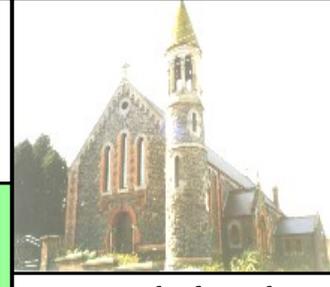




Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes

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12th February 2023 6th Sunday of the Year Cycle A Week 2

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Readings for Sun 12th Feb
First Reading - Sirach 15: 15 – 20
Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 2: 6 - 10
Gospel - Matthew 5: 17 - 37

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
6.30pm in
Mount Saint Nicholas

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.

Requiescant in Pace


Recently Deceased
Colin Ambrose Hendry

Anniversaries
Daniel Owens
Rose Maginn
Joe Degnan
Annie McCormick
Patricia Devenny
Fr. Hugh Crossan

*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 Parish Lenten Services this Lent, as we wrestle to grow in love for Jesus our Saviour. The themes will be as follows: -
27th February - Stations of the Cross in Whitehead
6th March - Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) in Carrickfergus.
13th March - discussion on Lent – what is it, why do we do it and are you getting the best from your Lent? In Carrickfergus.
20th March - Visio Divina (Divine Seeing) in Carrickfergus.
Light refreshments will be provided after each service. The Liturgy Group

 **Precious Life** because every life is precious **RALLY FOR LIFE** - Please join us and be a voice for the voiceless unborn child as we march for life on Sat. 11th March 2023 gathering in Custom House Square, Belfast, at 2pm.
Buses to the Rally leaving from various locations. For information please contact Precious Life on 07592280522 / 02890278484 / email info@preciouslife.com

RTÉ will broadcast Mass on Sunday 19 February 2023 at 11am to mark **Temperance Sunday 2023**. Prayers will be offered for all who are in treatment for addiction and for those who are in recovery. The Offertory Hymn composed by Ephrem Feeley is a new arrangement of the Serenity Prayer.

Collections for this Sunday 12th February 2023
Weekly Collection
(White envelopes) can be put in the marked Collection Boxes as you enter the Church.
Thank you.

Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse February 24th 2023
Pope Francis has invited Bishops around the world to establish a special day of prayer in the Church year to support the journey of human and spiritual recovery. This day is not only for victims and survivors who have been so severely injured, either inside or outside our Church, but also for the families and communities affected by grief for their loved ones. Within Down and Connor a special mass will be celebrated on: Friday 24th Feb 2023 in Saint Patrick's Church Donegall Street at 1:00pm to pray for and remember victims and survivors of abuse within our Church. At this mass the Candle of Atonement will be lit.

 Blessed Candles are available from the Parish Repository
Price £2



2023 Directories.
Diocesan Directories are now available from the parish repository.
Price £4

Applications are now being accepted for our **Diocesan Youth Team trip to Lourdes** in July 2023. Cost is £690 per person sharing, which includes return flights, transportation, full board accommodation, and insurance.

Date: 11th – 17th July 2023.

All applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 24 from July 2023. Limited Spaces available. For more information, please contact Lourdes@downandconnor.org

Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse

~24th of February 2023

We place all of those who have been hurt by the Church in any way into your loving hands and under the protection of Our Blessed Mother.

Lord, bring peace to their broken lives and show us all the way out of darkness and into the light of your Word.



Loss of a partner through death separation or divorce is devastating.

Beginning Experience is offering 'a weekend away for a lifetime of change' at Drumalis Conference and Retreat Centre, Larne, Friday 10th – Sunday 12th March 2023. To find out more, contact Phil: 02890 207645 or Marie 07896119669.

Slow Down for Lent, led by Breige O'Hare.
11am – 3pm, 25 Feb.

Holy Rosary Parish Hall. Ormeau Road.

Light-hearted. Plain English. No discussions - just God & you. Bring lunch. Tea/coffee provided. Donation £5. Book with: breigohare@firststepcentre.com or ring 07565502662.

A **Marriage Preparation course** is planned for 22/23 Apr 23 in Curryhills House, Prosperous, Co.Kildare. This 2-day non-residential course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship. Info. at : marriageencounter.ie or Tel 028 276 38512

Lent is a season of reflection and preparation as we look forward to the celebration of Easter. Why not join **Living Church** as we reflect together on the final moments of Jesus' life. 'No Greater Love' is a series of short films shot on location in the Holy land, Best-selling author, Edward Sri, will guide us through the final hours of Christ's life, as we are given the opportunity to walk step by step with Jesus through the Scriptures from the Garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. At each session there will be opportunities to meet others from across the Diocese to pray, share and reflect together. The programme will be facilitated by Fr Paul Byrne & Aishling Steen. There are 5 online sessions – one for each week of Lent which will lead us into Holy week. Beginning: Monday 27th Feb. for 5 weeks @7pm. To book your place on our online program please e-mail livingchurch@downandconnor.org



Anam Cara Belfast,

the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday 13th February at 7:30pm in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Belfast. 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 taking place Monday 20th February at 7pm. To join please contact us on 028 95213120.

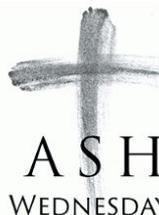
Larne Parish

During the period of Lent we would like to invite our Parish neighbours to a special Adoration Service starting 7pm on Thursday 23rd February in St Anthony's Church in Craighill Larne

World Day of Prayer will be hosted this year by Whitehead Methodist Church on Friday 3rd March at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Inter-Church Ash Wednesday Service in Clonard Monastery

There will be the Imposition of Ashes for those who wish to receive them.



The Eucharist will not be celebrated at this service.

22nd February 2023 at 7.30pm

This Coming Week

13th Feb - 19th Feb

Tues
St. Cyril
St. Methodius
St. Valentine

Fri
St. Fintan

Sun
7th Sun in Ordinary Time

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.

Readings for Sun 19th Feb

Leviticus 19: 1 – 2, 17 - 18
1 Corinthians 3: 16 - 23
Matthew 5: 38 - 48