

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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Saint Nicholas'



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

Requiescant in Pace



Recently Deceased

Hubert McKeown

Anniversaries

Edda Sofia McKenzie
 Julia Deganan
 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*

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.

St. Nicholas' Carrickfergus	Our Lady of Lourdes Whitehead
Sun 11.30am **	Sun 9.30am
Wed 7.00pm **	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 21st 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 15th December
 St Nicholas' Carrickfergus
 at 7pm

Tuesday 16th December
 St Bernards Glengormley
 at 7pm

Wednesday 17th 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.



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



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



This Coming Week 15th Dec – 21st Dec

Thurs

St. Flannan

Sun

4th Sunday of Advent

Readings for

Sun 21st Dec

Isaiah 7: 10-14

Romans 1: 1-7

Matthew 1: 18-24

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.

EUCARISTIC 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!

Contact details for the 'Stella Maris' Family of Parishes

Parish	Website	Priests	Telephone No.
Carrickfergus	www.carrickparish.org	Very Rev. Peter Owens, PP	(028) 9336 3269
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Loughshore	www.loughshoreparishes.org	Very Rev. David Delargy PP	(028) 9037 0845