

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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Saint Nicholas'

Our Lady of Lourdes

17th May 2026

Ascension of the Lord

Cycle A Week 3

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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 17th May

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

Holy Days : As announced.

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Claire Attwood

Margaret Gent

Brigid O'Reilly

Patrick McAllister Jnr

Pat Murray

Ronald Walk (Birmingham)

Eddy Polland

Pat Barry

Mary Woods

*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.**

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.

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. It will start with a High Mass at 8.00 a.m. and finish with Benediction led by Bishop Alan McGuckian at 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

Parish Census 2026

Last week we had 115 parishioners attending Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes and 265 in St Nicholas.

The previous year the figure was 89 in Our Lady of Lourdes and 177 in St Nicholas.

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.

The Life of Fr Patrick Kelly: Co. Down Priest & member of French Resistance in WW2.

A talk by Pdraig Coyle, Journalist and Broadcaster Ballynahinch Parish Centre - Monday coming, 18th May, at 7.30pm . A native of Dromara, Fr Kelly served in a French diocese and became immersed in the Resistance in Nazi-occupied France. Having been honoured by the France for his wartime heroism, he returned to his native Dromore Diocese, serving in various places including Dunmore in Ballynahinch Parish. Admission: £1 All warmly welcome



Cards & Gifts
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.

Offerings

Weekly Collections for the four weeks in April amounted to £5,153.10
 Monthly Stipend Collection £1,319.00
 Holy Land Collection £651.01
 Easter Collection £987.02
 Trocaire Collection £4,266.72
Many thanks for your generosity.

Day Retreat Tobar Mhuire, Crossgar on June 6th which will be guided by Fr John Verghese, who is one of The Passionist priests there. Telephone Reception 02844 830242.

An Ignite Ireland day conference, with special guest speaker from the US, Scott Hahn, will take place on Saturday 23rd of May in the Convention centre, Dublin. Scott Hahn is a well-known writer and broadcaster, and much sought after speaker. It is an event not to be missed. For more information and to book your ticket go to: www.dominicans.ie

ENCOUNTER WEEKEND DONEGAL, Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. 6.00pm - 10.30pm Friday 5th June. 9.00am - 10.30pm. Saturday 6th June. Expect to experience the presence of God through the celebration of the Sacraments, Spirit-led worship, inspiring talks, healing service, and fellowship. Come and be refreshed and empowered by the Holy Spirit and learn from the Saints how to live the lifestyle God intended you to live. Keynote Speakers: Patrick Reis: co-founder and Executive Director of Encounter Ministries USA & Fr. Patrick Gonyeau who serves with the U.S. Province of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in Ohio. Bookings at <https://encounterschoolofministrydoneg.regfox.com/encounter-conference-donegal> For more info, email donegal@encounterschool.org.

Finance Report

The Parish Finance report for 2025 will be available after masses today.

Marys Meals Parishioners of Carrickfergus & Whitehead.

Thank you so much for your precious gift of £1,487.65, which is helping us to transform the lives of hungry children around the world with a nutritious daily meal in school. Your kindness is bringing food, joy and hope to the children who eat Mary's Meals, allowing them to make the most of their education and giving them the chance of a better future.

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>

Cemetery Sunday
31st May 2026

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

This Coming Week
18th May -24th May

Mon
St. John I, Pope
Wed
St. Bernadine of Siena
Fri
St. Rita
Sun
Pentecost

Readings for
Sun 24th May

Acts 2: 1-11
1 Corinthians:12: 3-7; 12-13
John 20: 19-23

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