

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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*Saint Nicholas'*

*Our Lady of Lourdes*

**11th May 2025**

**Fourth Sunday after Easter Cycle C Week 4**

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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.

### First Holy Communion

Takes place today Sunday **11th May 2025** First Holy Communion at the 11.30am Mass in St. Nicholas' Carrickfergus

### Tuesday Mass

The Tuesday morning Mass for May will take place in St. Nicholas' on Tuesday 13th May at 10.00 a.m.

### Paraliturgy on Our Lady

The month of May is often associated with Our Lady. You are invited to come along and meditate on the life of Our Lady, the Holy Mother of God, through scripture, prayer and sacred music. The paraliturgy will take place in St. Nicholas' Church Carrickfergus on **Monday 19th May** at 7.30 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided afterwards and everyone is welcome. The panel of Catechists and Liturgy Group.

The **ANNUAL PARISH CENSUS** will take place as you arrive before Masses, next Sunday **18th May 2025**

**Recommissioning of Ministers of the Word and Ministers of Sacred Music**  
 World Communications Day in 2025 will be celebrated on Sunday 1st June. There will be a short ceremony of recommitment that day for Ministers of the Word and Ministers of Sacred Music at both the 09:30 and 11:30 Masses. If you serve in either of these ministries, please come along to one of the parish Masses on Sunday 1st June to be recommissioned for the following year.

### Parish Cell Group Meetings

Tuesday, 13th May: There will be a Cell meeting in Carrick at 8.00 pm. Contact: Margaret Webb: 07779729505 or Anne McFerran: 07809906792  
 Wednesday, 14th May: There will be a Cell meeting at 11.00 am in the committee room at the back of Saint Nicholas' Church. Contact: Matt Monaghan: 07428247820 or Jim Mullan: 07841428436 All are welcome. "Come and see."

## 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



### Anniversaries

Angela Hutton

Annie Kemp

Robert Kemp

Josephine Donaghy

Patrick Mc Allister (Jnr) (1<sup>st</sup>)

Neal Mellon

Jimmy Mellon

Claire Attwood

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

*Amen*

**Parish Barbecue Sunday June 8 after 11.30am Mass.**

Barbecue is being supplied by McMaster’s Whitehead.  
Cost per ticket £5.00.

**MENU:** Dressed burger with cheese and onions. Sausage. Chicken skewer. Baby boiled garlic potatoes. 9 salads to choose from as you wish.

(There will not be any eggs or nuts in the food)

Events Team will provide tea, coffee, biscuits and soft drinks.

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Music by Barley Hill Folk. Bouncy Castle. Face painting. Glitter tattoos. Bingo. Tombola. Raffle.

Tickets available today after Mass. We would appreciate donations towards the raffle. The Events Team.



**GIFTS & CARDS**

for all occasions are available from the Parish Repository. Open before and after Sunday Mass.

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

**Special centenary celebration of the canonization of St Thérèse of Lisieux.** St Thérèse is a beloved saint known for her little way of love and spiritual simplicity. We are honoured to welcome Fr Paul Murray OP, renowned speaker and spiritual director of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who will offer a reflection on how to live and pray like St Thérèse. The event will take place on 22 May at 19:00 at Holy Family Church Belfast.

**Annual Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help**

St Gerard’s Parish - Mon 12th to Tues 20th May 2025

**Times** Mon to Fri 9.30 and 7.30am

Sat 9.30am and 6.30pm

Sun 9.30am, 11.30am and 7pm

**Cemetery Sunday Hannahstown Parish**

Hannahstown Cemetery Sunday is 25 May 2025 @ 3pm - there will be no road works on Hannahstown Hill that day

The Rock Cemetery Sunday is 8 June 2025 @ 3pm

Tullyrusk Cemetery Sunday is 15 June 2025 @ 3pm

**Annual Edmund Rice Lecture** 7pm on Tues, 13th May 2025

College Hall, St Mary’s University College, Belfast

Refreshments from 6:30pm; Lecture begins at 7:00pm

RSVP by: 6th May 2025 to Andrea Irwin at [erstn1@live.com](mailto:erstn1@live.com)

**PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA**

Now Flying Direct From Belfast International  
7 Nights F/B Avenida Hotel 30th July/6th August. Spiritual Director Fr Martin Graham Adm St Peter’s Cathedral Belfast. £885pps. Convenient flight times. For further information contact Joe Catney 07776425631

**SENSORY MASS**

There will be a Sensory Friendly Mass in St Colmcille’s Church Belfast, on Sat 31st May at 12.00noon. We welcome all those with sensory needs, both young and old. Join us for a sensory friendly liturgy. Feel free to get up and move if needed, bring alternative seating. This Mass is also suitable for those suffering Dementia and Alzheimer’s conditions. Come celebrate the Eucharist in an environment free of stigma. Enquiries to Noeleen: [n.dunn@downandconnor.org](mailto:n.dunn@downandconnor.org)

**Belfast Community Gospel Choir**

Sat 17th May 2025 7.30pm  
St MacNissi Randalstown  
Adults £20 Family Ticket £50  
Tickets available from St MacNissi Parish Office

***This Coming Week***  
***12th May - 18th May***

**Mon**

St. Achilleus  
St. Nereus  
St. Pancras

**Tues**

Our Lady of Fatima

**Wed**

St. Matthias, Apostle

**Thurs**

St. Carthage

**Fri**

St. Brendan

**Sat**

St. Paschal

**Sun**

5th Sun of Easter

**Vocations Sunday – World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

This weekend, the Church marks the 62nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In his final message before his death on Easter Monday, Pope Francis spoke of vocation as the gift of life—a call from God to live generously in love and service. Whether in marriage, priesthood, religious life, or committed lay witness, every vocation is a sign of hope for our world. Please pray especially for vocations in our Diocese of Down and Connor. To explore a possible vocation or for more information, please contact: Fr Conor McGrath: [c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org](mailto:c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org)

There will be a **Healing Service** in St Matthew’s Church, Short Strand, East Belfast on Thursday May 15th at 7pm. Focussing on the healing power of the Rosary followed by a Eucharistic healing blessing and benediction. The service will be led by Fr Peter Carlin, PP, and Music Ministry will be provided by Fionnuala O Neill and family.

**Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi – Last Places Remaining!**

Join the Alumni & Friends of the Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen’s for a Jubilee Year of Hope pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, from 25 August to 1 September 2025. Contact Shannon Campbell at: [catholicchaplaincy@qub.ac.uk](mailto:catholicchaplaincy@qub.ac.uk)

**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 18th May**  
Acts 14: 21-27  
Revelation 21: 1-5  
John 13:31-33, 34-35

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

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