information, call HSC NI Foster Care on 0800 0720 137 or visit adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net.

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass – Training session for Parish Leaders

The Living Church Office will be holding a training session for parish leaders who would like to deliver this programme in their parish. There is a choice of two sessions to attend: Thursday 30th May 7-9pm (in person) Venue: Living Church Office 120 Cliftonville Road, Belfast or Monday 3rd June 7-9pm online via zoom. To book your place please contact Aishling Steen email: a.steen@downandconnor.org or telephone 02890690920.

This Coming Week

13th May - 19th May

Mon

Our Lady of Fatima

Tues

St. Matthias

Wed

St. Carthage

Thurs

St. Brendan

Fri

St. Paschal

Sat

St. John I, Pope

Sun

QUIZ NIGHT

St Nicholas Primary School PTA have organized a quiz night in Carrickfergus Golf Club on May 17th at 8pm.

The ticket price (£5 for advance sales) includes entry into a draw, for an overnight stay for 2 in a luxury glamping pod at Rosnashane House in Ballymoney*.

Tickets available for sale at [https://](https://stnicholaspspta.sumupstore.com/product/quiz-tickets-17-05-24)

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* Those wishing to participate in the Rosnashane House draw must be present in the room at 8.15pm to enter and/or accept the prize.



Readings for Sun 19th May

Acts 2: 1-11

1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13

John 20: 19 - 23

Contact details for Loughshore Pastoral Community

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