



Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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Our Lady of Lourdes

11th January 2026

Baptism of the Lord

Cycle A Week 3

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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

Requiescant in Pace



Month Mind

Hubert McKeown

Anniversaries

Madge Hagan
Patrick Armstrong
Eamonn Newell (1st)

Margo Magee
Vincent Woods
Edward Maxwell
Jeffrey Stanley
Johnny McGuinness
Tom McKeown
Kate McManus
Greta Boyd (30th)
Baby Martin Boyd (70th)
James Muir

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

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

PARISH CELL GROUP MEETINGS

There will be a Cell meeting at 7.30 and 8.00pm on Tuesday, 13th Jan. For more information, please contact Margaret Webb: 07779729505 or Anne McFerran: 07809906792

There will be a meeting at 11.00 am on Wed, 14th Jan.
Contact Matt Monaghan: 07428247820 or Jim Mullan: 07841428436.
"Come and see" (www.parishcellsireland.ie)

ATTENTION LOURDES...A DATE FOR YOUR CALENDAR. It is OUR turn to host the WORLD DAY OF PRAYER on FRIDAY 6TH MARCH 2026 at 8 PM, organised by the ladies in NIGERIA.

If you would like to participate or even want to find out about it, the AGM takes place this coming THURSDAY 15th JANUARY AT LOURDES PASTORAL CENTRE AT 7.30 PM starting with a cup of tea.

For further information do phone Ruth on 0787 64208 67. The WORLD certainly needs our prayers - please come.

Floral Donations

We would like to thank all those who contributed so generously with donations towards the Christmas Flowers.

Anne Quinn in St. Nicholas' and Margaret O'Neill in Our Lady of Lourdes.

Whitehead Cells will start on Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 11am at 4 Marine Parade. New members welcome. Tel Ruth 07876420867

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland

Dates: 20 -22 March 2026

A WEEKEND LIKE NO OTHER.

Venue: "St Marys" Knock, Co. Mayo Online:
www.marriageencounter.ie

DOMINICAN COLLEGE FORTWILLIAM OPEN DAY

Saturday 17th January 2026 from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm
Principal's address at 9.30 am and 11.00 am
(Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils all welcome)

Trocaire Christmas Gifts of Change 2025

A sincere thanks for all those parishioners who purchased Trocaire Gift Cards and made donations to help fund projects for children and families this Christmas. You have contributed **£1,385.00** to this year's annual appeal.

Thank you for your ongoing support for Trocaire's projects. *Patrick Quinn*



Parish Shop

Confirmation Cards & Gifts now available

Open each Sunday.

See parish website for more information
www.carrickparish.org/shop

“Let Justice Flow Like Rivers”: All-Ireland Churches to Gather for Landmark Creation Care Conference

Newry, 17th January 2026 — Church leaders, politicians, theologians, scientists and grassroots practitioners from across Ireland will come together in Newry this January for a major all-Ireland conference on Creation Care.

Entitled “Let Justice Flow Like Rivers”, the conference will take place on Sat. 17th Jan. 2026, from 10.00am to 3.30pm in the Canal Court Hotel, Newry and will focus on how churches can respond credibly and practically to the ecological crisis through theology, science, reconciliation and action.

Tickets are £10 to be purchased at <https://letjustflow.eventbrite.ie> Further info from:
info@irishchurches.org

Sat. 7th Feb. in the North Down Museum Bangor:

Enjoy a demonstration of St Brigid Cross Making and using the materials provided make your own cross.

Refreshments provided. Limited number of places. For

more info and to book now go to [https://](https://www.visitardsandnorthdown.com/whats-on/celtic-saints-a-journey-through-time-and-tradition-p948071)

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Beginning Experience

The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (31st January, 28th February and 28th March) Booking essential. To find out more, contact Pauline 07519289185 or Marie 07896119669 or email belfastbe@yahoo.com

There will be a **Eucharistic Healing Service** in St Matthew's Church, Short Strand, East Belfast, on Thursday 22nd January at 7pm.
Music with Fionnuala O'Neill and Family. Tea and light refreshments to follow.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 12th January at 7.30pm in the Crowne Plaza, Shaws Bridge, Belfast. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents. You do not need to register in advance. We also offer an online support group meeting.

Online Bereavement Information Evening on Thursday 22nd January at 7pm. To find out more call 02895213120 or email info@anamcara.ie For more information visit www.anamcara.ie.

Liturgical ‘Sign of Peace’

The Sign of Peace remains an integral part of the celebration of the Eucharist and has been reintroduced as a normal practice across the Diocese.

The customary expression of the Sign of Peace in Ireland is a handshake. However, other non-contact forms of the sign of peace such as a nod, a bow or a smile are also legitimate expressions of the Sign of Peace. No offence should be taken if someone prefers to express a non-contact Sign of Peace.

The Diocese encourages all to continue to exercise good hygienic practices, and if they exhibit flu-like symptoms, they are encouraged to remain at home.

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

Thursdays, 7 - 8pm in St James' Whiteabbey.

YOUTH 2000 PRAYER GROUP

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

This Coming Week 12th Jan – 18th Jan

Tues

St. Hilary, Bishop

Thurs

St. Ita

Fri

St. Fursa

Sat

St. Anthony

Sun

2nd Sunday of the Year

Readings for Sun 18th Jan

Isaiah 49: 3,5-6
Corinthians 1: 1-3
John 1: 29-34

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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Loughshore	www.loughshoreparishes.org	Very Rev. David Delargy PP	(028) 9037 0845