



Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes

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10th March 2024 Fourth Sunday in Lent Cycle B Week 4

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Mass Times this week (** 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**

The **Rosary** is held before Wednesday Services 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.

Baptisms
(one month's notice)
Whitehead 1st Sun of the month
C'fergus 3rd Sun of the month
Weddings
(three month's notice)
By arrangement
Funerals
By arrangement

Eucharistic Adoration is available every Saturday between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Mount St. Nicholas.

Parish Lenten Services on the theme of The Mass

Please come along and join in our Parish Lenten Services this Lent. Our Panel of Catechists will present a series of talks in Carrickfergus at 7.30 p.m. on the Mass, aimed at giving us a greater insight into why we do what we do at Mass. The final event in the programme is as follows: -

11th March - A discussion on the Eucharist, God with us in the Blessed Sacrament. This talk will be extended to include a period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please also consider attending weekday Mass if you can during Lent, perhaps as your way of observing Lent this year.

The Panel of Catechists and Liturgy Group

Teas in Carrickfergus

The Events team will be providing refreshments **TODAY** after 11.30 Mass. Please feel free to join us.

World Day of Prayer 2024

Many thanks to everyone who supported the recent World Day of Prayer service, held in the Whitehead Presbyterian Church. A total of £798 was raised at the event. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Carrickfergus St Vincent de Paul

Have you ever thought of volunteering? St Vincent de Paul is an international charity and the largest voluntary charity in Ireland.


Our volunteers assist everyone from our neighbours down the road to refugees across the street, families living next door and asylum seekers desperate for a home. Whatever their background, SVP is here to help those who need support the most.

If you have a spare hour and want to do some good in your local community, we would love you to come and volunteer with us. Every hour a volunteer can spare makes a positive difference in someone's life.

To find out more please visit our website <https://www.svp.ie/ways-to-help/volunteer/>

Cemetery Sunday

in the Parish will take place this year on **Sunday 2nd 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 - 3.00 pm

Requiescant in Pace

Month Mind
Sean Moran
Anniversaries
Martha Theresa McCusker
Christopher 'Ted' McCusker
Eileen Rice
Kathleen O'Toole
Margaret Brogan
Terry Maginn
Danny Campey
Mary Campey
Callum Lee
*Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine
upon them. May they rest in peace.
Amen*

The second collection next Sunday is for Needy Parishes

Lenten Pledge

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during the season of Lent. You can do likewise. Please consider taking the short-term Pioneer Lenten pledge and say the prayer daily.

"I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink during Lent."



Parish shop.

Open before and after Sunday Mass. See our latest offers at www.carrickparish.org/shop for more info.

Blessed candles are available from the Parish Shop.



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 or put your donation in the boxes provided. Thank you.



Permanent Diaconate

Information evenings for those wishing to explore the Permanent Diaconate or to hear more about the work of permanent deacons will take place in All Saints' Church Broughshane Road Ballymena on 12th March at 7.30 pm

And also at St Brigid's Church in the Parochial Hall, Derryvolgie Avenue Belfast on 20th March 2024 at 7.30pm.

Further relevant information can be found on the Diocesan website <https://www.downandconnor.org/living-church/diaconate/>

It is hoped to commence a propaedeutic year of discernment in September 2024. Expressions of Interest forms will be issued by email to those who have responded to this announcement and the formal application and interview process will commence, with a view to completion in June 2024.

Whitehead Ladies Choir.

Under the direction of Mrs Diane Creighton, Whitehead Ladies Choir will perform Faure's Requiem on Tuesday 26 March at 7.30pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church Whitehead. This will coincide with the 100th anniversary of Faure's death and the 10th anniversary of the choir. The soloists are Susan Shepherd soprano and Claire Pollard mezzo soprano. Light refreshments will be available after the performance. Free tickets are available from Whitehead Community Centre or Mary Boylan 07841343797

St Peter's Cathedral Girls' Choir

We are thrilled to announce the first-ever Diocesan girls' choir based at the Cathedral. Girls aged 11-18 are invited to join this new and exciting initiative.

Open auditions will take place Thursday 7 March 2024 between 4:30pm -6:00pm in the Cathedral Hall (left of the church as you drive through the main gates).

While it is not essential to prepare anything, you are welcome to bring a piece if you are comfortable to do so.

For more details, contact Mr James McConnell at cathedralmusic@downandconnor.org

The Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary presents Matt Fradd, an American-based Catholic speaker who hosts the well-known Podcast Pints with Aquinas. He will give 2 talks on Saturday 23 March 2024 at 7pm in Titanic Hotel Belfast. Tickets can be purchased at universe.com/MattFraddBelfast

St Patrick's Dawn Prayer Gathering

Continuing the legacy of Saint Patrick a group of Christians will gather at 5:45 am at his grave on Saint Patrick's morning 17th March. We will pray The Our Father/ The Lord's Prayer, one hundred times for peace and unity in Christ among our peoples. Everyone welcome.

A ST PATRICK'S WAY

pilgrimage experience in Downpatrick on March 16, led by pilgrim guides Martina Purdy and Elaine Kelly. Visit The Saint Patrick Centre, see IMAX film, & receive passport to walk with guides to Inch Abbey and Saul Church & St Patrick's grave. Lunch and bus transfers inc £35 pp. 9am-3pm More info contact the Centre 02844 619000 (The walk is approx 6 miles)

Lough Derg - Young Adults Retreat

Calling all 18 30 year olds!

Do you want to explore your faith with other like-minded young people in a beautiful and reflective location?

Join us for a Retreat for Young Adults at Lough Derg, Pettigo County Donegal on Saturday 27th April 2024 from 10am to 4pm. Refreshments and Lunch provided. This Retreat is organised by The Knights of St Columbanus Omagh and is free of charge.

To Register please visit tiny.cc/loughderg, or Email info@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk

This Coming Week

11th Mar - 17th Mar

Mon

St. Aengus

Fri

St. Louise

Sun

5th Sunday in Lent

St. Patrick

Readings for Sun 17th Mar

Jeremiah 31: 31- 34

Hebrews 5: 7-9

John 12: 20 - 33

Contact details for Loughshore Pastoral Community

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