

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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Saint Nicholas'

Our Lady of Lourdes

13th April 2025 Palm Sunday Cycle C Week 2

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

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

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 Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Mount Saint Nicholas.

Eucharistic Adoration is available every Saturday between 11.00 and 12.00 noon
 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Mount St. Nicholas.

Our final Do This in Memory Mass prior to First Communion is
today Sunday, April 13.

Light refreshments will be served after Mass.

Everyone welcome.

The Events Team.

Holy Thursday - Eucharistic Adoration

Would you be willing to spend 30 minutes with Jesus? Eucharistic Adoration will
 take place after Mass on Holy Thursday, 17th April, 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.

An Ecumenical Walk will take place **TODAY**
 around the churches in Whitehead at 3pm.

It has been arranged by the clergy.

The starting point is Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 3pm.

It will consist of Scripture/ Prayer being read outside each of the
 participating churches by lay people and clergy.

Please do join us if you can , everyone welcome.

Penitential Services Easter

Monday 14th April at 7pm in Star of the Sea, Whitehouse.

Tuesday 15th April 7pm St Bernard's

Wednesday 16th April 7pm St Gerard's

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 - 2nd Sun of the month

Weddings

(three month's notice)

By arrangement

Funerals

By arrangement

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Raymond Frampton

Eileen O'Donnell

Maureen Callaghan

Rose Quinn

James McConnell

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

Amen

Offerings

Weekly Collections for the five weeks
 in March amounted to **£7,439.89**

Monthly Stipend Collection **£1,657.62**

Needy Parishes £493.41

Many thanks for your generosity.

Easter

Holy Thursday Mass St. Nicholas' 7pm

The Passion Good Friday Our Lady of Lourdes 3pm

Stations of the Cross Good Friday St. Nicholas' 7pm

Easter Vigil Mass Saturday St. Nicholas' 7pm

Divine Mercy Sunday Would you like your soul to be as pure as on the day you were baptised? If the answer is yes, read on. St Pope John Paul II canonized a Polish mystic, Sister Faustina (1905 – 1938) on the Sunday after Easter in 2000 and declared that from then on, the second Sunday of Easter would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday. In a revelation to Sister Faustina Jesus told her, ‘I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to confessions and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy’ (Divine Mercy Sunday). The conditions for receiving this great grace, including going to confessions, can be fulfilled by attending any of the following Churches on Divine Mercy Sunday, 27 April this year. St Peter’s Cathedral at 2pm, St Paul’s, Falls Rd at 2pm, Sacred Heart, Oldpark Rd at 2.15pm, St Patrick’s, Lisburn at 3pm and All Saints Ballymena at 2pm.



Parish shop.
Open before and after Sunday Mass.
Easter Cards & Gifts
See www.carrickparish.org/shop
for more information on upcoming Holy Communion.



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.
Thank you.

“**A Pilgrimage of Hope**” is the theme of this year’s Holy Week Retreat from 17-20 April at Drumalis. To book a place(s), please contact Drumalis (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) – 028 28276455/28272196 or email drumalis@btconnect.com Further information also available on Drumalis website: <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

Good Friday Falls/ Shankill Annual Prayer Walk
will take place on Good Friday
18th April 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, who gave his life for everyone on this day.

The Irish Language Pilgrimage.
The Irish Language Pilgrimage will take place in Knock, **SUNDAY, 27th APRIL, 2025**, Mass 3:00pm.

Against the Assisted Suicide Bill
The vote at the Second Reading of the Assisted Suicide Bill passed by a much narrower margin than expected, in no small part due to church communities mobilising against the Bill. With only 28 MPs needed to change their vote at Third Reading to ensure the Bill does not pass, continued opposition from churches will make a big difference in helping defeat this dangerous Bill.
Past experience has shown that the volume of correspondence an MP receives from their constituents can have real sway over how they vote. These postcards ask MPs to vote against the legalisation of assisted suicide in the parliamentary vote at Third Reading.
Parishioners can use the postcards (available from the church porch) to easily contact their MP to encourage them to vote against assisted suicide. Although this Bill would change the law in England and Wales, Northern Irish MPs are able to vote on this Bill. If assisted suicide is legalised in England and Wales, this will put pressure on Northern Irish lawmakers to legalise assisted suicide in Northern Ireland too, to keep UK legislation consistent on this issue and avoid assisted suicide “tourism”.
Thank You for your help with this very important issue
Alan Mc Guckian S.J. Bishop of Down and Connor.

This Coming Week
14th Apr - 20th Apr
Wed
St. Bernadette
Thurs
Holy Thursday
Fri
Good Friday
Sun
Easter Sunday

Parish Bethany Bereavement Group
are here to support you through your grief, if you would like to speak to someone a member of the Group can be contacted on the Confidential mobile 07598825187

Cemetery Sunday in the parish will take place this year on **1st 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

Readings for Sun 20th Apr
Acts 10: 34, 37-43
Collosians 3: 1-4
John 20: 1-9

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