

Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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Our Lady of Lourdes

9th November 2025 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Cycle C Week 4

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Bulletin Notices

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

Requiescant in Pace



Recently Deceased

Tommy Hutton Margaret Elder Mary English

Anniversaries

Eilish Mellon Patricia Herdman Harry Bates Roseann Morgan Harry McCavana Gerti Mc Allster

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

November Dead Lists

Please return your Envelope and leave in the box provided at the back of the church Thank you.

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 <u>Wednesday Masses</u> 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.

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	

Celebration Weekend for the 25th Anniversary of St. Nicholas' Church

Our parish will celebrate 25 years of worship and community in St. Nicholas' Church over the weekend of Friday 28th - Sunday 30th November.

Fr. Tony Curran, a former Parish Priest, will facilitate our celebration weekend, along with Fr. Peter.

Bishop Alan McGuckian will also be joining us for the 1.00 p.m. Mass on Sunday 30th November.

Details of the various anniversary triduum events in St. Nicholas' Church, under the theme of Being a Christian Community, are as follows: -

Friday 28th November -

10.00 a.m. - Children's Mass with Parents and Families Saturday 29th November -

11.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon - Reflection and Exposition

3.00 p.m. - Mass and Sacrament of the Sick, followed by light refreshments **Sunday 30th November -**

1.00 p.m. - Mass, followed by a hot and cold finger buffet lunch

We would like to extend an invitation to all parishioners to come along and join us in recognising this anniversary of St. Nicholas' Church and would be delighted if you were able to attend some or all of the events organised for this special occasion in our parish life.

We look forward to seeing you there.

NOTE: there will be no morning Mass in Whitehead or Carrickfergus on 30th November, just the one Parish Mass at 1.00 p.m.

PPC and Liturgy Group

St. Nicholas' Choir

The choir at St. Nicholas' Church is looking for a lead guitarist or pianist. If anyone is interested in taking up this role with the choir, or knows of anyone who might be interested, please contact the Parish Office as a matter of urgency.

Preparation for the Feast of Christ the King

The Liturgy Group has organised an opportunity for us to gather and deepen our faith and understanding of the Feast of Christ the King (which will be on Sunday 23rd November).

World history gives us various ideas of what a king is like: -

> Living a life removed from their people? Concerned only with military victories? Ruling for personal gain? Having little care for their people?

Jesus Christ is a strong, kind and fair King whom we can gladly follow. Our gathering to prepare for this great Feast will take place on

Monday 17th November at 7.00 p.m. in the Committee Room at the back of St. Nicholas' Church. Everyone is welcome.

The annual Masses for the Deceased Teachers of **Down and Connor**

will be celebrated on:

Tuesday 11th November 2025 at 7.30pm in Good Shepherd Church, Ormeau Road, Belfast AND Thursday 13th November 2025 at 7.30pm in All Saints' Church, Broughshane Road, Ballymena. Tele: 028 9049 1886 or Email:

dctrusteeservice@downandconnor.org



Parish Shop

Gifts and cards for Advent and Christmas now available.



Advent Calendars 2026 Diary Calendars 2026

Open each Sunday. See parish website for more information

www.carrickparish.org/shop



The Whitehead Cell will meet on Tuesday 11th November at 11 am at 4 Marine Parade. All welcome, for more information Tel. Ruth on 0787 6420867

Recharge Youth Group

based in St Colmcille's Church in East Belfast for 18- to 35year-olds. Dates for your Diary Tuesday 18th November @7.30pm: Group Study -Growing in Prayer. Followed

by social.

Foodbank



This Coming Week

10th Nov - 16th Nov Mon

St. Leo the Great

Tues

St. Martin of Tours

Wed

St. Josaphat

Fri

St. Dyfrig

St. Lawrence O'Toole

Sat

St. Albert the Great

Sun

33rd Sunday of the Year

Readings for Sun 16th Nov

Malachi 3: 19-20 2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12 Luke 21: 5-19

Join us for a day of Spiritual Restoration, The Parish Hall @ St Joseph's, Antrim on SATRUDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2025. This all day Retreat will run from 10am – 6pm. Email catholicmothers@outlook.ie for more information or to book your place.

Catholic Mothers of Ireland - CATHOLIC MOTHERS IRELAND RETREAT DAY:

Christ Our Anchor: Writings by James O'Kane, Priest and Theologian, ed. Fiona Lynch, with a Foreword by Bishop Alan McGuckian (Shanway Press, 2025). To order please go to: www.shanway.com Tel: 028 9022 2070 Email: info@shanway.com. RRP: £12.99

YOUTH CORNER YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday 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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Every Thursday, 7 - 8pm in St James' Church, Whiteabbey. All welcome!

YOUTH 2000 PRAYER GROUP

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

CARRICKFERGUS GOLF CLUB £5 ENTRY - PAY AT THE DOOR

All proceeds will be divided between Cancer Lifeline and the Parish.

The Parish Events Team, in

conjunction with Carrick Golf Club for

their preferred charity, are hosting a

great night of fun and fund raising!

FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER-8PM

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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