



Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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Our Lady of Lourdes

23rd November 2025

Christ the King

Cycle C Week 2

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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.

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

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).

Weekly Mass Times (** Streamed Masses - see parish website)
Holy Days : As announced.

Requiescant in Pace



Recently Deceased

Michael Gargan
Pat Walsh

Anniversaries

Ricky Waterman
James Coogan
Joseph Morrison
Brian Teague
Denis and Mary Bailie

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

November Dead Lists

Please return your Envelope and leave
in the box provided at the back of the
church. Thank you.

WHITEHEAD CELL MEETING
to take place at 4 Marine Parade this
Tuesday 25th Nov at 11 am. All
welcome. For more information phone
Ruth on 07876420867.

St. Nicholas' Carrickfergus	Our Lady of Lourdes Whitehead
Sun 11.30am **	Sun 9.30am
Wed 7.00pm **	Wed 10.00am

Celebration Weekend for the 25th Anniversary of St. Nicholas' Church

Our parish will celebrate 25 years of worship and community in St. Nicholas' Church over
the weekend of Friday 28th - Sunday 30th November.

Fr. Tony Curran, a former Parish Priest, will facilitate our celebration weekend, along
with Fr. Peter. Bishop Alan McGuckian will also be joining us for the
1.00 p.m. Mass on Sunday 30th November. Details of the various anniversary tridium
events in St. Nicholas' Church, are as follows: -

Friday 28th November -

10.00 a.m. - Children's Mass with Parents and Families

Saturday 29th November -

11.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon - Reflection and Exposition

3.00 p.m. - Mass and Sacrament of the Sick, followed by light refreshments

Sunday 30th November -

1.00 p.m. - Mass, followed by a hot and cold finger buffet lunch

We would like to extend an invitation to all parishioners to come along and join us in
recognising this anniversary of St. Nicholas' Church and would be delighted if you were
able to attend some or all of the events organised for this special occasion in our
parish life. We look forward to seeing you there.

NOTE: there will be no morning Mass in Whitehead or Carrickfergus
on 30th November, just the one Parish Mass at 1.00 p.m. PPC and Liturgy Group

Advent Meditation on 8th December.

Advent is a time to look forward to the coming of the Christ-child. We invite you to take
some time out of your busy life and join us as we meditate in our hearts on the Christ
Child being born this Christmas. The meditation will take place in St. Nicholas'
committee room on Monday 8th December at 7.30 p.m. (after 7.00 p.m. Mass). Light
refreshments will be provided and everyone is welcome.

We look forward to seeing you there. The Panel of Catechists/Liturgy Group.

Advent Retreat . Saturday 6th December. Speaker Fr Darren Brennan. St Pauls Church Falls Road Belfast BT12 6AB.
Beginning with Mass at 10.00 am – Finishing 4.00pm

Please bring a packed lunch, tea/coffee will be provided Hosted by D&C Charismatic Renewal. Contact Collette on 07791078453

Parish Bereavement Support Group

Annual Mass for the Bereaved 2025
Wednesday 10th December 2025 at 7pm
in St Nicholas' Church Carrickfergus.

All very welcome especially those who have been bereaved this year.

During our Eucharist a candle will burn for each person buried in our parish this year.

After Mass a member of each family is invited to pick up the candle together with a Cross symbolising this year's theme of Hope and Love.

Light refreshments will be served after the Mass.



Parish Shop

Gifts and cards for Advent and Christmas now available.



Advent Calendars 2026 Diary Calendars 2026

Open each Sunday.
See parish website for more information

www.carrickparish.org/shop



SVP Christmas Appeal

The ongoing cost of living crisis is putting a lot of pressure on the people Saint Vincent de Paul help throughout the year. This Christmas we are asking for cash or gift cards through our 'Gift of Choice' appeal. That will empower individuals, couples and families to make decisions on how to manage their own circumstances. They can choose the presents they put under the tree for Christmas morning and the meals that suit their needs.

To support our Christmas Appeal this year, please leave donations of cash or gift cards in the Red Box by Sunday 14th December. Thank you for your generous support throughout the years. Have a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.

Trócaire Gifts of Change

Bring real hope and opportunity to at risk families and communities around the world with a Trócaire Gift of Change.

There's a gift for Everyone such as: The Gift of Chicks, Emergency Water and Solar Lamps. Prices start from £5. For more information contact Patrick Quinn, at the Parish Shop, or check the Trocaire noticeboard.

Offerings

Weekly Collections for the four weeks in October amounted to **£5,382.29**

Monthly Stipend Collection **£1,324.35**

Mission Sunday Collection **£504.72**

Many thanks for you generosity.

Sensory-Friendly Mass Invitation

St Colmcille's Parish Belfast invites you to our monthly Sensory Mass on Sat, 29th Nov at 12:00 noon. This short service is designed for neurodivergent young people and adults as well as those with dementia or sensory sensitivities, and their families. St Nicholas will meet everyone with some gifts, at the refreshments after Mass, in the Parish Centre!

This Coming Week 24th Nov - 30th Nov

Mon

St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

Thurs

St. Catherine Laboure
St. Fergal

Sun

1st Sunday of Advent

Readings for Sun 30th Nov

Isaiah 2: 1-5
Romans 13: 11-14
Matthew 24: 37-44

DOWN & CONNOR LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026 9 - 14 JULY 2026: We are seeking doctors, registered nurses and volunteers to care for pilgrims who need medical, nursing, personal care or assistance to make their pilgrimage to Lourdes possible. New members are welcome for our medical, nursing brancardier (adult male helpers) and handmaiden (adult female helpers) teams. For more information please email your contact details to lourdes@downandconnor.org Details of the Youth Team applications will be circulated in February as usual.

St Nicholas' Primary School – Open Days

Thursday 4th December 5pm to 7pm Friday 5th December 9.30am to 11.30am

Come along and view our state-of-the-art facilities and sample daily school life. Alternative dates/times can be arranged by appointment. We very much look forward to meeting you!

St Nicholas' Primary, Minorca Place, Carrickfergus BT38 8AU

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BISHOP'S RESIDENCE & CURIA OFFICE ASSISTANT HOUSEKEEPER – JOB SHARE

An opportunity has arisen within our Housekeeping Team to recruit into the role of Assistant Housekeeper, as a Job Share arrangement. Working closely with our Head of Housekeeping, you will be required to provide a reliable and efficient housekeeping service to include cleaning, shopping and cooking duties. This role will support the Head of Housekeeping to ensure a pleasant, welcoming and clean environment for all visitors to the residence and Curia offices. This role is being advertised as a Job Share position. The terms are based on a permanent appointment of two individuals who will be required to work 16 hours each per week. Work pattern to be agreed with the Head of Housekeeping. Having a flexible approach to working hours will be a requirement within the role. Rate of pay: £15.50 gross per hour x 16 hours per week (£12,800 gross per annum) Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at:

<http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: job vacancies and on the

Community NI and nijobs.com websites, where t&cs relating to the

role can also be accessed. Closing date for applications is 12.00 noon on Tuesday 2 December 2025

Contact details for the 'Stella Maris' Family of Parishes

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Carrickfergus	www.carrickparish.org	Very Rev. Peter Owens, PP	(028) 9336 3269
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