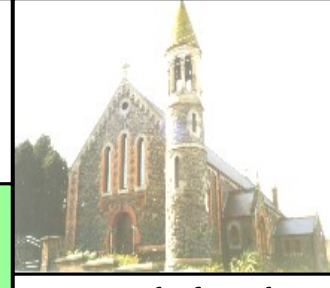




Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes

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5th May 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Cycle B Week 2

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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

Requiescant in Pace



Recently Deceased

Canon Brendan Beagon P.E.

Month Mind

Phyllis Haveron

Anniversaries

Josephine Donaghy

May Muir

Mary McAree

Maisie Polland

Lily Poland

Denis Bailie

Sally Glanville

Rose Shanks Poland

Isabella Poland

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

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

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.

Pentecost Celebration

The birthday of the Church will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, 19th May.
Everyone is invited to wear something red in recognition of this important feast
day in our liturgical calendar. Both churches will be decorated for the occasion
and some of our foreign national parishioners will read the bidding prayers in
their mother tongue for us.

The children who will receive their First Holy Communion this week are invited
to come wearing their special clothes.

The children who had the Sacrament of Confirmation conferred on them recently
are also invited to come and celebrate this great feast,
when the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles. The hospitality teams will provide
refreshments after each Mass. Everyone is welcome.

Teas, Art and Photographic Displays in Whitehead

Light refreshments will be available in the Pastoral Centre in Whitehead after
09.30 Mass on Sunday, 19th May.

There will also be art and photographic displays in the Pastoral Centre,
showcasing some of the artwork and photographs from our talented contributors
to the event. Everyone is welcome.

Trocaire Lenten Appeal - £4,302.04 raised.

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



Today's second collection is for the Monthly Stipend.

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.



Mary's Meals - Pray in May Mary's Meals, provides school meals to over 2.4 million children every day. During the month of May, dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in praying for the hungry children who rely on our life-changing school meals, and for all the children and families around the world who live in poverty. We are praying particularly for families facing extreme food insecurity and hunger in Ethiopia.

Further details on our Ethiopia appeal and prayer resources for adults and children can be found at www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay

Christian Aid Week (Whitehead)

Christian Aid Week 2024 runs from Sunday 12th to Saturday 18th May, focussing this year on the needs of the people of Burundi. Christian Aid envelopes are available at the back of the church in Whitehead. If you would like to support Christian Aid week this year, please take an envelope today and return it next weekend. Thank you.

First Holy Communion

Could we ask all our parishioners to keep in their prayers this week our parish children who are receiving their First Holy Communion on Saturday 11th May. Parents, we would so love to see your children in their special clothes at Mass on Sunday 12th May in either Whitehead or Carrickfergus. The Liturgy Group.

PARISH CELL GROUP MEETINGS

Tuesday, 7th May: There will be a cell meeting at 11.00am in 4 Marine Parade, Whitehead.

Contact Ruth Bates 07876420867. There will also be a cell meeting in Carrick at 8pm. Contact: Margaret Webb: 07779729505 or Anne Ferran: 07809906792. **Wednesday, 8th May:** There will be a cell meeting at 11.00 in the committee room at the back of St Nicholas' Church. Contact: Matt Monaghan: 07428247820 or Jim Mullan: 07841428436 All are welcome. "Come and see."

ANNUAL NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

We will celebrate this year with our neighbouring Parishes and our theme will be "Creating a Culture of Care" the Novena will reflect on the love of our compassionate God; a love that knows no bounds

HOLY FAMILY PARISH CHURCH LIMESTONE ROAD

MONDAY 13TH MAY TO FRIDAY 17TH MAY 9:30 and 19:30

MONDAY 20TH MAY AND TUESDAY 21ST MAY 9:30 and 19:30

ST GERARD'S PARISH CHURCH, ANTRIM ROAD

SATURDAY 18TH 9:30 and 18:30

SUNDAY 19TH 9:30, 11:30 and 19:30

St Gerard's Parish warmly invite you to participate in our Annual Novena in honour of Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Benedictine Monks at Holy Cross Abbey

inviting you to reflect on the Synodal Journey with Dr. Catherine E. Clifford. The event takes place over three evenings, Tuesday 14th May, Wednesday 15th May and Thursday 16th May 2024 @ 7.30 p.m. in Holy Cross Abbey, Rostrevor. Everyone is welcome to any one or all these evenings.

Anam Cara Belfast, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday 13th May at 7:30pm in the Balmoral Hotel, Belfast, BT10 ND. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online meeting which takes place 2nd Thursday To join please contact us on 028 95213120.

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

This Coming Week

6th May - 12th May

Fri

St. Comgall
St. John of Avila

Sun

Ascension of the Lord

Readings for Sun 12th May

Acts 1: 1-11
Ephesians 1: 17 - 23
Mark 16: 15 - 20

Date for your Diary

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

Contact details for Loughshore Pastoral Community

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Carrickfergus	www.carrickparish.org	Very Rev. Peter Owens, PP VF	(028) 9336 3269
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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