



*Saint Nicholas'*

# *Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead*

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*Our Lady of Lourdes*

**20th April 2025**

**Easter Sunday Cycle C Week 1**

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**Weekly Mass Times** (\*\* Streamed Masses - see parish website)  
Holy Days : As announced.

| <b>St. Nicholas' Carrickfergus</b> | <b>Our Lady of Lourdes Whitehead</b> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Sun 11.30am **                     | Sun 9.30am                           |
| Wed 7.00pm **                      | Wed 10.00am                          |

**Bulletin Notices**  
to be submitted to the  
parish Email Address by  
**12 noon Wednesday**

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.

**Trocaire Lenten Boxes / Envelopes**  
Please return your Lenten Boxes or Envelopes to the Church as soon as possible.  
Thank you.

The Parish Office will be closed during Easter Week (21st - 27th April)  
The next bulletin will be Sunday 4th May.

**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

**Easter Message**

Fr. Peter wishes all our parishioners and visitors to the parish  
A Blessed and Peaceful Easter.

**Requiescant in Pace**



**Recently Deceased**

Thomas O'Loughlin

**Month Mind**

Raymond Devine

**Anniversaries**

Celine Arkins  
Anne Hutton  
Jim Boyle  
Josephine Mulvenna  
Margaret Devine  
Meta Devine

**PLEASE NOTE**

There will be no Masses this Wednesday in the Parish this week.

**Parish Cell Group Meetings**

Tuesday, 29th Apr: There will be a Cell meeting in  
Carrick at 8.00 pm. Contact: Margaret Webb: 07779729505  
or Anne McFerran: 07809906792  
Wednesday, 30th Apr: There will be a Cell meeting at 11.00 am in the committee  
room at the back of Saint Nicholas' Church. Contact: Matt Monaghan:  
07428247820  
or Jim Mullan: 07841428436 All are welcome. "Come and see."

**Give Blood Save Lives**

Book now for your local community blood donation session!  
Town Hall Carrickfergus  
Tues 6th May 2025 13:00 – 20:00  
Wed 7th May 2025 12:30 – 19:30

**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

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

**Divine Mercy Sunday** Would you like your soul to be as pure as on the day you were baptised? If the answer is yes, read on. St Pope John Paul II canonized a Polish mystic, Sister Faustina (1905 – 1938) on the Sunday after Easter in 2000 and declared that from then on, the second Sunday of Easter would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday. In a revelation to Sister Faustina Jesus told her, ‘I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to confessions and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy’ (Divine Mercy Sunday). The conditions for receiving this great grace, including going to confessions, can be fulfilled by attending any of the following Churches on Divine Mercy Sunday, 27 April this year. St Peter’s Cathedral at 2pm, St Paul’s, Falls Rd at 2pm, Sacred Heart, Oldpark Rd at 2.15pm, St Patrick’s, Lisburn at 3pm and All Saints Ballymena at 2pm.

### ALPHA

St Colmcille's Parish Belfast is inviting you to their next ALPHA programme. It begins on THURSDAY 8th MAY 2025 at 7.00pm, in The Lampost Café, 19 Upper Newtownards Road BT4 3HT. Meet new people and explore the Christian faith together. Each session unpacks a big question of life, faith, and purpose. Come along, and see what you think. All welcome. Contact Noeleen to register or make enquiries: [n.dunn@downandconnor.org](mailto:n.dunn@downandconnor.org) Please share with family, friends, and work colleagues. Your prayers for the programme are much appreciated.



**Parish shop.**  
Open before and after  
Sunday Mass.  
See [www.carrickparish.org/shop](http://www.carrickparish.org/shop)  
for more information on  
upcoming Holy Communion.



### “Raising Hope for our Common Home”.

This event takes place on April 26th at Knock Shrine and features talks from guest speakers: Eanna Ni Lamhna - Scientist and Broadcaster, Jane Mellett- Outreach Officer for Trocaire, Dr Brendan O’Keefe- Geographer and Social Scientist.

It promises to be an educational and rewarding day of dialogue and discussion. Full details of the day and how to book is available on our website [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

**Beginning Experience** is a peer ministry to the bereaved, separated and divorced, based within the Family Ministry of the Diocese of Down and Connor.

The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride’s Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (26th April, 24th May and 21st June) Booking essential. To find out more, contact Pauline 07519289185 or Marie 07896119669 or email [belfastbe@yahoo.com](mailto:belfastbe@yahoo.com)

### ‘Sing for Joy!’ – A Reflective Day of Music and Ministry

‘Sing for Joy!’ - A Reflective Day of Music and Ministry. Saturday 26th April 2025 at Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal. In the prayerful setting of Lough Derg, this day will provide space for the power of music to nourish our spirit and allow us to give praise to God through the beauty of sound, song and silence. There will be various inputs as well as time to pray, connect with others and explore this Sacred place. The day will conclude with the Celebration of the Eucharist at 3:30pm (open to the public).

This day is open to young people aged 18-35 and is free to attend (supported by the Knights of St Columbanus). Boat departs at 9:30am.

Registration is essential via <https://bit.ly/SingforJoy> . For further information please contact [info@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk](mailto:info@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk) / +447759496677.



### 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*

### This Coming Week

21st Apr - 27th Apr

**Fri**  
St. Mark

**Sun**  
2nd Sun. of Easter

**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

### Readings for Sun 27th Apr

Acts 5: 12-16  
Revelation 1: 9-11,12-13,17-19  
John 20: 19-31

### Contact details for the Belfast 16 Family of Parishes

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|---------------|--|--|------------------------------------|
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| Glengormley   | <a href="http://www.stmarysonthehill.online">www.stmarysonthehill.online</a> | Very Rev. Pat Sheehan PP<br>Very Rev. Canon Aidan Kerr PE PM | (028) 9083 2979<br>(028) 9083 2488 |
| Loughshore    | <a href="http://www.loughshoreparishes.org">www.loughshoreparishes.org</a>   | Very Rev. David Delargy PP                                   | (028) 9037 0845                    |