



Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes

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16th November 2025 33rd Sunday of the Year Cycle C Week 1

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

Table with 2 columns: St. Nicholas' Carrickfergus, Our Lady of Lourdes Whitehead. Rows show Mass times for Sun and Wed.

Today's second collection is
for Bishops Commission.
November Dead Lists
Please return your Envelope and
leave in the box provided
at the back of the church
Thank you.
Walk with Me Advent 2025
books are now available after Mass
today

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 triduum events in St. Nicholas' Church, under
the theme of Being a Christian Community, 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

PARISH WALKING GROUP
Members of the newly formed Pastoral Walking Group held their first walk last Saturday (with a chat over coffee afterwards). We plan on organising additional walks in the near future. If you would like register an interest in joining our Parish Walking Group, please text Marion Frampton on 07570802875 with your name and telephone number. We will then be able to keep you up to date with proposed walks in the future. Everyone is welcome!

Preparation for the Feast of Christ the King

The Liturgy Group has organised an opportunity for us to gather and deepen our faith and understanding of the Feast of Christ the King, which will be on Sunday 23rd Nov.

World history gives us various ideas of what a king is like:

Living a life removed from their people?

Concerned only with military victories?

Ruling for personal gain?

Having little care for their people?

Jesus Christ is a strong, kind and fair King whom we can gladly follow. Our gathering to prepare for this great Feast will take place on **Monday 17th November at 7.00 p.m.**

in the Committee Room at the back of St. Nicholas' Church. Everyone is welcome.



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



We at St. Vincent De Paul Parish, Ligoniel are delighted to welcome you all to our annual, **“Misa De Gallo,” (Mass of the Rooster)** - Christmas Novena in 2025. 16th to 24th November at 6am. The annual celebration is beloved by our Filipino Community far and wide, but all are welcome.

Aid to the Church in Need Red Wednesday 19th Nov. 2025

More Christians have been killed because of their faith in Christ in the last century than the previous 1900 years of Christian history. Join us in standing with them in prayerful solidarity. This Red Wednesday, we invite you to wear something red, light a red candle in your window and pray for their welfare. www.acnireland.org.

DOWN and CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST CARRICKFERGUS PARISH VACANCY CHOIR LEADER (2 YEAR FIXED TERM CONTRACT)

St Nicholas' Church, Carrickfergus are seeking to recruit a versatile and talented musician, who will provide choral direction, keyboard and/or guitar accompaniment, so as to enrich the liturgy for the parish services. The successful candidate will have previous experience as a musician and will be competent on keyboard, and/or guitar. Reporting to the Parish Priest, the terms are based on a 2-year fixed term contract basis, requiring 4 hours attendance per week. Hours of attendance for church services and choir practice to be agreed with the Parish Priest. Ability to work flexible hours is required from the post holder from time to time. Hourly rate and other relative terms are available within the application pack. If interested in making application for this post, please download an application form from either the Diocesan website at

<http://www.downandconnor.org/job-vacancies> /or alternatively on the [Community NI website](http://www.communityni.org),

where details of the role are also available by way of an Application Form, Role Profile and Person Specification. Application Packs are also available from Carrickfergus Parish Office.

Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Thursday 20 Nov. 2025

Anam Cara will be hosting an Online Bereavement Information Evening on Thursday 20th of November at 7pm for bereaved parents. Parents are invited to register by contacting 028 95213120 or online at www.anamcara.ie

This Coming Week 17th Nov – 23rd Nov

Mon

St. Elizabeth of Hungary
St. Hugh of Lincoln
St. Hilda

Tues

Dedication of the Basilica of St. Peter & St. Paul

Fri

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sat

St. Cecilia

Sun

Christ the King

Readings for Sun 23rd Nov

2 Samuel 5: 1-3
Colossians 1: 12-20
Luke 23: 35-43

Belfast Jesuit Centre. Waiting in Wonder: Lectio and Visio Divina for Advent: A four-week contemplative series beginning Tuesday 25th November, inviting participants to pray with scripture, poetry, and art. Faith & Film: Romero: The final movie in our Jubilee Year of Hope series, taking place on Thursday 27th November. Both events are open to all and offer a gentle space for reflection and community. For full details contact bjc@jesuit.ie or Tel 07955 282371. <https://belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk>

PARISH CELL GROUP MEETINGS

There will be a Cell meeting at 7.30 pm on Tues, 18th Nov. For more information, please contact Margaret Webb: 07779729505 or Anne McFerran: 07809906792

There will be a meeting at 11.00 am on Wed, 19th Nov.

Contact Matt Monaghan: 07428247820 or Jim Mullan: 07841428436.

“Come and see.”

(www.parishcellsireland.ie)

YOUTH CORNER

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY Wed. 7pm – 9pm At Greencastle Parish Office. Please join the NET Team for a 6-week, young adult (18 – 30) Bible study. This is a time for growing in Faith, building fellowship and having fun. Please RSVP the NET team at 07823368504.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & PRAISE AND WORSHIP Every Thursday, 7 - 8pm in St James' Church, Whiteabbey. All welcome!

YOUTH 2000 PRAYER GROUP On Fridays at 7pm, starting on 7th November, we are hosting a Youth 2000 prayer group. Please join us at St Mary's Greencastle for adoration, bible study, and praise/worship music!

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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