

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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Saint Nicholas'

Our Lady of Lourdes

26th April 2026

4th Sunday of Easter

Cycle A Week 4

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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.

Confessions

are available on Sunday mornings
from 11.00am to 11.20am
in St. Nicholas' Carrickfergus.

Eucharistic Adoration is available every
Saturday between 11.00 and 12.00 noon in
Mount St. Nicholas' (please enter via the
back door of the church).

Bulletin Notices

to be submitted to the
parish Email Address by
12 noon Wednesday

Mass Times for week starting Sunday 26th April

(** Streamed Masses - see parish website for link)

Holy Days : As announced.

St. Nicholas' Carrickfergus

Our Lady of Lourdes Whitehead

Sun 11.30am **

Sun 9.30am

Mon 8.00am

Tues 8.00am

Wed 7.00pm **

Wed 10.00am

Thurs 8.00am

Fri 8.00am

Requiescant in Pace



Recently Deceased

Marcella Shiels

Month Mind

Louise Corey

Anniversaries

Bridget Murray

Margaret Devine

Meta Devine

May Muir

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

Do This in Memory Mass

The final Do This in Memory Mass prior to First Communion on Saturday May 16th, is being held today Sunday April 26th.

We welcome all the First Communicants and their families.

Light refreshments will be available for everyone after Mass.

Mary's Meals

A representative from Mary's Meals will speak at mass next weekend about their life-changing work of feeding a daily school meal to over 3 million children in some of the world's poorest countries of the world Mary's Meals welcomes your prayers in support of their work and there will be prayer card available after mass. There will also be a collection after mass with buckets and a card machine if you wish to support financially. Further information can be found at

www.marysmeals.org.uk

ADVANCE BOOKING FOR PARISH RETREAT

which is taking place on Saturday
3rd October 5pm to Sunday 5pm
2026. Please phone Ruth Bates
on 0787 64208 67.

Cemetery Sunday 31st May 2026

Islandmagee After 9.30am Mass

Mount St. Nicholas' After 11.30am Mass

Victoria - 2.00pm

Prospect -3.00pm

Milltown Cemetery

Blessing of the Graves at

Milltown Cemetery
will take place

on Sunday 10th May
at 3:00 pm.

ANNUAL PARISH CENSUS 2026

A count of attendance will take place at all Masses across the Diocese on the weekend, 9th & 10th May 2026. 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.

We look forward to seeing you at Mass and thank you for your patience and co-operation.



Cards & Gifts
for **First Communion**
available from the Church Shop.
Open each Sunday.
See parish website for more information



www.carrickparish.org/shop

Belfast Jesuit Centre, Faith & Film – *A Hidden Life*

Join us in the BJC on Thursday 30th April at 7.00pm, for a screening of Terrence Malick’s *A Hidden Life*, the true story of Franz Jägerstätter’s courageous witness of conscience. There will be a short Ignatian introduction before the film and group conversation will follow. All welcome. Light refreshments provided. Small donation suggested.

ENCOUNTER WEEKEND DONEGAL

Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. 6.00pm - 10.30pm
Friday 5th June. 9.00am - 10.30pm. Sat. 6th June. Expect to experience the presence of God through the celebration of the Sacraments, Spirit-led worship, inspiring talks, healing service, and fellowship. Come and be refreshed and empowered by the Holy Spirit and learn from the Saints how to live the lifestyle God intended you to live. Keynote Speakers: Patrick Reis: co-founder and Executive Director of Encounter Ministries USA & Fr. Patrick Gonyeau who serves with the U.S. Province of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in Ohio. Bookings at <https://encounterschoolofministrydoneg.regfox.com/encounter-conference-donegal> For more info, email donegal@encounterschool.org.

1-Day Retreat

**Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre
Crossgar**

Sat. 6th June 2026 10.00 AM – 4.00 PM Let go, let God
“Surrender to Jesus”
By Fr John Verghese.

Offerings

Weekly Collections for the five weeks in March amounted to £6,889.29
Monthly Stipend Collection £1,342.60
Needy Parishes Collection £503.44
Migrants Collection £509.78
Many thanks for your generosity.

PARISH CELL GROUP MEETINGS

There will be a Cell meeting at 7.30 and 8.00pm on Tuesday, 28th Apr.
For more information, please contact Margaret Webb: 07779729505 or Anne McFerran: 07809906792 or Stephen Lavery: 07742 575308.
There will be a meeting at 11.00 am on Wed, 29th Apr.
Contact Matt Monaghan: 07428247820 or Jim Mullan: 07841428436.
“Come and see.”
(www.parishcellsireland.ie)

This Coming Week
27th Apr – 3rd May

Mon
St. Asicus
Wed
St. Catherine of Siena
Thurs
St. Pius V, Pope
Fri
St. Joseph the Worker
Sun
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Whitehead Cells will start on Tuesday 28th Apr. at 11am at 4 Marine Parade. New members welcome. Tel Ruth 07876420867

Facebook link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CarrickfergusParish>

Daily readings

The link below is found on the Parish Website’s Information page. This gives access to today’s reading and the following Sunday’s reading.
<https://www.catholicireland.net/readings/?feature=today>

Readings for Sun 3rd May

Acts 6: 1-7
1 Peter: 2: 4-9
John 14: 1-12

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