

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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Saint Nicholas'

Our Lady of Lourdes

10th May 2026

6th Sunday of Easter

Cycle A Week 2

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Baptisms

(one month's notice)

Whitehead - 1st Sun of the month

C'fergus - 2nd Sun of the month

By arrangement with the Parish Office

Weddings

(three month's notice)

By arrangement

Funerals

By arrangement

Confessions

are available on Sunday mornings
from 11.00am to 11.20am

in St. Nicholas' Carrickfergus.

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.

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).

Bulletin Notices

to be submitted to the
parish Email Address by
12 noon Wednesday

Mass Times for week starting Sunday 10th May

(** Streamed Masses - see parish website for link)

Holy Days : As announced.

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Joe Maxwell

Eilish McKnight

Annie Kemp

Robert Kemp

Neal Mellon (30th)

Annie Kennedy

Josephine Donaghy

Samuel Haveron (Snr)

Samuel Haveron (Jnr)

*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

Mon 8.00am

Tues 8.00am

Wed 7.00pm **

Wed 10.00am

Thurs 8.00am

Fri 8.00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We would like to invite you to take part in a day dedicated to prayer and worship in the lead up to the great feast of Pentecost. The purpose of the day is to strengthen our parish community after completing our Lenten sacrifices and renewing our hearts and Baptismal promises during the Easter Triduum.

The Eucharistic Adoration will take place in St. Nicholas' Church on
Saturday 23rd May from 8.00 a.m. until 8.00 p.m.

Please come along to support the day and ask God for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our parish community and, of course, for your own special intentions as well. If you are able to commit to remaining in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament for an hour during this time, please put your name on the sheet at the back of the church.

Thank you. The Liturgy Group/Panel of Catechists

ADVANCE BOOKING FOR PARISH RETREAT

which is taking place on Saturday 3rd
October 5pm to Sunday 5pm 2026.
Please phone Ruth Bates
on 0787 64208 67.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA
FLYING DIRECT FROM BELFAST
INTERNATIONAL
7 Nights F/B Avenida Hotel 14th/21st August
Spiritual Director Fr Andrew McMahon PP
Convenient flight times. Full religious
programme. £845pps. For further information
contact Joe 07776425631
or J. Walsh 0035312410800

Cemetery Sunday 31st May 2026

Islandmagee
After 9.30am Mass
Mount St. Nicholas'
After 11.30am Mass
Victoria - 2.00pm
Prospect - 3.00pm

Pentecost Celebration

The birthday of the Church will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, 24th May. Everyone is invited to wear something red in recognition of this important feast day in our liturgical calendar. Both churches will be decorated for the occasion and some of our foreign national parishioners will read the bidding prayers in their mother tongue for us. The children who recently received their First Holy Communion are invited to come wearing their special clothes. The children who had the Sacrament of Confirmation conferred on them at the end of January are also invited to come and celebrate this great feast, when the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles. Light refreshments will be provided after 09.30 Mass in Whitehead. Everyone is welcome.



Cards & Gifts
for **First Communion**
available from the Church Shop

Open each Sunday.
See parish website for more information

www.carrickparish.org/shop

May Altar

Items for your
May Altar at home
can be sourced from your
Parish Shop.



Flowers for First Communion

If you would like to donate towards
First Communion flowers in St. Nicholas'
please see Anne Quinn. Thank you.



ANNUAL NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

“Living our Baptism today”

ST GERARD’S PARISH CHURCH,
722 ANTRIM ROAD

MONDAY 11th to TUESDAY 19th MAY 2026

Monday to Friday 9.30am and 7.30pm

Saturday 9.30am and 6.30pm

Sunday 10.30am and 7.30pm

St Gerard’s Parish warmly invite you to participate in our
Annual Novena in honour of Our Mother of Perpetual
Help. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

✠ Walk in the footsteps of our Patron Saint on **Saint Patrick's Way Pilgrim Walk** in Downpatrick with guides Martina Purdy and Elaine Kelly on Sat 6 June and 8 August, and Mairead Sweeney on Sat 4 July, begin at Saint Patricks Centre with the fabulous 180° IMAX film of St Patrick, price includes entrance fees, internal bus transfers, pilgrimage lunch at the famous Saul Barn, plus a stamped Camino passport and a 6 mile pilgrimage walk finishing at Saint Patrick’s grave. Come and Be Amazed! (Duration 9am-approx 3pm, all for just £55)

To book ring 02844 619000 or go

to website www.saintpatrickcentre.com ✠

The Chosen — Friday Mornings (May & June): The Belfast Jesuit Centre will host weekly screenings of *The Chosen* (Season 1) on Fridays at 10.45am, beginning 8th May and continuing through June. Tea/coffee at 10.45am - episode begins @ 11am sharp, followed by a short Examen and discussion. Sessions end at 12.15pm, with the option to remain for Mass at 12.30pm. All are welcome. To register visit: www.belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk or email bjc@jesuit.ie

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 11th May 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 028 95213120 or email info@anamcara.ie

This Coming Week 11th May -17th May

Wed

Our Lady of Fatima

Fri

St. Carthage

Sat

St. Brendan

Sun

Ascension of the Lord

Three-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg. Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ and Jim Deeds will lead the Three-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg. Date: 19th – 21st June 2026. The bus will depart from St Patrick’s Church Donegall Street. Cost £100. Places are limited early booking advised. To book contact Claire on 028 90690920 or email: pathwaystothefuture@downandconnor.org

Readings for **Sun 17th May**

Acts 1: 1-11

Ephesians 1: 17-23

Matthew 28: 16-20

Daily readings The link below is found on the Parish Website’s Information page. This gives access to today’s reading and the following Sunday’s reading.

<https://www.catholicireland.net/readings/?feature=today>

Contact details for the ‘Stella Maris’ Family of Parishes

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