



Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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Our Lady of Lourdes

5th October 2025

27th Sunday of the Year Cycle C 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.

St. Nicholas' Carrickfergus	Our Lady of Lourdes Whitehead
Sun 11.30am **	Sun 9.30am
Wed 7.00pm **	Wed 10.00am

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Mary McDade
George McDade
Alex McAuley
Kathleen Maginn
Valerie Hutton

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

Tuesday Mass

The Tuesday morning Mass for October will take place in St. Nicholas' on
Tuesday 7th October at 10.00 a.m.

PARISH CELL GROUP MEETINGS

Are you looking for a deeper connection with your faith and community? A cell group provides a place where friendships are formed and faith deepens. It enables people to see the relevance of their faith in all that they do.

There will be a Cell meeting at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 7th October.
For more information, please contact Margaret Webb: 07779729505 or
Anne McFerran: 07809906792

There will be a meeting at 11.00 am on Wednesday, 8th October.
Contact Matt Monaghan: 07428247820 or Jim Mullan: 07841428436.
"Come and see."

WHITEHEAD CELL MEETING

is taking place at 3 Donegal Drive, Whitehead on **Tuesday 7th Oct at 11am.**
If anyone needs a lift, please let Oonagh know on 07788148028. Newcomers
especially welcome to "come and see". You may like to phone Oonagh
for more information.

SMA Mission

Please return your envelopes to the
Church as soon as possible.

A box for the envelopes is
provided at the back of the Church.
Thank you.

**The second collection
today 5th Oct
is for Monthly Stipend.**

Recharge

is a young adult group based in St Colmcille's Church in East Belfast for 18 to 35 year
olds. We meet twice a month to "recharge" our spiritual batteries through prayer,
intellectual formation and friendship. All are welcome!

Dates for your diary for October:

Tuesday 7th October @7.30pm: Holy Hour with Adoration followed by social in the
church hall.

Tuesday 22nd October @7.30pm: Group Study - Growing in Prayer. Followed by social.

Wood You Believe

Healing the Past – Finding Hope for the Future
Finding Freedom from Personal and Ancestral Trauma
Moving towards a Spirituality of Integration & Wholeness
Workshop Facilitated by Fr. Jim Cogley with Luba Rodzhuk
Jim uses his amazing wood carvings to explore core human issues – if you have not yet experienced his unique workshops, do not miss this opportunity.

Saturday 25th October 2025 St Matthews Parish Hub
10am - 4pm Tickets £25 – payable at door
Light Lunch will be provided To confirm attendance
email: St Matthews@downandconnor.org



October Our Lady of the Rosary Candles & Rosary Beads



GIFTS & CARDS

for all occasions are available from
the Parish Repository.

Open after Sunday Mass.

See parish website for more information

www.carrickparish.org/shop

Pause for Hope

Bringing together in prayer: those who have or have had cancer and, their loved ones and, those who care for them, doctors and nurses, those with special skills involved in the investigation and treatment of cancer, those in authority who have responsibility for providing resources, our scientists trying to find the cure.

Sunday, October 26 at 3.30pm in Clonard Church

A MUSICAL EVENING OF FUN AND ROMANCE IN SUPPORT OF ASHA

on 1st November 2025 at 7-30pm in Holywood Parish Church.

All proceeds to ASHA as they continue to support the poor in slums in Delhi.

Tickets available from Parish office 71 Church Road, Holywood, BT18 9BX.

Phone 02890423622 or online on Holywood Parish Church web site

Prayers for the Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland

All Catholics are invited to pray for a special gathering that will take place in Kilkenny on 18 October, called a Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland. This assembly is an important juncture on the journey towards a National Synodal Assembly to be held in 2026. Around 240 people will be in attendance and these are drawn from each diocese on the island, Religious Congregations and Church movements. A preparatory document, entitled Baptised and Sent - the fruits of listening sessions across Ireland last spring - will be the basis for discussion at this gathering, and for the next stage of the journey of renewal. Central to the document is a renewed focus on baptism as the foundation of our Christian dignity, unity, and mission and how baptism infuses the life and mission of the Church in Ireland today and into the future. You are invited to read this document by visiting www.synod.ie/baptised-and-sent-preparatory-document-available-now/ Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the conversations at Kilkenny, and those flowing from it, as we walk together as sisters and brothers of Christ, united by our baptism and filled with hope.

FR PETER MCVERRY

in conversation with author and journalist Martin O'Brien. An evening of sharing with this social justice campaigner who has worked with Dublin's poorest for decades, providing homes and shelter. The Saint Patrick Centre, Downpatrick, October 23, 7:30pm.

Tickets are £10 and available by phoning 02844 - 619000.

Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today.

It gives you space to meet people and share ideas.

Each session involves a short film and time for discussion.

Sacred Heart Parish Hall Ballyclare, beginning Thurs 16th October at 7pm.

For more information email ballyclare@downandconnor.org

The Legion of Mary and the Knights of Saint Columbanus present

Our Lady's Rosary Festival

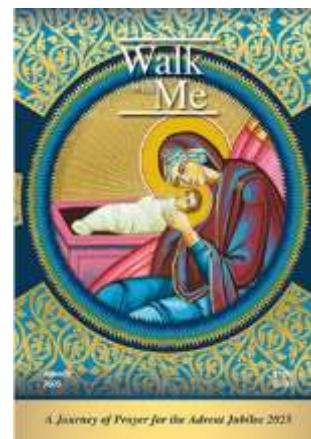
from Saturday 4 October to Sunday 12 October 2025 with 9 events in different venues.

The Festival ends with the 22nd Annual Rosary Procession from St. John's Church to St Peter's Cathedral commencing at 2:30pm on Sunday 12 October.

All details can be found at belfastrosaryfestival.com

2025 Advent

'Walk with Me' Booklet



Can now be ordered from
Anne in the Parish Shop

This Coming Week

6th Oct - 12th Oct

Mon

St. Bruno

Tues

Our Lady of the Rosary

Thurs

St. Denis & Companions

St. John Leonardi

St. John Newman

Fri

St. Paulinus of York

Sat

St. Canice

St. John XXIII

Sun

28th Sunday of the Year

Readings for

Sun 12th Oct

2 Kings 5: 14-17

2 Timothy 2: 8-13

Luke 17: 11-19

Contact details for the Belfast 16 Family of Parishes

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