



Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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Our Lady of Lourdes

6th April 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent Cycle C Week 1

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Bulletin Notices

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

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

Requiescant in Pace



Recently Deceased

Lawrence Nolan

Anniversaries

Phyllis Haveron (1st)

Alex Devenny

John Morrison

William Brown

Tom Robinson

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

**Today's second collection is for
the Monthly Stipend.**

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

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 Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Mount Saint Nicholas.

Eucharistic Adoration is available every Saturday between 11.00 and 12.00 noon
in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Mount St. Nicholas.

Step forward as a Pilgrim of Hope this Lent.

As we journey through the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis invites us to be Pilgrims of Hope – people who walk in faith, supporting one another and deepening our relationship with Christ. We invite you to join us for our new Lenten program, Pilgrim Hearts – Walking in the steps of Jesus this Lent, a 4-week Lenten journey inspired by the Sunday gospels and the lives of the Irish Saints who embraced faith in times of challenge. From St Patrick's prayers on the mountain to St Brigid's acts of compassion, their lives remind us that holiness is lived in simple, everyday choices. They were the great evangelisers of the Christian faith in Ireland. Evangelisation begins with an invitation. Who in your life might need this journey? Invite a friend, a family member, or someone who perhaps has been away from Church for a while. Your invitation could be the start of their pilgrimage of hope. Everyone is welcome. Details as follows: -

Venue:

St. Nicholas' Church Carrickfergus

Dates:

Monday 7th April

Time:

7.30 p.m.



Our final Do This in Memory Mass prior to First Communion is
next Sunday, April 13.

Light refreshments will be served after Mass.

Everyone welcome.

The Events Team.

Holy Thursday - Eucharistic Adoration

Would you be willing to spend 30 minutes with Jesus? Eucharistic Adoration will take place after Mass on Holy Thursday, 17th April, from 8:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Could you commit to remaining in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament for half an hour during this time? If so, please put your name on the sheet at the back of the church. Thank you.

Teas in Whitehead

Light refreshments will be available at the back of the church in Whitehead after
09:30 Mass **today** Sunday 6th April. Everyone is welcome.

WHITEHEAD CELL MEETING

will take place on Tuesday at 4 Marine Parade, but
PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME. On the 8th
April, only, it will begin at 2.30 pm.

Parish Cell Group Meetings Carrickfergus

Our meetings in Carrickfergus recommence on
Tuesday, 29th April and Wednesday, 30th April.

Penitential Services Easter

Monday 14th April at 7pm in Star of the Sea, Whitehouse.
Tuesday 15th April 7pm St Bernard's
Wednesday 16th April 7pm St Gerard's

From the Upper Room to the Empty Tomb

A day retreat through the Easter Triduum
Saturday 12 April 2025
11.00am - 4.00pm
Sacred Heart Hall, Ballyclare
You are invited to prayerfully walk with the Lord
through the three 'great days' of our faith
Suggested donation £10
lunch and refreshments will be provided.
Advance booking essential. Please email:
ballyclare@downandconnor.org

Life in the Spirit Seminars

St Michael the Archangel Parish Centre
Finaghy Road North Belfast
Sunday 27th April to Sunday 1st June 7.30pm
27th April God's Love Fr James O'Reilly
4th May Salvation Fr Ciaran Dallat
11th May New Life Martina Purdy
18th May Receiving God's Gift Collette Higgins
25th May Baptism in the Holy Spirit Fr Darren Brennan
1st June Growth & Transformation Thomas Carey



Parish shop.

Open before and after
Sunday Mass.

Easter Cards & Gifts

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

for more information on
upcoming Holy Communion.



Easter Flowers for Carrickfergus and Whitehead

If you would like to donate towards the Easter flowers in
St. Nicholas' or Our Lady of Lourdes churches,
please see
Anne Quinn in Carrickfergus or
Pamela Maginn in Whitehead.
Thank you.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved
parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening
on Monday 14th April at 7.30pm in the Crowne Plaza,
Shaws Bridge, Belfast. This event is free and open to all
bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the
circumstances of their death, or how recent their death
was. You do not need to register in advance. We also
offer an online support group meeting. To find out more
call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

Recharge is a young adult group based in Down and
Connor for those aged 18 to 35. The group meet twice
monthly on the first and third Tuesday of each month .
We will be meeting on Tuesday 15th of April at 7.30pm
in St Colmcille's Church, Ballyhackamore. All welcome!

Parish Retreat at Drumalis, Larne 4/5 October 2025.
For more information please contact: Carrickfergus Zara
Roberts 07523 419397 or
Whitehead Ruth Bates 02893 378958



Parish Bethany Bereavement Group

*are here to support you through your grief, if you would like to speak to
someone a member of the Group can be contacted on the Confidential
mobile 07598825187*

St. Pio Relics to visit Holycross Abbey (E41PH01): Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th
May. Veneration and ceremonies from 10am to 8pm on Saturday and 9am to 8pm on
Sunday (incorporating our annual St. Pio Pilgrimage on Sunday from 1.30pm). All are
welcome. Contact 0504-43124 or hbparishoffice@gmail.com for information.

Cemetery Sunday in the parish will take place this year on **1st June** as follows:
Islandmagee - immediately after 9.30am Mass in Whitehead;
Mount St. Nicholas' - immediately after 11.30am Mass in Carrickfergus;
Victoria - 2.00 pm; Prospect - 3.00pm

This Coming Week

7th Apr - 13th Apr

Mon

St. John Baptist de la Salle

Fri

St. Stanislaus

Sun

Palm Sunday

Readings for Sun 13th Apr

Isaiah 50: 4-7
Philippians 2: 6-11
Luke 22: 14, 23:56

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