



Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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Our Lady of Lourdes

12th October 2025

28th Sunday of the Year Cycle C Week 4

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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.

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Roy Hamilton
Archie McCormick
Maureen Holmes
Harold Turner
Isabel Stanley
Elizabeth Valerie Patterson

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

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.

St. Nicholas' Carrickfergus

Sun 11.30am **

Wed 7.00pm **

Our Lady of Lourdes Whitehead

Sun 9.30am

Wed 10.00am

Tuesday Mass

The Tuesday morning Mass for October will take place in St. Nicholas' on
Tuesday 14th October at 10.00 a.m.

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.

DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESAN FATIMA 2026

Led by: Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ
Pilgrimage Directors: Canon Sean Gilmore,
Fr Martin Graham Adm, Fr Gerry McCloskey PP
29th MAY 2026

7 nights £850 per person sharing
(£100 off per person if paid in full by 3rd Nov 2025)

» Direct return flights from Belfast to Porto

» 7 nights Hotel Avenida

» Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day

» Full religious programme

» Guided tour of Sanctuary & Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary

» Visits to Aljustrel & Valinhos

» Optional: Travel insurance & Single supplement (Limited Places)

For information please contact: JOE CATNEY 07776425631

From Sunday, October 12th to Sunday, October 18th, we mark
Prisons Week 2025,
a time set aside across these Islands to pray for all those
affected by the criminal justice system — prisoners, their
families, victims of crime, prison staff, chaplains, and
communities.

The Parish Pastoral Council and the Events Team should like to
thank everyone who supported the
Pilgrimage to Downpatrick.
Special thanks is extended to Father Peter who so generously
subsidised the trip and to all those who donated.

LIFE CHAIN

Join Precious Life on Saturday 18th October 2025 at Belfast City Hall at 2pm for a Life Chain to mark the 6th Anniversary of Westminster imposing abortion on Northern Ireland. Stand with us in remembrance of the innocent babies lost since then, as we advocate for the protection of life. For more information, please contact Precious Life 028 90278484 or 07592280522



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

Anam Cara,

the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 20th October 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 We're grateful for your help in raising awareness of this free support for bereaved parents in your parish community. For more information visit www.anamcara.ie.

Give Blood

Town Hall Carrickfergus

Tues 21st October 12.30 to 19.30 & Tues 28th October 12.30 to 19.30

A few tickets remaining! Abide in His Love Women's Conference Nov 21-23.

The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran Co. Donegal. A beautiful event for women exploring the beauty & gift of their feminine identity in Christ.

Guest Speakers include Sr. Mary Madeline Todd OP (USA), Megan Madden from 'A Mother's Lace' (USA/UK), Fr. Barry Braum, Fr. Mark Wharton (UK), Fr. Francesco Mary Gavazzi, CFR, the Nashville Dominican sisters, & Mass with Archbishop Eamon Martin. Check Eventbrite for tickets & more information.

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! Date for your diary for October:

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

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.

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.

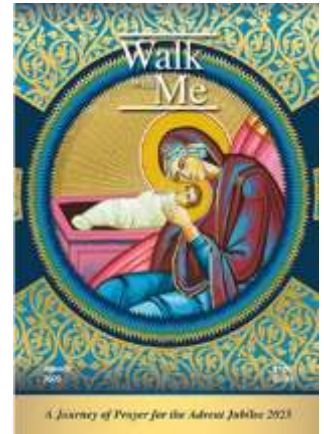
All proceeds to ASHA as they continue to support the poor in slums in Delhi.

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

Phone 02890423622 or online on Holywood Parish Church web site

2025 Advent

'Walk with Me' Booklet



Can now be ordered from Anne in the Parish Shop

This Coming Week

13th Oct - 19th Oct

Mon

St. Edward the Confessor

Tues

St. Callistus

Wed

St. Teresa of Avila

Thurs

St. Gall, St. Hedwig,

St. Margaret Mary

Alacoque,

St. Richard Gwyn

Fri

St. Ignatius of Antioch

Sat

St. Luke

Sun

29th Sunday of the Year

Readings for

Sun 19th Oct

Exodus 17: 8-13

2 Timothy 3: 14, 4: 2

Luke 18: 1-8

Contact details for the 'Stella Maris' Family of Parishes

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