



*Saint Nicholas'*

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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*Our Lady of Lourdes*

**14th December 2025**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Cycle A Week 3**

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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.

**Bulletin Notices**  
to be submitted to the  
parish Email Address by  
**12 noon Wednesday**

**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).

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

## **Requiescant in Pace**



### **Recently Deceased**

Hubert McKeown

### **Anniversaries**

Edda Sofia McKenzie  
Julia Degnan  
Maura Best  
Margaret McGonigle  
Patsy Neeson snr  
Raymond Donaghy  
Colleen O'Kane

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

### **St. Nicholas' Carrickfergus**

Sun 11.30am \*\*

Wed 7.00pm \*\*

### **Our Lady of Lourdes Whitehead**

Sun 9.30am

Wed 10.00am

### **Do This in Memory Mass**

Our next Do This in Memory Mass for First Communicants and their families is  
next Sunday, December 21st.

We look forward to seeing you all there on this special occasion.  
Light refreshments will be served after Mass.

### **Christmas Draw**

The Events Team would like to thank everyone for their generous donations  
towards the draw which will take place on Sunday, December 21st after Mass.  
Tickets are on sale today and next Sunday and we would appreciate  
your support. £1 per strip.



We are having a special visitor next week  
all the way from the North Pole!

Please take a few moments to look at the display of prizes  
at the back of the Church.

Draw to take place Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December after Mass

Thank you.

The Events Team.

### **PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA FLYING DIRECT FROM BELFAST INTER**

7 Nights F/B Avenida Hotel  
14th/21st August  
Spiritual Director Fr Andrew  
McMahon PP Convenient flight  
times. £845pps  
For further information  
contact Joe 07776425631

### **Penitential Services**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
St Nicholas' Carrickfergus  
at 7pm

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
St Bernards Glengormley  
at 7pm

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
St Gerards Antrim Road  
at 7pm



### **Family Advent Carol Service**

The annual Family Carol  
Service

will take place this year on  
**Sunday 21st December at 3.00 p.m.**  
The Carol Service will be in Our Lady of  
Lourdes Church, Whitehead, followed by  
Christmas treats in the Pastoral Centre and a  
visit from a very special guest.



## Christmas Flowers - Carrickfergus and Whitehead

If you would like to donate towards flowers for Christmas in our churches, please see Anne Quinn in Carrickfergus or Margaret O'Neill in Whitehead. Alternatively, leave your offering in the boxes provided in the church porches.  
Thank you.

### Masses for Christmas and the New Year

#### Christmas Eve Wednesday 24th December

Vigil Mass at 5.00pm in Whitehead  
Vigil Mass at 7.00pm in Carrickfergus

#### Christmas Day Thursday 25th December

Mass at 9.30am in Whitehead  
Mass at 11.00am in Carrickfergus

*Friday 26th to Saturday 27th December -  
No Masses except funerals*

#### Sunday 28th December

Mass at 9.30am in Whitehead  
Mass at 11.30am in Carrickfergus

*Monday 29th December to Saturday 3rd January -  
No Masses except funerals*

#### Sunday 4th January

Mass at 9.30am in Whitehead  
Mass at 11.30am in Carrickfergus

NORMAL SCHEDULE RESUMES THEREAFTER



### SVP Christmas Appeal

The ongoing cost of living crisis is putting a lot of pressure on the people Saint Vincent de Paul help throughout the year. This Christmas we are asking for cash or gift cards through our 'Gift of Choice' appeal. That will empower individuals, couples and families to make decisions on how to manage their own circumstances. They can choose the presents they put under the tree for Christmas morning and the meals that suit their needs. To support our Christmas Appeal this year, please leave donations of cash or gift cards in the Red Box by Sunday 14th December. Thank you for your generous support throughout the years. Have a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.

### YOUTH CORNER

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY** Wed. 7pm – 9pm At Greencastle Parish Office. Please join the NET Team for a 6-week, young adult (18 – 30) Bible study. This is a time for growing in Faith, building fellowship and having fun. Please RSVP the NET team at 07823368504.

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Thursdays, 7 - 8pm in St James' Whiteabbey.

#### YOUTH 2000 PRAYER GROUP

Fridays at 7pm, we are hosting a Youth 2000 prayer group. Please join us at St Mary's Greencastle for adoration, bible study, and praise/worship music!



## Parish Shop

Gifts and cards for Christmas.



### Wooden Playset Crib & Figures for Children Calendars 2026 2026 Diary

Open each Sunday.

See parish website for more information

[www.carrickparish.org/shop](http://www.carrickparish.org/shop)



## Trócaire Gifts of Change

'Gifts of Change' are gifts that transform lives, bringing real hope and opportunities to families and communities living in poverty.

There are 24 Gifts to choose from starting at £5 for the 'Gift of Soap' for families in war-torn South Sudan. All the gifts are real items, sourced in-country which go to families in need of our support.

You can buy a Gift and help change lives this Christmas by contacting Patrick Quinn, at the Parish Shop, or check the Trocaire noticeboard.

### Following Yonder Star Christmas Appeal –

Tuesday's Child - Following Yonder Star Christmas Appeal helping children exhausted by war, famine and extreme hardship in: Gaza, Syria, Ukraine, Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya, India, Pakistan, Brazil, Tanzania. All donations received go to catholic missionaries and diocesan priests caring for children. Visit

[www.tuesdayschild.ie](http://www.tuesdayschild.ie)



### This Coming Week 15th Dec – 21st Dec

**Thurs**

St. Flannan

**Sun**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

### **Readings for Sun 21st Dec**

Isaiah 7: 10-14

Romans 1: 1-7

Matthew 1: 18-24

### Contact details for the 'Stella Maris' Family of Parishes

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