

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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Saint Nicholas'

Our Lady of Lourdes

19th April 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter

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.

Confessions

are available on Sunday mornings
 from 11.00am to 11.20am
 in St. Nicholas' Carrickfergus.

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).

Bulletin Notices

to be submitted to the
 parish Email Address by
12 noon Wednesday

Mass Times for week starting Sunday 19th April

(** Streamed Masses - see parish website for link)
 Holy Days : As announced.

St. Nicholas' Carrickfergus

Our Lady of Lourdes Whitehead

Sun 11.30am **

Sun 9.30am

Requiescant in Pace



Recently Deceased

Tony Kelly
 Frances Quinn

Anniversaries

Raymond Frampton (Snr)
 Jim Boyle
 Maisie Pollard
 Celine Arkins
 Francis McDade
 Elizabeth McDade

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

There are
no weekday Masses
 in the Parish this week.

Masses will resume as normal from next Monday.

Teas in Whitehead

Light refreshments will be available in the Pastoral Centre after 09.30 Mass today
 Sunday, 19th April. Everyone is welcome.

Do This in Memory Mass

The final Do This in Memory Mass prior to First Communion on Saturday May
 16th, will be held next Sunday April 26th.
 We look forward to welcoming all the First Communicants and their families.
 Light refreshments will be available for everyone after Mass.

Easter Flowers

Thank you to all those who so generously made donations towards our
 Easter floral displays in St. Nicholas' and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches.
 Anne & Pamela.

Give Blood

Book now for your local
 community blood donation session.
 Joymount Town Hall
 Carrickfergus
 Monday 20th April 12.30pm to
 7.30pm

Diocesan Vocations Novena

Pray for Vocations.

A Nine-Day Journey of Prayer. Join us in prayer online or in your parish as we
 prepare for Good Shepherd Sunday, asking the Lord to bless our diocese vocations
 to the priesthood.
 18th - 26th April.

Download a copy of the Novena online from the parish website under the
Information page.

Cemetery Sunday 31st May 2026

Islandmagee After 9.30am Mass

Mount St. Nicholas' After 11.30am Mass

Victoria - 2.00pm

Prospect -3.00pm



Cards & Gifts
for **First Communion**
available from the Church
Shop.
Open each Sunday.
See parish website for
more information



www.carrickparish.org/shop

Precious Life invites young people to a Pro-Life Apologetics Day on Saturday, 25 April from 2:00–4:00pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Chapel Lane, Belfast. This session will help equip youth to respond confidently and compassionately to pro-life questions. Free pizza will be provided afterwards. For more info, contact 07956 451655.

“THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO NARNIA” ST JOHN'S PARISH HALL, SUNDAY 19TH APRIL AT 7PM

Many of you will be familiar with the Narnia stories by C. S. Lewis — a writer who had a remarkable gift for expressing Christian faith through imagination and story. In creating the character of Aslan the lion, Lewis offers a powerful picture of Christ that continues to speak to readers of all ages. As Lewis once wrote: "Someday you will be old enough to start reading fairy tales again." This one-hour presentation brings together live music and dramatised readings from those stories. It offers children and adults a gentle way to reflect on themes of goodness, sacrifice, courage, and faith. It is suitable for children of primary school age and upwards, and is designed to be both engaging and thought-provoking. In a time when it can be difficult to open up conversations about faith, this provides a natural and imaginative way to do so together as a family. Admission is free.

Everyone is most welcome.

Diocesan Vocations Prayer

God our Father, at the very beginning of your Church your Son Jesus chose twelve apostles to continue the work he had begun. By the power of your Holy Spirit, they continued to bring the Good News of your love to our world. Send that same Holy Spirit into the hearts of those you are calling to serve as priests for your people in our diocese. Fill them with your gifts of wisdom, understanding, piety and knowledge as they discern your will. Give them the gifts of right judgement and courage in following their call. Through the outpouring of the grace may many come to the joy of knowing and responding to the invitation of Jesus to “Come, Follow Me!” Amen

An Evening with Dr Yousef Aljamal
Monday 20 April at 7.00pm, Belfast Jesuit Centre
The Belfast Jesuit Centre, in partnership with Christians 4 Palestine, welcomes Dr Yousef M. Aljamal, Gazan Palestinian writer and academic, and editor of *If I Must Die*, the new collection of writings by the late Refaat Alareer. Dr Aljamal will speak about Refaat's life and witness, his own work with the Quaker American Friends Service Committee; and there will be updates on the developing Twinning Links between Belfast parishes and Christian communities in Palestine. Attendance is available in person or on Zoom. To register for either option, visit: <https://belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk/an-evening-with-dr-yousef-aljamal/>

Catholic Mothers Ireland- An Evening of Peace, Encouragement & Faith for Women and Mothers Join Catherine DiNuzzio for a gentle, faith-filled evening offering hope and practical guidance for navigating anxiety with the peace of Christ. Wed 22nd April 7.30pm St Peter's Lurgan. Co. Armagh

Human Life - PROSTRATE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD Hosted by Patrick McCrystal, Executive Director of Human Life International (Ireland), **Saturday 25th April at 7pm** at the Drummond Hotel, Limavady, Co Derry BT49 9HP, an evening of Encouragement, Proclamation, Repentance, Seeking God's mercy for our Nation and Prayer for Healing. ALL WELCOME!

Recharge
is a young adult group based in St Colmcille's Church in East Belfast for 18- to 35-year-olds.
Date for your diary for
April: Tuesday 21st April
@7.30pm: Group Study course followed by social.

This Coming Week
20th Apr – 26th Apr
Tues
St. Anselm, Bishop
Thurs
St. George
Sat
St. Mark, Evangelist
Sun
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Trocaire Boxes Please return any box/envelopes as soon as possible. Thank you.

Facebook link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CarrickfergusParish>

Daily readings

The link below is found on the Parish Website's Information page. This gives access to today's reading and the following Sunday's reading.
<https://www.catholicireland.net/readings/?feature=today>

Readings for
Sun 26th Apr
Acts 2: 14, 36-41
1 Peter 2: 20-25
John 10: 1-10

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