

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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Saint Nicholas'

Our Lady of Lourdes

9th March 2025

First Sunday of Lent Cycle C Week 1

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**Weekly Mass Times** (\*\* Streamed Masses - see parish website)  
 Holy Days : As announced.

St. Nicholas' Carrickfergus	Our Lady of Lourdes Whitehead
Sun 11.30am **	Sun 9.30am
Wed 7.00pm **	Wed 10.00am

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 Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Mount Saint Nicholas.

**Eucharistic Adoration** is available every Saturday between 11.00 and 12.00 noon  
 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Mount St. Nicholas.

## LIFE-SKILLS TRAINING

The first presentation will be about self-care and will take place on

**Monday 10th March at 7.30pm at Mount St Nicholas.**

This new feature of our life together as a parish is intended by the PPC as a  
 support and help in improving our quality of living and our own well-being.

## 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 - 2nd Sun of the month

### Weddings

(three month's notice)

By arrangement

### Funerals

By arrangement

## Requiescant in Pace



### Month Mind

Joan McNeice

### Anniversaries

Margaret W. Doherty

Michael Doherty

Kathleen McMullan

Pat McCavana

Teresa Boylan

Danny Campey

Mary Campey

Callum Lee

Anna Morgan

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

*Amen*

## Tuesday Mass

The Tuesday morning Mass for March will take place in St. Nicholas'  
 on Tuesday 11th March at 10.00 a.m.

## Step forward as a Pilgrim of Hope this Lent.

As we journey through the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis invites us to be Pilgrims of Hope – people who walk in faith, supporting one another and deepening our relationship with Christ. We invite you to join us for our new Lenten program, Pilgrim Hearts – Walking in the steps of Jesus this Lent, a 4-week Lenten journey inspired by the Sunday gospels and the lives of the Irish Saints who embraced faith in times of challenge. From St Patrick's prayers on the mountain to St Brigid's acts of compassion, their lives remind us that holiness is lived in simple, everyday choices. They were the great evangelisers of the Christian faith in Ireland. Evangelisation begins with an invitation. Who in your life might need this journey? Invite a friend, a family member, or someone who perhaps has been away from Church for a while. Your invitation could be the start of their pilgrimage of hope. Everyone is welcome. Details as follows: -

### Venue:

St. Nicholas' Church Carrickfergus

### Dates:

Wednesday 19th March;

Monday 24th March;

Monday 31st March;

Monday 7th April

### Time:

7.30 p.m.



## Important Notice for Parishioners Communications

Could Parishioners ensure that they have updated the Parish Office if they have a change of personal details, specifically, if they have moved address in the last two years.

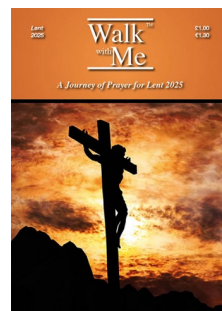
New Envelope Boxes are due to be released later this month and Gift Aid records will then be reviewed.

If anyone wishes to support the parish financially by receiving an Envelope Box or through a Standing Order, please contact the parish office for more information or speak with Patrick Quinn from the Finance Committee.

**Parish Office: Tel: (028) 93363269 or email: carrickfergus@downandconnor.org**

**Parish shop.**  
Open before and after  
Sunday Mass.

**“Walk with Me”  
Lenten book 2025,**  
Available today Price £1.00



St Patrick's Cards & Gifts

now  
on sale.

See [www.carrickparish.org/shop](http://www.carrickparish.org/shop)  
for more info.



### St. Patrick's Caelidh

Starts at 7.00 pm with music and songs from The Barley Hill Folk.  
Supper at 8.00 pm.  
McStocker Caelidh Band from 8.30 pm.  
Ballot during interval.  
Dancing til 10.45 (approx)



**Lenten Envelopes now  
Available from the back  
of the church**

### 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*



### Beginning Experience

The 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, Larne, Fri 21st – Sun 23rd March. To find out more, contact Pauline 07519289185 or Marie 07896119669 or email belfastbe@yahoo.com

**Anam Cara**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Mon 10th March at 7.30pm in the Crowne Plaza, Shaws Bridge, Belfast. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance. To find out more call 02895213120 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

### Truth Recovery Independent Panel

If you or a family member have been affected by a Mother and Baby Home Institution, Magdalene Laundry, or Workhouse, the Truth and Recovery programme would like to hear from you.  
Address: Truth Recovery Independent Panel, 4th Floor, Equality House 7 - 9 Shaftesbury Square, Belfast, BT2 7DB  
Phone: 028 9052 0263 (Open Monday – Friday 11am - 12pm and 3pm - 4pm or leave a voicemail on our secure answering service any time outside of these hours.)  
Email: [testimony@independentpanel.org.uk](mailto:testimony@independentpanel.org.uk)  
Website: [www.independentpanel.truthrecoveryni.co.uk](http://www.independentpanel.truthrecoveryni.co.uk)

### *This Coming Week 10th Mar - 16th Mar*

**Mon**  
St. John Ogilvie  
**Tues**  
St. Aengus  
**Sat**  
St. Louise  
**Sun**

### Portico of Ards Organ Recital Series

The Portico of Ards is delighted to present the following organ recital. **PETER STEVENS** From Westminster Cathedral where he is Assistant Director of Music: Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm  
Tickets available [www.porticoards.com](http://www.porticoards.com)

**Cemetery Sunday** in the parish will take place this year on **1st 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 - 3.00pm

**Readings for Sun 16th Mar**  
Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18  
Philippians 3: 17– 4:1  
Luke 9: 28-36

### Contact details for the Belfast 16 Family of Parishes

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Loughshore	<a href="http://www.loughshoreparishes.org">www.loughshoreparishes.org</a>	Very Rev. David Delargy PP	(028) 9037 0845