



Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes

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25th May 2025

Sixth Sunday after Easter Cycle C Week 2

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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.

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

Pentecost Celebration

The birthday of the Church will be celebrated on **Pentecost Sunday, 8th June**.
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.

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



Anniversaries

Bernard Shaw
Margaret Boyle
Winifred McKay
Eilish McKnight
Pat Barry
Freda Grant

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

Offerings

Weekly Collections for the four weeks
in April amounted to **£6,040.25**
Monthly Stipend Collection **£1,334.11**
Holy Land **£654.63**
Easter Offering **£924.76**
Trocaire Lenten Collection **£3,679.81**
Many thanks for you generosity.

Down & Connor The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Diocesan Devotions June 2025

Friday, May 2nd to Friday, June 27th

NATIONAL NOVENA OF MASSES

Fridays in May & June, in Cathedrals & churches across Ireland & on Shalom World Prayer Channel Live stream on www.sacredheartcrusade.ie (Led each Friday by Irish Bishops)

Sunday, June 1st

SAUL SUNDAY

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine to St Patrick Reception of Pope Francis' Sacred Heart Pilgrim Statue (Mass @3pm led by Bishop Alan McGuckian)

Monday, June 2nd

SACRED HEART PROCESSION

We gather 5.00 at St Patrick's Church Saul & process the Pilgrim Statue to St Patrick's Church Downpatrick for 7.30 Mass A prayerful evening stroll of 2.5miles (Led by local clergy)

Tues, June 3rd to Wed, June 18th & Sat, June 28th to Mon, June 30th

PILGRIM STATUE D&C PARISH VISITS

The Sacred Heart Pilgrim Statue will travel through the diocese, preparing and promoting devotion (Mass, Prayer, Holy hours) (Led by local clergy)

Wed June 18th to Thurs, June 26th D&C DIOCESAN SACRED HEART NOVENA

Daily Mass and Novena from St Peter's Cathedral (Led by Bishop Alan McGuckian)

Friday, June 20th

VENERATION OF RELICS & NATIONAL NOVENA MASS

The Relics of St.s Margaret Mary Alacoque & Claude la Colombière visit St. Peter's Cathedral (Led by Bishop Alan McGuckian & local clergy)

Sunday, June 22nd

RE-CONSECRATION OF IRELAND TO THE SACRED HEART

Statue goes to Knock Shrine for 22nd & returns D&C on 23rd (Led by Archbishop Eamon Martin)

Parish Cell Group Meetings

Tuesday, 27th May: There will be a Cell meeting in Carrick at 8.00 pm. Contact: Margaret Webb: 07779729505 or Anne McFerran: 07809906792

Wednesday, 28th May: 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."

GIFTS & CARDS

for all occasions are available from the Parish Repository.

Cemetery Sunday 1st June Windproof & Battery Candles. Holy Water Bottles



Open before and after Sunday Mass.
See www.carrickparish.org/shop for more information.

DROMANTINE FAMILY FUN DAY SUNDAY 8TH JUNE 2025

1.00 pm – 5.30 pm Admission-Donation £5 per car.

ATTRACTIONS

Grand Draw, Country & Western Music, Vintage Tractors, Gun Dog Display, Bouncy Castles, Obstacle Courses, Amusements, Pony & Trap Rides, Stalls, Food, Refreshments and much more!

Society of African Missions
96 Glen Road, Newry, BT34 1RH

Raising Hope – Living Laudato Si

Down and Connor Laudato Si' Group warmly invite you to a conference -
Sunday 25 May 2025 2.30pm – 4.30pm
Clonard Monastery Belfast

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, come on an authentic **ST PATRICK'S WAY** pilgrimage experience in Downpatrick on 7 June, or 5 July or 9 August, led by pilgrim guides Martina Purdy and Elaine Kelly. Visit The Saint Patrick Centre & see the fabulous IMAX film, receive your pilgrim passport on a 6 mile walk with guides to Inch Abbey and Saul Church & St Patrick's grave. Pilgrim Lunch @Saul Barn and bus transfers included £50 pp. (9am-3pm approx.) Contact 028 4461 9000 or book online www.saintpatrickcent.re.com/experiences/

This Coming Week 26th May – 1st Jun

Mon

St. Philip Neri

Tues

St. Augustine of Canterbury

Fri

St. Joan of Arc

Sat

Visitation of BVM

Sun

Ascension of the Lord

Readings for Sun 1st Jun

Acts 1: 1-11
Ephesians 1: 17-23
Luke 24: 46-53

Contact details for the Belfast 16 Family of Parishes

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