

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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Saint Nicholas'

Our Lady of Lourdes

29th March 2026

Palm Sunday

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

### 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.

### Confessions

are available on Sunday mornings  
from 11.00am to 11.20am  
in St. Nicholas' Carrickfergus.

**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**

### Requiescant in Pace



### Recently Deceased

Bernadette Boylan  
Raymond (Ray) Frampton

### Month Mind

Joe Mulvenna

### Anniversaries

Hugh McHugh  
Margaret Brogan  
Mary McAllister  
Elfrida Walk (Birmingham)

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

### Do This in Memory Mass

Do This in Memory Mass  
is today  
Sunday, March 29th.  
Light refreshments will be  
available for everyone after Mass.

### Mass Times for week starting Monday 30th March

**Mon 30th** - 8.00am Mass St Nicholas'

**Tues 31st** - 8.00am Mass St Nicholas'

**Wed 1st** - 12.00 noon Chrism Mass St Peter's Cathedral  
(All Welcome to attend)

**Thurs 2nd** - Holy Thurs Mass St Nicholas' -7.00pm  
followed by Adoration until 10.00pm

**Fri 3rd** - The Passion Our Lady of Lourdes – 3.00pm

**Fri 3rd** - Stations of the Cross St. Nicholas' – 7.00pm

**Sat 4th** - Easter Vigil 9.00pm

**Sun 5th** - 9.30am Easter Sunday Mass Our Lady of Lourdes

**Sun 5th** - 11.30am Easter Sunday Mass St Nicholas'

**Please note** there is no Masses in the Parish on Wed 1st and  
no Adoration in St Nicholas' on Sat 4th

### Holy Thursday - Eucharistic Adoration

Would you be willing to spend 30 minutes with Jesus? Eucharistic Adoration will  
take place after Mass on Holy Thursday, 2nd April, from 8:00 p.m. until 10:00  
p.m. Could you commit to remaining in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament for  
half an hour during this time? If so, please put your name on the sheet at the back  
of the church. Thank you.

### Easter Flowers for Carrickfergus and Whitehead

If you would like to donate towards the Easter flowers in  
St. Nicholas' or Our Lady of Lourdes churches,  
please see Anne Quinn in Carrickfergus  
or Pamela Maginn in Whitehead.

Thank you.



## 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 (recorded in her Diary 1109) 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, 12 April.

St Peter’s Cathedral @ 2pm,  
Mater Dei, Crumlin @ 2pm,  
Sacred Heart, Oldpark Rd @ 2pm and  
All Saints Ballymena @ 3pm.

**Trocaire Boxes/Envelopes** Please return your box/envelope this Holy Thursday, or as soon as possible. Thank you.

### Recharge

is a young adult group based in St Colmille’s Church in East Belfast for 18- to 35-year-olds. We meet twice a month to “recharge” our spiritual batteries through prayer, intellectual formation and friendship.

All are welcome!

Dates for your diary for April:

Tuesday 7th April @7.30pm: Holy Hour with Adoration followed by drinks in the Hearth Bar.

Tuesday 21st April @7.30pm: Group Study course followed by social.

### Facebook link

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CarrickfergusParish>



**Cards & Gifts for Easter**  
available from the Church Shop.  
Open each Sunday.  
See parish website for more information



[www.carrickparish.org/shop](http://www.carrickparish.org/shop)

### Eucharistic Adoration

Calling ALL ADORERS of the Blessed Sacrament in Down & Connor Diocese National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 19th April (weekend after Divine Mercy) details on [www.eucharisticadoration.ie](http://www.eucharisticadoration.ie)

Ring Una for bus leaving Toome, at 077 4357 5969 or Patricia for Belfast bus 07972 103 130

### NEW ENVELOPE BOXES

Some Envelope boxes are still available for collection from the Church.

### Foodbank -a typical food parcel includes:

Breakfast cereals, Soup, Pasta, Rice, Pasta sauce, Tinned Beans, Tinned meat, Tinned vegetables, Tinned fruit, Tea or coffee, Sugar, Biscuits, Snacks.

**Gluten Free Hosts** There are gluten free hosts available for anyone who may require one. If you need a gluten free host, please ask the Sacristan before Mass to organise one for you.

**Good Friday Falls/Shankill Annual Inter-Church Prayer Walk** - will take place on Good Friday 3rd April, beginning at 4.45pm in front of Clonard Church, stopping midway at Shankill Methodist for a brief prayer, and returning to Clonard by 6pm. At this precarious time in our world, we commit ourselves once again - in the footsteps of Jesus - to His ministry of reconciliation and peace. All are welcome.

### Induction Loop System

This is a reminder for parishioners that both churches in the Parish have an Induction Loop System. Any parishioner with a hearing aid should tune it into the system by using the 'T' switch on their hearing aid, if it has one.

### Pope Leo’s prayer intentions for 2026

**April:** For priests in crisis. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

### *This Coming Week* *30th Mar – 5th Apr*

**Thurs**  
Holy Thursday  
**Fri**  
Good Friday  
**Sun**  
Easter Sunday

**Readings for**  
**Sun 5th Apr**  
Acts 10: 34, 37-43  
Colossians 3: 1-4  
John 20: 1-9

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