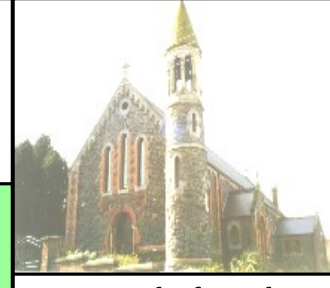




Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes

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22nd January 2023 3rd Sunday of the Year Cycle A Week 3

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Readings for Sun 22nd Jan
First Reading - Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3
Second Reading - Corinthians 1: 10-13,17
Gospel - Matthew 4: 12 - 23

Mass Times (** Streamed Masses - see website for details)

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

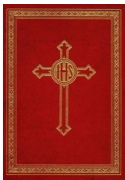
Bulletin Notices
to be submitted to the parish
Email Address
by **12 noon Wednesday**

Requiescant in Pace

The **Rosary** is held
Every Wednesday at
6.30pm in
Mount Saint Nicholas

The **Sacrament of Penance** is
available on the
first Wednesday of the month
from 6.00pm to 6.45pm in
the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at
Mount Saint Nicholas.

Anniversaries
Edward (Ted) Gerring
Winifred & Thomas McKeown
May McGivern
David McGivern
Hugh O'Hara
Sheila Mulholland
Maureen Edwards



Sunday January 22nd has been designated as the

Sunday of the Word of God.

Father Owens will recommission all Ministers of the Word during the 9.30am Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church Whitehead and in St. Nicholas' Church during 11.30am Mass.

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

PARISH CELL GROUP MEETINGS
Tues, 24th January: There will be a cell meeting at 11.00 in Lourdes Pastoral Centre. For more details contact Ruth Bates 02893 378958.
There will also be a cell meeting in Carrickfergus at 8pm. Contact: Margaret Webb: 07779729505 or Anne McFerran: 07809906792
Wed, 25th January: There will be a cell meeting at 11.00 in a meeting room at the back of Saint Nicholas' Church. Contact: Matt Monaghan: 07428247820 or Jim Mullan: 07841428436



There will be a social morning in **Lourdes Pastoral Centre** on Monday 30th January, from 11am - 1pm. Everyone is welcome. There will be a children's corner, a book exchange table, free tea and coffee and just time and space to catch up. Hope you can join us.

Collections for this Sunday 22nd January 2023
Weekly Collection
(White envelopes) can be put in the marked Collection Boxes as you enter the Church.
Thank you.

Candlemas Day Thurs 2nd Feb.

Candles will be blessed at the following weekend Masses. If you would like to purchase a candle/candles for Candlemas please contact Anne in the Repository at St. Nicholas' or Gerardine in Our Lady of Lourdes.



ARCHBISHOP NOEL TREANOR

Today, Sunday 22nd January 2023, Archbishop Noel Treanor leaves the Diocese of Down and Connor, where he served as Bishop for fourteen and a half years and since November 2022 as Apostolic Administrator, to assume his new appointment as Apostolic Nuncio to the European Union. During the coming week, unless the Pope appoints another Apostolic Administrator (a neighbouring bishop), the Down and Connor College of Consultors (a subgroup of the Council of Priests) will meet to elect a priest of our diocese to serve as Diocesan Administrator until the Pope appoints a new bishop.

The appointment of Dr Treanor as papal ambassador to the European Union (with the title of Archbishop and becoming Bishop Emeritus of Down and Connor) is an expression of the Pope's respect for and confidence in the competence and expertise of our former bishop in the field of European affairs – before coming to our diocese in 2008 he served for 20 years as Secretary General of the Conference of European Catholic Bishops, based in Brussels.

Over the past week Archbishop Treanor has met with various groups within our diocese – the priests and deacons and religious, the chairs of Parish Pastoral Councils and Pastoral Community Forums, the staff of the curial offices and all the diocesan departments, representatives of other churches and the civil authorities, and local leaders in the fields of education, health and social services with whom he has worked closely.

These occasions have provided an opportunity to thank Dr Treanor for his many years of pastoral service among us and to wish him every grace and blessing for his new assignment as Apostolic Nuncio to the European Union.

On a very personal note, I like all my fellow priests in Down and Connor, am delighted that Archbishop Treanor has been so honoured by our Holy Father Pope Francis, but am extremely sad that he is leaving us. I have worked very closely with him as Episcopal Vicar for Safeguarding and as a Vicar Forane and a member of the Council of Priests and the College of Consultors. I have been a privileged witness to his compassion for and dedication to victims and survivors of clerical sexual abuse and their families, mostly discreetly and quietly. Also I have collaborated with him in the provision of various personal and professional services to the priests of our diocese, and again have been party to his unfailing care and support for all our priests and deacons and religious.

In countless ways I have personally experienced his genuine desire to serve the best interests of all our parishes and the wider community, especially in the area of safeguarding.

On the occasion of the deaths of my father and mother in February and August 2018 he was to me a true father in Christ and friend – I will always remember his kindness during the most painful time in my life.

So, along with you, dear parishioners, I thank Archbishop Treanor for all he has shared with us, and ask God to bless him as he assumes his new role in the service of the Holy See and the Universal Church.

AD MULTOS ANNOS

Fr Peter

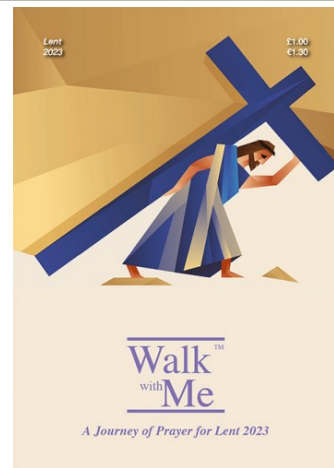


Parish Shop.

2023 Calendars and Diocesan Directories are available from the parish shop.

Lenten Books 2023

If you would like to order a copy of the “Walk with Me” Lenten book, please leave your name in the Parish Repository, or contact Anne on 07449 749476. Price £1.00



Living Church – Faith Development Conference



in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Shaw’s Bridge, Belfast, on Saturday 28th January 2023.

Our keynote speaker will be Mr David Wells.

The closing date for registration is Wed 28th Jan, go to: www.livingchurchevents.com. Or to request an application form, contact Claire at the Living Church Office, 02890690920 or livingchurch@downandconnor.org

Special Belfast Pilgrimage to Fatima

last remaining places 9-14th June 2023 Ex Dublin for Feast Day of Saint Anthony Patron Saint of Portugal visit Saint Anthonys birthplace and baptismal font in Lisbon contact James Treacy 0035361921470

Join us this February/March for the Beloved Disciples Programme

which explores and celebrates the gifts that older people bring to our Church community. The programme, designed for the over 60's runs for 4 weeks. Over a cup of tea/coffee there will be opportunities for talking and listening and sharing what our faith means to us as we continue our journey seeking to grow in the love of Christ and others. The programme for women, will begin on Friday 10th February at 11:00am at Living Church 120 Cliftonville Rd, Belfast, and will conclude on Friday 3rd March. Each session will be approximately one hour long and will be facilitated by Fr Paul Byrne from the Living Church Office.

We look forward to welcoming you!

To Book Contact Claire:

Email: livingchurch@downandconnor.org
Tel: 028 9069 0920

The annual 4 Corners Festival

has announced its dates for 2023 and this year’s theme which will be Dreams... Visions for Belfast. The festival will feature a range of art, music, discussion, sport and faith-based events from January 27 to February 5 in venues across the city. The full programme is now live, for more information go to www.4cornersfestival.com/the-festival

Foster Care Services and Support

Can you spare an hour a day, an overnight or a weekend or more to make a difference in a child’s life. If you can, then contact the Regional Fostering Team at www.adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net or on 0800 0720 137.

Dates for your diary



Sun 22nd Jan
Word of God

Recommissioning of Ministers at Sunday Masses

Wed 1st Feb
St. Brigid

Making St. Brigid Crosses (Further details to follow)



Thurs 2nd Feb
Candlemas

Blessing of Candles will take place at Masses on Sun 5th



Sat 11th Feb

World Day of Prayer for the Sick

Blessing of the Sick 3pm

in Our Lady of Lourdes Church Whitehead. (refreshments afterwards)



Dromantine New Workshops 2023

NODDING OFF

How to sleep deeper and better for longer
Sat, 18 February (9.30am - 4.30pm) 2023 - £40 / €45

DIFFICULT PEOPLE

How to bring out the best of people at their worst
Sat, 11 March (9.30am - 4.30pm) 2023 - £40 / €45

RETREAT: THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE

A journey from success to significance
Sun, 30 April (5pm) - Fri, 5 May 9am) 2023 - £460 / €520

FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Discover your character strengths and reach your true potential
Fri, 12 May (5pm) - Sun, 14 May (2pm) 2023 - £225 / €255

STOP MISSING YOUR LIFE

Stress, burnout and discovering a calmer you
Friday, 01 September (5pm) - Sunday, 03 September (2pm) 2023
£225 / €255

LET EVENING COME

Finding comfort and healing after loss and bereavement
Fri, 13 October (5pm) - Sun, 15 October (2pm) 2023 - £225 / €255

Workshop Facilitator: Father Hugh Lagan SMA

Please contact Jacinta or Louisa to reserve your place:
TEL: 028 (048 from ROI) 3082 1964
EMAIL: admin@dromantineconference.com

This Coming Week

23rd Jan - 29th Jan

Tues

St. Francis de Sales

Wed

Conversion of St. Paul

Thurs

St. Timothy, St. Titus

Fri

St. Angela Merici

Sat

St. Thomas Aquinas

Sun

4th Sun in Ordinary Time

Readings for Sun 29th Jan

Zephaniah 2:3 3:12 – 13

Corinthians 1: 26 - 31

Matthew 5: 1 - 12