



Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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Our Lady of Lourdes

26th October 2025

30th Sunday of the Year Cycle C Week 2

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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



Recently Deceased

Marie McNeill

Anniversaries

Joan Degnan
William McManus (50 yrs)
Paul Smith

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

November Dead Lists

Can be collected as you
leave the church.
Please return your Envelope and
leave in the box provided
at the back of the church before the
31st Oct.

There will be no
Children's Liturgy today
Sunday 26th October.
Children's Liturgy will
recommence Sunday
2nd November.

St. Nicholas' Carrickfergus

Our Lady of Lourdes Whitehead

Sun 11.30am **

Sun 9.30am

Wed 7.00pm **

Wed 10.00am

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.

Teas in Whitehead

Light refreshments will be available in the Pastoral Centre after 09.30
Mass **today** Sunday, 26th October. Everyone is welcome.

FANCY A WALK WITH FELLOW PARISHIONERS

The Parish Pastoral Council is keen to establish a regular Parish Walking Group
where parishioners can interact with each other and perhaps chat over coffee
afterwards. To gauge level of interest, where and when to walk etc we have
organised our first walk for Saturday 1 November at 12 noon leaving from St
Nicholas' carpark behind the church. The walk will last about an hour and on flat
ground around the town. Come prepared to suit the weather.

Everyone is welcome! If you want further information
contact Marian Frampton on 07570802875

Whitehead Cell meeting will take place at 4 Marine Parade at 11 am till 1pm on
Tuesday 28th October. All are most welcome even if it is just to 'come and see'.
Ruth's number is 07876420867 if more information is needed.

Recollection Weekend - Tí Chulainn, Mullaghbawn, Co Armagh
31st October -2nd November

Last chance to book for the Recollection weekend in Mullaghbawn! Prayer including
Mass and Adoration Vigil, Conferences, Silence, opportunity for Confession,
Community - and More! Main preacher Fr Patrick Desmond.
See www.thecollect.ie for details.

A men's public **Rosary with Meditations** on five Rosary Mysteries organised by the "Men's Rosary Ireland" group will be prayed on High Street, Ballymoney Town Centre, close to the "Taxi Stand" on All Saints Day, Sat. 1st of Nov. assembling at 12:45 p.m. to begin at 1p.m. Make this prayer meeting on All Saints Day in Ballymoney part of your First Saturday Devotion and by doing so help bring about Peace on Earth. Search mensrosaryireland.com for further details.

Knock All Night Vigil From Clonard Monastery at 1.45pm Sunday 7th December, returning Monday 8th December at noon. Price £75.00 including Dinner and Breakfast. To book phone 028 90665211 (M-F 9-5)



Parish Shop

Gifts and cards for Advent and Christmas now available.

Advent Calendars 2026 Diary Calendars 2026

Open each Sunday Mass.
See parish website for more information

www.carrickparish.org/shop



QUIZ NIGHT

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
CARRICKFERGUS GOLF CLUB
£5 ENTRY - PAY AT THE DOOR

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

help is at hand...
CANCERlifeline

Help is at hand...
together we can make a difference.

Could you become a supported lodgings/STAY host?

Supported lodgings/STAY hosts provide safe and secure accommodation to care-experienced young people aged 16-21, and offer them practical and emotional support to guide them towards independent living. Hosts benefit from training and development opportunities, ongoing support and financial assistance. Find out more: Call 0800 0720 137 or adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net

Recharge Youth Group

based in St Colmcille's Church in East Belfast for 18 - to 35-year-olds. Dates for your Diary. Tuesday 4th November @7.30pm: Holy Hour with Adoration followed by drinks in the Hearth Bar. Tuesday 18th November @7.30pm: Group Study - Growing in Prayer. Followed by social.

Christmas Craft Fair in Aid of Leukaemia & Lymphoma NI

Presbyterian Church Hall Kings Road Whitehead
Saturday 15th November 10.30am to 4.00pm

Foodbank

WE KNOW IT'S OCTOBER... BUT CAN YOU HELP US BY DONATING SOME CHRISTMAS ITEMS EARLY?

- Selection Boxes
- Family pack/box Biscuits
- Christmas/choc pudding
- Tinned Custard
- Tinned Fruit
- Pringles/Crisps
- UHT Milk
- Shloer/Juice

This Coming Week 27th Oct – 2nd Nov

Mon
St. Otteran

Tues
St. Simon & St. Jude

Fri
Blessed Dominic Collins

Sat
All Saints.

Sun
All Souls

**Readings for
Sun 2nd Nov**
Wisdom 3: 1-9
Romans 6: 3-9
Matthew 25: 31-46

BISHOP'S RESIDENCE & CURIA OFFICE VACANCY ASSISTANT HOUSEKEEPER

An opportunity has arisen within our Housekeeping Team to recruit into the role of Assistant Housekeeper. Working closely with our Head of Housekeeping, you will be required to provide a reliable and efficient housekeeping service to include cleaning, shopping and cooking duties. This role will support the Head of Housekeeping to ensure a pleasant, welcoming and clean environment for all visitors to the residence and Curia offices. The terms are based on a permanent appointment for 35 hours per week. Mon to Fri from 8.30 am – 4.30 pm. Salary: Will be considered between £24,500 to £26,500 gross p.a. – commensurate upon experience. Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: job vacancies where terms and conditions relating to the role can also be accessed by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application form. Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Mon 3 Nov 2025

ST COLMCILLE'S PARISH BELFAST VACANCY 'PARISH & VOCATIONS SUPPORT OFFICER'

An opportunity has arisen for the recruitment of a Parish and Vocations Support Officer to be based within St Colmcille's Parish, 191 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 3JB. The role holder will be required to work with our Director of Vocations supporting him by undertaking secretarial, clerical, administrative and diary management services within the parish and in his role as Diocesan Director of Vocations. Terms are based on a permanent appointment for 30 hours per week. Mon to Fri – work pattern to be agreed. Salary: Will be between £25,000 to £28,000 gross p.a. – commensurate upon experience. Full details can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: job vacancies where T&Cs relating to the role can also be accessed by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application form. Application Packs are also available from the St Colmcille's Parish Office. Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Mon 10 Nov 2025

Contact details for the 'Stella Maris' Family of Parishes

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Carrickfergus	www.carrickparish.org	Very Rev. Peter Owens, PP	(028) 9336 3269
Glengormley	www.stmarysonthehill.online	Very Rev. Pat Sheehan PP Very Rev. Canon Aidan Kerr PE PM	(028) 9083 2979 (028) 9083 2488
Loughshore	www.loughshoreparishes.org	Very Rev. David Delargy PP	(028) 9037 0845