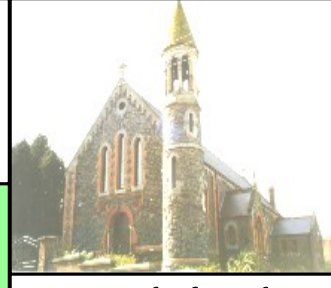




Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes

Follow us on-line at www.carrickparish.org

28th April 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Cycle B Week 1

Fr. Peter Owens PP, VF

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Mass Times week (** Streamed Masses - see website for link)

| 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**

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

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.

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

Down and Connor Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 2024

Led by Bishop Alan McGuckian S.J Spiritual Directors Fr G
McCloskey, Fr M Graham, Canon S Gilmore 20 Aug 2024. 7 Nights
£799 per person sharing direct return flights from Dublin to Lisbon
afternoon flights. 20KG bags included. Return airport transfers in
Fatima. 7 Nights Hotel Avenida. Full board: breakfast, lunch &
dinner. For further information please contact:
Joe Catney 07776 425 631/02890714001



Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Margaret Devine (1st)
Meta Devine
Susie McGivern
Bridget Murray

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

Striding for St Nicholas'

Hannah McKernon will be walking the 8 Mile Belfast Marathon
Walk on Sunday 5th May. Her four grandchildren, Reuben, Isla,
Olivia and Noah will be joining her to raise much-needed funds
for St Nicholas' Primary School. Please consider donating
anything you can to such a great cause. You can search "Striding
for St. Nicholas'" on GoFundMe.



Thank you!

The Events Team

Bus Trip to Newcastle - Saturday 1st June
We have now reached full capacity for our bus trip to
Newcastle. Details of cost and times will follow in the
next few weeks.



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



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*

Carrick Parish Foodbank

If you can help donate food items, please leave in the green box in the church porch.

- Milk (UHT), Sugar (500g), ● Fruit Juice (Long life carton),
- Soup, ● Cereals, ● Pasta Sauces,
- Tinned Goods ● Tea Bags/Instant Coffee, ● Instant Mash Potato,
- Rice/Pasta, ● Tinned Meat/Fish/ Fruit, ● Jam, ● Biscuits or snack bars. Etc.

Thank you



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.



Lough Derg

Full details of all programmes and pilgrimage opportunities are now available on our website www.loughderg.org

Booking may be done online or by Tel: 0(0353) 71 9861518



ANNUAL PARISH CENSUS 2024

A count of attendance will take place at all Masses across the Diocese this weekend, 27 and 28 April 2024. The annual parish census captures valuable information about the numbers, ages, and gender of people attending Mass. This information helps the Diocese and parishes to identify pastoral priorities, make plans to address them, and provide support to our faith communities.

When you arrive at Mass, you will be given a small counter for yourself and for each person in your family group and will be asked to place the counters in baskets labelled according to age. There will be red counters for females and blue counters for males. The baskets will be labelled with age bands and the number of counters for each age band will be recorded after each Mass.

Thank you for your patience and co-operation.



"Big Band for a Big Cause"

In aid of Marie Curie charity, you're invited to an evening with Dana and the PM Big Band on Friday May 31st at The Theatre at the Mill at 7:45pm. Vocalists Ceara Grehan and David Hamilton will feature in a night of music featuring songs of Sinatra, Glen Miller, Michael Buble, Tom Jones and Amy Winehouse. Tickets £25 from theatre box office 0300 123 7788.

Mediate with Mary in May

An invitation to pray with art, sacred scripture and reflect on the life of Mary Sacred Heart Hall, Ballyclare. Tues 7th, 14th & 21st May
7.50pm to 8.30pm For further details email ballyclare@downandconnor.org

Annual All Ireland Rosary Rally

We are happy to announce that the Annual All Ireland Rosary Rally is scheduled to take place at Knock Shrine on Saturday 1st June 2024. It is an occasion to celebrate with families and friends our belief in the power of prayer.

The All-Ireland Rosary Rally is indeed an occasion for families to come together to pray and be inspired. Please encourage the faithful to join us on this prayer-filled occasion at Knock Shrine on Saturday, 1st June 2024. The day will start at 1 pm with a talk by Mother Adela Galindo (Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary), and the Main Celebrant will be Bishop Phonsie Cullinan, Bishop of Waterford, and Lismore.

www.allirelandrosaryrally.com

Date for your Diary

The **PARISH RETREAT** will take place on 5th & 6th October.
Further information to follow.

This Coming Week

29th Apr - 5th May

Mon

St. Catherine of Siena

Tues

St. Pius V, Pope

Wed

St. Joseph the Worker

Thurs

St. Athanasius

Fri

St. Philip & St. James

Sat

English Martyrs

St. Conleth

St. Richard Reynolds

Sun

6th Sun of Easter

Readings for Sun 5th May

Acts 10: 25-26,34-35,44-48

1 John 4: 7 - 10

John 15: 9 - 17

Contact details for Loughshore Pastoral Community

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| Glengormley | www.stmarysonthehill.online | Very Rev. Pat Sheehan PP Very Rev. Canon Aidan Kerr PE PM Very Rev. Canon Brendan Beagon PE PM | (028) 9083 2979 (028) 9083 2488 (028) 9084 1507 |
| Loughshore | www.loughshoreparishes.org | Very Rev. David Delargy PP | (028) 9037 0845 |
| St Gerard's | www.stgerardsparish.co.uk | Rev. Patrick O'Keefe CSsR PP Rev. Denis Luddy CSsR CC | (028) 9077 4833 |