



Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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Our Lady of Lourdes

28th September 2025

26th 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

Colin Taplin

Anniversaries

Peggy Murphy
Nell Graham
Mary Jefferies
Patrick Donaghy

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

St. Nicholas' Carrickfergus

Our Lady of Lourdes Whitehead

Sun 11.30am **

Sun 9.30am

Wed 7.00pm **

Wed 10.00am

Bus to Downpatrick

The first pick up will be at Whitehead Bus Station at
8.30am on Saturday October 4.

Carrickfergus pick up is from the Castle Car Park at approximately 8.50am.

The bus will leave Carrickfergus at 9.00am sharp.

The Parish Pastoral Council/Events Team.

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

Mary's Meals

Good News The charity Mary's Meals is now reaching over 3 million
children with daily school meals across 16 countries. We are so grateful for
your compassion, prayers and support over the years that have made it
possible to reach this milestone. Each little act of love is giving hope to new
generations. Mary's Meals invites you to continue to pray for this work that
we can reach the next child waiting and to consider volunteering your time
locally to help us raise awareness and funds individually or as part of a
group so we can keep the promise of a daily meal to the children we
currently feed. Visit our website www.marysmeals.org.uk or contact
Caoimhe on 07394564065 to find out more.

Preparing for Marriage?

Weekend residential courses available.
21-23 November 2025, 6-8 March 2026
and 13-15 November 2026. Details:
www.grasta.org or at info@grasta.org

Married Couples course?

Weekend residential courses available.
22-23 November 2025, 7-8 March 2026
and 14-15 November 2026. Details:
www.grasta.org or at info@grasta.org

Ministers of the Eucharist We are currently looking for volunteers to join our team of Ministers of the Eucharist in Carrickfergus. This role involves assisting the priest in the distribution of Holy Communion at Sunday Mass and other occasions as required, as well as taking Holy Communion to sick and house bound parishioners at home or in care homes. All Ministers of the Eucharist are vetted for the role. If you are interested in taking on this role, please speak to Fr Owens for more information.

St. Nicholas' Choir - Vacancy The choir at St. Nicholas' Church is looking for a new lead person/musician. If anyone is interested in taking up this role, or someone who might be interested, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

GIFTS & CARDS
for all occasions are available from the Parish Repository.
2025 Jubilee Rosaries



Open after Sunday Mass.
See
www.carrickparish.org/shop
for more information.

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

Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality (Oct-Dec 2025)
Seeking rest and renewal in a sacred space towards the end of the year?
8-day Directed Retreat
(Tuesday, 14 October - Thursday, 23 October)
A residential retreat with one-on-one spiritual direction, offering a silent space to be in deeper prayer and reconnect.
Advent Triduum Retreat
(Monday-Friday, 1-5 December or 8-12 December)
Silent retreat guided by the Jesuit community, offering space for prayer, reflection, daily Mass, adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, in preparation for Christmas.
New Year Retreat
(Monday, 29 December - Thursday, 1 January)
Welcoming the New Year in a spirit of peace and prayer. This silent retreat offers time to reflect on the year gone by, seek God's grace for the year ahead, and be guided by daily prayer and liturgy.
Booking can be made online (manresa.ie), by email at reception@manresa.ie, or by calling +353 1 5529 448.

PARISH CELL GROUPS
The dates for the October meetings will be
Tuesday, 7th October & Wednesday 8th October
Tuesday, 21st October & Wednesday 22nd October



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***

Do you have questions about life? Your purpose? Are you curious about the Christian faith and who Jesus is? An **ALPHA** course is for you! Churches in the area are running an ALPHA course beginning Monday 29 September in the Greedy Gannet, Gobbins Centre, Islandmagee 7pm - 9pm. Each evening begins with a meal. There will be no pressure or judgement, just open conversation. You will be most welcome! Call Mike on 078288857051 for more info www.alpha.org

This Coming Week
29th Sep - 5th Oct
Mon
Archangels St Michael, St Gabriel & St Raphael
Tues
St. Jerome
Wed
St Theresa of the Child Jesus
Thurs
The Guardian Angels
Sat
St. Francis of Assisi
Sun
27th Sunday of the Year

Readings for Sun 5th Oct
Habakkuk 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4
2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14
Luke 17: 5-10

Contact details for the Belfast 16 Family of Parishes

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Carrickfergus	www.carrickparish.org	Very Rev. Peter Owens, PP	(028) 9336 3269
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