



*Saint Nicholas'*

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead

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*Our Lady of Lourdes*

**21st September 2025**

**25th Sunday of the Year Cycle C Week 1**

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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.

**Bulletin Notices**  
to be submitted to the  
parish Email Address by  
**12 noon Wednesday**

**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).

**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                   |

## **Requiescant in Pace**



### **Recently Deceased**

Simon Cameron  
Ann Marie Nash (nee McGowan)

### **Anniversaries**

Florence O'Hara  
Betty O'Hara Kelly  
Sean Kelly  
Thomas McMullan  
William Polland  
Neil O'Kane

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

Next Sunday, September 28th, the  
Events Team will recommence their  
monthly **Sunday teas**.  
To remain within Health and Safety  
regulations, only purchased food will  
be available. Should anyone wish to  
donate bought food, please contact  
any member of the team. Tea/coffee  
will be served in the Gathering area  
immediately after Mass. Thank you  
for your continued support. The  
Events Team.

### **Sacramental Preparation**

If you have a child in P3, P4 or P7 who is not attending  
St. Nicholas' Primary or Acorn Integrated Primary and you wish your child to be  
prepared for First Confession, First Communion or Confirmation  
please contact either the Parish Office or Mary Muir (07971003405)  
for further details. Classes will start today Sunday 21st September.

### **FANCY A WALK WITH FELLOW PARISHIONERS**

The Parish Pastoral Council is keen to establish a regular Parish Walking Group  
where parishioners can interact with each other and perhaps chat over coffee  
afterwards. To gauge level of interest, where and when to walk etc we have  
organised our first walk next **Saturday 27 September at 11am** leaving from  
St Nicholas' carpark behind the church. The walk will last about an hour and on  
flat ground around the town. Come prepared to suit the weather.  
Everyone is welcome! If you want further information  
contact Marian Frampton on 07570802875.

### **WHITEHEAD CELL MEETING**

is taking place at 3 Donegal Drive, Whitehead on **Tuesday 23rd Sept at 11am**.  
If anyone needs a lift, please let Oonagh know on 07788148028. Newcomers  
especially welcome to "come and see". You may like to phone Oonagh  
for more information.

### **PARISH CELL GROUPS**

Cell meetings this coming week at 8.00 pm on Tuesday, 23rd Sept.  
For more details contact Margaret Webb: 07779729505  
or Anne McFerran: 07809906792  
Wednesday meetings begin at 11.00 am on Wednesday, 24th Sept.  
Contact Matt Monaghan: 07428247820 or Jim Mullan: 07841428436.  
"Come and see."

**Jubilee Pilgrimage to Downpatrick Saturday 4th Oct 2025**  
 We would now ask that any outstanding balances for tickets are paid today Sun 21st Sept. Members of the Pastoral Council and Events Team will be available after Masses today. Thank you.  
 Parish Pastoral Council

**Parish Retreat at Drumalis 4th Oct 5 pm - 5th Oct 5 pm**  
 Please write your name and contact telephone number on the form at the back of the Church.

**St. Nicholas' Choir - Vacancy**  
 The choir at St. Nicholas' Church is looking for a new lead person/musician. If anyone is interested in taking up this role, or knows of anyone who might be interested, please contact the Parish Office as a matter of urgency.

**Ministers of the Eucharist** We are currently looking for volunteers to join our team of Ministers of the Eucharist in Carrickfergus. This role involves assisting the priest in the distribution of Holy Communion at Sunday Mass and other occasions as required, as well as taking Holy Communion to sick and house bound parishioners at home or in care homes.  
 All Ministers of the Eucharist are vetted for the role.  
 If you are interested in taking on this role, please speak to Fr Owens for more information.

During this **Season of Creation**, “an ecumenical time to pray and act for our common home”, the Presbyterian Church is holding a one-day conference on caring for creation which will take place on Saturday 27th Sept 2025, from 10am to 4pm at Assembly Buildings, Belfast. All are welcome to attend.  
 Information available at the following link or by emailing: [info@presbyterianireland.org](mailto:info@presbyterianireland.org)

The Legion of Mary and the Knights of Saint Columbanus present **Our Lady’s Rosary Festival** from Saturday 4 October to Sunday 12 October 2025 with 9 events in different venues. The Festival ends with the 22nd Annual Rosary Procession from St. John’s Church to St Peter’s Cathedral commencing at 2:30pm on Sunday 12 October. All details can be found at [belfastrosaryfestival.com](http://belfastrosaryfestival.com)

**Jubilee of Youth – Diocese of Down and Connor**  
**Date & Time:** 🕯 *Clonard Monastery*  
 🕒 *Friday, 26th September at 7.15pm*

**The Rise and Shine Trust - Lourdes 2026\*** are welcoming guest applications for our fully supported and funded pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes, France next Easter, 2026. Who Can Apply?  
 • \*Young people aged 11–30\* with additional needs (full care and support provided)  
 • \*Children under 11\* with additional needs or serious/terminal illness (must be accompanied by a parent or guardian). We are also seeking \*volunteer carers\* to join us in supporting our guests in Lourdes. If you are interested or have questions, contact Jarlath (07855802011) or Kristina (07761531813). Or Apply Online: [www.riseandshine.ie](http://www.riseandshine.ie) Closing date for receipt of all applications is \*October 15th.

**GIFTS & CARDS**  
 for all occasions are available from the Parish Repository.  
**Feast Day for St Pio**  
**23rd Sept**



**Open after Sunday Mass.**  
 See [www.carrickparish.org/shop](http://www.carrickparish.org/shop)  
 for more information.



**Celebration of Mass and Blessing with Holy Relic of Saint Padre Pio**  
 Sun 28th Sept 7pm  
 St Vincent de Paul Parish. 171 Ligoniel Road, BT14 8DP

Do you have questions about life? Your purpose? Are you curious about the Christian faith and who Jesus is?  
 An **ALPHA** course is for you! Churches in the area are running an ALPHA course beginning Monday 29 September in the Greedy Gannet, Gobbins Centre, Islandmagee 7pm - 9pm. Each evening begins with a meal. There will be no pressure or judgement, just open conversation. You will be most welcome!  
 Call Mike on 078288857051 for more info [www.alpha.org](http://www.alpha.org)

**Welcome Back to Chaplaincy**  
 The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen’s has now reopened. Our full programme returns Awaken, Blest, Bible study, Canticle Choir, Frassati Fellowship, QUB Trócaire, Order of Malta and Thomistic Institute lectures. Whether new or returning, come and join us at Mosaic Café, in the Chapel, or the Common Room - a place to meet, pray and belong. For more visit [qubcatholic.org](http://qubcatholic.org)

**This Coming Week**  
**22nd Sep – 28th Sep**  
  
**Tues**  
 St. Pio  
 St. Eunan  
  
**Wed**  
 Our Lady of Ransom  
 Our Lady of Walsingham  
  
**Thurs**  
 St. Finbarr  
  
**Fri**  
 St. Cosmas  
 St. Damian  
  
**Sat**  
 St Vincent de Paul  
  
**Sun**  
 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

**Readings for Sun 28th Sep**  
 Amos 6: 1, 4-7  
 Timothy 6: 11-16  
 Luke 16: 19-31

**Contact details for the Belfast 16 Family of Parishes**

| Parish        | Website                                                                      | Priests                                                      | Telephone No.                      |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
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