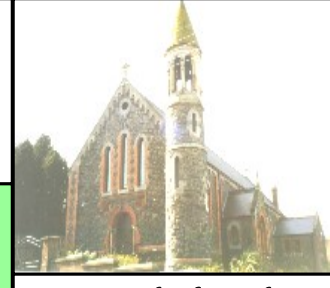




Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes

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19th March 2023 4th Sunday of Lent Cycle A Week 4

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Readings for this Sunday
First Reading - 1 Samuel 16: 1, 6 – 7, 10 - 13
Second Reading - Ephesians 5: 8 - 14
Gospel - John 9: 1 - 41

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**

The **Rosary** is held Every Wednesday at 9.30am in Our Lady of Lourdes and 6.30pm in Mount Saint Nicholas

Requiescant in Pace


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.

Recently Deceased
Teresa Boylan
Anniversaries
William McVeigh
Liz Kinney
*Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine
upon them. May they rest in peace.
Amen*

Parish Lenten Services - Mondays at 7:30 p.m.
Please come along and join our final Parish Lenten Services this Lent, as we wrestle to grow in love for Jesus our Saviour. The theme will be as follows:
20th March - Visio Divina (Divine Seeing) in Carrickfergus.
Visio Divina is one form of prayer using images – works of art, statues, stained glass windows and even images in nature. Learn how to pray with Visio Divina and be inspired to try it in your prayers.
Light refreshments will be provided afterwards. The Liturgy Group

Offerings
Weekly Collections for the four weeks in Feb amounted to £4,749.20
Stipend Collection £1,029.00
Sick & Retired Priests £451.00
Many thanks for you generosity

PARISH CELL GROUP MEETINGS
Tuesday, 21st March: 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
Wednesday, 22nd March: 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
All are welcome. "Come and see."

Collections this Sun 19th March 2023
Weekly (White envelopes)
Collection and Needy Parishes (Blue Envelope) can be put in the marked Collection Boxes as you enter the Church. Thank you.

Trocaire Lenten Boxes / Envelopes
Please return your Lenten Boxes or Envelopes to the Church for Holy Thursday.
Anyone making a Trocaire donation online through the Parish bank account, please mark your bank reference 'Lent23'.
If you require any further information please contact Patrick Quinn.

Altar servers training every Sunday in Carrickfergus after 11:30am Mass for about 20 mins.
Please come and join us.

2023-24 Envelope Boxes - Envelope boxes are available from this weekend.



Holy Thursday - Eucharistic Adoration

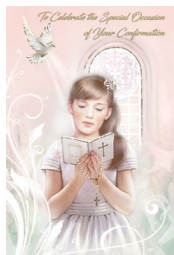


Would you be willing to spend 30 minutes with Jesus? Eucharistic Adoration will take place after Mass on Holy Thursday, 6th April, from 8:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Could you commit to remaining in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament for half an hour during this time?

If so, please put your name on the sheet at the back of the church. Thank you.

Gifts & Cards for all occasions including **Mother's Day, Confirmation & Easter**, are available from the Parish Repository



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.

Parish Autumn Retreat at Drumalis

Saturday 30th September – Sunday 1st October 2023. Information please contact Ruth Bates at 02893 378958 or Text 0787 6420867

Parish Visitation Group

The PPC would like to get a Parish Visitation Group started again. We need volunteers from Whitehead and Carrickfergus. If you are interested and have a couple of hours a month free to visit parishioners who are house bound or newcomers to the parish, there will be an introductory meeting on Wednesday 22nd March at 7pm at Lourdes Pastoral Centre Whitehead. Everyone is welcome.

Or please contact Mary McCormack on 07712451551 for more information.

World Day of Prayer 2023

Many thanks to everyone who supported the recent World Day of Prayer, held in the Whitehead Methodist Church. A total of £548 was raised at the event. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

LEGION OF MARY MORNING STAR VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Catholic men and women wanted to join The Legion of Mary, to help with the mission of the Legion to care for the spiritual and temporal needs of vulnerable and homeless men living in Morning Star House. For more information please call 07596128437 after 5pm any day.

Dementia Awareness Training

for faith based groups
Tues 28th March
Larne Market Yard
Wed 29th March
The Braid Ballymena
Thurs 30th March
Carrickfergus Town Hall
For further information please phone Amanda Cotter on 028 25633196

Foster Care Services and Support

There are children in crisis today in our local communities – children of all ages and all abilities. 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.....remember, every child is just one caring adult away from success.

Lay Ministry Enrichment Days

Baptism – Our Call to Mission:

Online Session: Wed 22nd March 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Enrichment Day Choice of: Sat 25th March: Holy

Rosary Parish Centre 10.00am – 4.00pm

Sat 1st April 2023: Newcastle Parish Centre 10.00am – 4.00pm

To Book visit: <https://forms.office.com/e/1wcC3F7F31>

Proclaiming the Word of God in the Gathered Community: Online Session: Mon 17th April 7.00pm – 8.30pm. Enrichment Day Choice of:

Sat 22nd April: Holy Rosary Parish Centre 10am – 4pm

Sat 29th April: Newcastle Parish Centre 10am – 4pm

To Book visit: <https://forms.office.com/e/9NgX0LKevW>

Eucharist – Food for the Journey:

Online Session Wed 10th May 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Enrichment Day: Sat 13th May: Holy Rosary Parish Centre 10am – 4pm

Sat 20th May: Newcastle Parish Centre 10am – 4pm

To Book visit: <https://forms.office.com/e/hDNes3KNC9>
Should you require more information please contact Aishling Steena.steena@downandconnor.org

RTE Mass

Sun, 19 March at 11am will be said by Bishop Crean to mark Trócaire's 50th year and to reflect on the work of Trócaire over the past five decades.

This Coming Week

20th Mar - 26th Mar

Tues
St. Enda

Thurs
St. Turibius de Mongrovejo

Fri
St. Macartan

Sat
The Annunciation of the Lord

Sun
5th Sun of Lent

Readings for Sun 26th Mar

Ezekiel 37: 12 – 14

Romans 8: 8 - 11

John 11: 1 - 45

Covid Update - Good Practice

Many of you will have noticed that the wearing of masks/face coverings in closed surroundings has become the exception rather than the norm. It was never a mandatory requirement to wear a mask/face covering in church but Diocesan guidance **remains**, that all parishioners and visitors to our church services are **encouraged** to sanitise their hands as they enter the church and to wear a mask particularly while moving around inside the church. Our aim is always to keep parishioners safe, minimise the COVID risk and to promote confidence in coming to church. Thank you for your ongoing consideration.