



Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes

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19th February 2023 7th Sunday of the Year Cycle A Week 3

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Readings for Sun 19th Feb
First Reading - Leviticus 19: 1 – 2, 17 - 18
Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 3: 16 - 23
Gospel - Matthew 5: 38 - 48

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 10.00am (Ash Wed.)	Wed 7.00pm (Ash Wed.)

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

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


**Ash Wednesday 22nd February 2023 Masses
Carrickfergus 10.00am & Whitehead 7.00pm**

Recently Deceased
John McGarrity
Joseph McGarrity

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

Month's Mind
Margaret Stewart

Anniversaries
Margaret Wilson
Paddy Lennox

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.

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

**Collections for this
Sunday 19th February 2023**
Weekly Collection (White envelopes)
and Collection for Sick & Retired
Priests (Blue envelopes) can be put in
the marked Collection Boxes as you
enter the Church. Thank you.

PARISH CELL GROUP MEETINGS
Tues, 21st February: 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 February: 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."



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

World Day of Prayer will be hosted this year by Whitehead Methodist Church on Fri. 3rd March at 8:00 p.m. There will be a rehearsal this Friday, 24th February, at 7:30 p.m. Everyone, particularly those who would like to sing with the choir, is invited to attend the rehearsal. Everyone is welcome.

Envelope Boxes, 2023 - 2024. If you are new to the parish, or if you have not previously been using envelopes but now wish to do so, then please complete an "Envelope Registration Form" available at the back of the Church. If anyone would like to support the Parish financially through a Standing Order or to make their envelope donation in this way, then please contact the parish office for more information or speak with Patrick Quinn. Completed forms should be returned to the Parish Office. Could we also ask that you please notify the parish office of any change in personal details, such as address, before the new envelope boxes are issued, either by Tel: (028) 93363269 or email: carrickfergus@downandconnor.org

Mary's Meals – Syria Earthquake Appeal

We invite you to join us in prayer for those affected by the two devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, and for the success of emergency response efforts. Mary's Meals has provided school meals in Syria since 2017 with our local partner Dorcas, and we have now launched an emergency appeal to provide urgent support for children and vulnerable adults in and around Aleppo who are in desperate need. To find out more or donate, please visit www.marysmeals.org.uk or call us for free on 0800 6981212.

Lectio Divina for Lent

Lent is a time when we undertake commitments of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This Lent we invite you to join us to pray, share and reflect on the Sunday readings during the 6 weeks of Lent. The program will be delivered via zoom and facilitated by Aishling Steen from the Living Church Office. Beginning on Thursday 23rd Feb. 12-12:50pm. To book your place please contact the Living Church Office at livingchurch@downandconnor.org or phone 02890690920.

NO GREATER LOVE

Lent is a season of reflection and preparation as we look forward to the celebration of Easter. In a series of short films shot on location in the Holy land, No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author, Edward Sri, will guides us through the final hours of Christ's life. Over 5 weeks we are given the opportunity to walk step by step with Jesus through the Scriptures from the Garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. There are 2 sessions to choose from (1) Online via zoom beginning Monday 27th February for 5 weeks @7pm

(2) Venue: Tobar Mhuire Monastery and Retreat Centre, Crossgar beginning Thursday 2nd March @10am. To book your place, please click on the link. <https://forms.office.com/e/LMT98trZjg>. For further enquiries please contact the Living Church Office livingchurch@downandconnor.org 02890690920

Accord NI Catholic Marriage Care Service is recruiting Marriage Education Facilitators to provide Sacramental Marriage Preparation for couples in your diocese. We are seeking individuals who are good communicators and have an enthusiasm for supporting couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage and future family life. This is an opportunity to formally train within a supportive, nurturing and inspiring community. For further details and an application form, please contact Brenda at 028 9023 3002 or email info@accordni.com

The Knights of St. Columbanus in Drumbo & Carryduff will lead the **Rosary on each Sunday evening** during the holy season of Lent at 7pm in the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Carryduff. Everyone welcome. The first Rosary will take place on Sunday 26th February @ 7pm. If you are unable to attend in person you can join us online via the parish webcam <https://www.drumbocarryduff.ie/webcam/>

Some interesting offerings at the Belfast Jesuit Centre for Lent and Easter.

Springtime of Faith: Scripture Course with Fr. Kieran O'Mahony OSA
Wednesdays Feb 22, Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. 2.00 – 4.30pm £40 for 6 sessions. Register at belfastjesuitcentre@gmail.com

A Journey of Love Lenten Sunday Retreats

Sundays Feb 26, Mar 5, 12, 19, 26 — 13.00 Light lunch 14.00 Retreat 18.00 Mass at St Patrick's
Offering optional. [Register at belfastjesuitcentre@gmail.com](mailto:register@belfastjesuitcentre@gmail.com)

Love like this Holy Week (Online) Movie Club with Fr. Jake Martin SJ
7pm Mon 3rd April 7pm Tue 4th April 7pm Wed 5th April
(Movie choice to be announced closer to Holy Week)

Email belfastjesuitcentre@gmail.com to register, receive the zoom link and discover he movie choice. Offering optional. [Register at belfastjesuitcentre@gmail.com](mailto:register@belfastjesuitcentre@gmail.com)

No Greater Love Holy Week Retreat at Drumalis

Begins with registration at 5pm Holy Thursday and ends after morning Mass and breakfast on Easter Sunday. A joint venture combining the inspiration, personnel and resources of Drumalis Retreat Centre and the Belfast Jesuit Centre staff, volunteers and friends.

Residential and non-residential options available [Visit www.drumalis.co.uk](http://www.drumalis.co.uk)

Lectio Divina for Lent Star of the Sea Church Whitehouse.

Fri. 24th Feb, Friday 10th March and Fri. 24th March 6.30 pm
Lent is a time when we undertake commitments of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This Lent we invite you to join us to pray, share and reflect on the Sunday readings of Lent. The practice of Lectio Divina is a wonderful opportunity to place the Word of God at the centre of our prayer and spiritual life as we strive to deepen our relationship with Christ and each other. The program will be led by Patsy Bell from Carrickfergus and will begin with the Stations of the Cross at 6.30 pm.

Desert Fathers A Lenten Program for men •••

A lenten program for men has been developed by an Irish priest to help men make this Lent different. The program contains 4 pillars - Prayer, Penance, Spiritual reading & Charity. To find out more and join an online group a zoom information meeting is scheduled for Sunday Feb 19th at 8:30pm. Meeting ID 494 625 9738 Password: 997298. Email desertfathers40@gmail.com for a copy of the program.

Special Belfast Pilgrimage to Fatima last remaining places 9-14th June 2023 Ex Dublin for Feast Day of Saint Anthony Patron Saint of Portugal visit Saint Anthonys birthplace and baptismal font in Lisbon Contact James Treacy 0035361921470

This Coming Week

20th Feb - 26th Feb

Tues
St. Peter Damian
Wed
Ash Wednesday
Thurs
St. Polycarp
Sun
1st Sun of Lent

Readings for Sun 26th Feb

Genesis 2:7 - 9, 3:1 – 7
Romans 5: 12 - 19
Matthew 4: 1 - 11