



Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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Our Lady of Lourdes

18th May 2025

Fifth Sunday after Easter Cycle C Week 1

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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.

The ANNUAL PARISH CENSUS
will take place as you arrive at Mass today, **Sunday 18th May 2025**

Paraliturgy on Our Lady

The month of May is often associated with Our Lady. You are invited to come
along and meditate on the life of Our Lady, the Holy Mother of God, through
scripture, prayer and sacred music. The paraliturgy will take place in
St. Nicholas' Church Carrickfergus on **Monday 19th May** at 7.30 p.m.
Light refreshments will be provided afterwards and everyone is welcome.
The panel of Catechists and Liturgy Group.

Recommissioning of Ministers of the Word and Ministers of Sacred Music
World Communications Day in 2025 will be celebrated on **Sunday 1st June**.
There will be a short ceremony of recommitment that day for Ministers of the
Word and Ministers of Sacred Music at both the 09:30 and 11:30 Masses. If you
serve in either of these ministries, please come along to one of the parish Masses
on Sunday 1st June to be recommissioned for the following year.

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

Parish Barbecue Sunday June 8 after 11.30am Mass.

Barbecue is being supplied by McMaster's Whitehead.

Cost per ticket £5.00.

MENU: Dressed burger with cheese and onions. Sausage. Chicken skewer. Baby
boiled garlic potatoes. 9 salads to choose from as you wish.
(There will not be any eggs or nuts in the food)

Events Team will provide tea, coffee, biscuits and soft drinks.

ENTERTAINMENT: Music by Barley Hill Folk. Bouncy Castle. Face painting.
Glitter tattoos. Bingo. Tombola. Raffle.

Tickets available today after Mass. We would appreciate donations towards the
raffle. The Events Team.

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

Fr Michael Dempsey CSsR

Anniversaries

Mary Woods

Eddie Polland

Isabella Poland

Ronald Walk (Birmingham)

Pat Murray

*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
Education of Diocesan Students**

Saul Sunday

Celebrating the 1500th anniversary of St Patrick's arrival here in 432AD, the Most Rev Dr Mageean, Bishop of Down & Connor cut the first sod for the monumental statue on Slieve Patrick in Saul. The works took 6 years and the first Pilgrimage took place on Sunday 12th June 1938 when people travelled from all over Ireland to attend. So began the traditional annual pilgrimage, known as "Saul Sunday".

SAUL SUNDAY: PILGRIMS OF HOPE 2025

This year Bishop McGuckian will return to celebrate Mass at 3pm on 1st June. He encourages us all to be 'Pilgrims of Hope', joining him at Saul to reflect on Patrick's legacy and welcome the 'Sacred Heart Pilgrim Statue' blessed by Pope Francis to our diocese.

GIFTS & CARDS

for all occasions are available from the Parish Repository.

Month of May

Rosaries for Our Lady Mary, the Mother of God.



Jubilee 2025 Pilgrim of Hope Rosary

Open before and after Sunday Mass.

See www.carrickparish.org/shop for more information.

Jubilee Year of Hope

Join us for a half-day of reflection and inspiration at Ulster University, Belfast, on Saturday, 31st May, from 9.30am to 1.30pm, hosted by the Belfast Jesuit Centre. Inspired by our late Pope Francis' vision for a Jubilee Year of Hope. Speakers include Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ, Dr Austen Ivereigh, and Julieann Moran. The event will be chaired by Pat Coyle of Jesuit Communications. All are welcome. Registration is required and a registration link can be found by visiting belfastjesuitcentre.org or the BJC Facebook page.

Anam Cara - supporting parents after

bereavement, are hosting an Online Bereavement Information Evening on Thursday 22nd May 2025 at 7pm. Our guest speaker will be Diane Clabby.

Diane is an accredited Trauma Informed Psychotherapist with an Honours Degree in Integrative Counselling and Psychotherapy. She also holds a Diploma in Trauma Informed Psychotherapy, a Level 7 QQI Certificate in Suicide Postvention. Diane has a special interest in working with trauma, loss and bereavement, suicide prevention, intervention and postvention. Contact Number: 028 95213120 www.anamcara.ie

SENSORY MASS

There will be a Sensory Friendly Mass at St Colmeille's Church, Ballyhackamore, Belfast, on Saturday 28th June at 12.00 noon. We welcome and embrace neurodiverse persons, those suffering from Alzheimer's and Dementia conditions, and those with sensory needs. Join us for a sensory friendly liturgy, which includes lower lights, softer music, and literal homilies. Feel free to get up and move if needed, bring alternative seating, use quiet fidgets or noise cancelling headphones. Save the date and come celebrate the Eucharist in an environment free of stigma. Please contact n.dunn@downandconnor.org to express your interest, or for enquiries.

All Ireland Rosary Rally Knock

Over 10,000 pilgrims are expected at the 40th All-Ireland Rosary Rally on Saturday, June 7th at Knock Shrine. Events begin at 9:30am with a Marian Conference and conclude with a Pentecost Vigil and Healing Service from 8-10pm. Highlights include a Rosary making workshop, a 250-person Rosary formation for filming. Keynote at 1 PM by Msgr Steve Rossetti, USA. Rosary Procession led by children follows the Stations of the Cross at 2:30pm, with Holy Mass at 3pm celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown. Music by Dana. A youth conference runs 6-7:30 PM. Rosary Rally ends with a Croagh Patrick climb and Mass on Sunday at noon. Full schedule and bus info: www.allirelandrosaryrally.com.

Special centenary celebration of the canonization of St Thérèse of Lisieux.

St Thérèse is a beloved saint known for her little way of love and spiritual simplicity. We are honoured to welcome Fr Paul Murray OP, renowned speaker and spiritual director of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who will offer a reflection on how to live and pray like St Thérèse. The event will take place on 22 May at 19:00 at Holy Family Church Belfast.

WHITEHEAD CELL

will meet on **Tuesday 20th May** at 11 am at 4 Marine Parade, Whitehead.
Tel no 07876420867
'come and see' so open to all.

Raising Hope – Living Laudato Si

Down and Connor Laudato Si' Group warmly invite you to a conference to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Laudato Si' "Raising Hope – Living Laudato Si'" Sunday 25 May 2025
2.30pm – 4.30pm Clonard Monastery
Belfast Key note : Professor John Barry, QUB Professor of Green Political Economy & Co-Director of the Centre for Sustainability, quality and Climate Action
With contributions from : Eco Congregation Ireland: Anna Byrne DC
Trócaire : Nick Hanrahan Laudato Si'
Animators: Finbarr Keaveney A Rocha: Bertie Stirling.

This Coming Week ***19th May - 25th May***

Mon

St. Dunstan

Tues

St. Bernardine of Siena

Wed

St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions

Thurs

St. Rita

Sun

6th Sun of Easter

Readings for **Sun 25th May**

Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29
Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23
John 14:23-29

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