



Saint Nicholas'

Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



Our Lady of Lourdes

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29th November 2020 1st Sunday of Advent Cycle B Week 1

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Mass on the Parish Website
Fr. Peter will celebrate Sunday Mass for
**1st Sunday of Advent from
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Whitehead**



**PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL
COMMUNION:**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if You were already there and unite
myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen.**

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

Requiescant in Pace



Anniversaries

Sammy Hall
Christopher Curran
Joseph Morrison
Mary Best
Elizabeth McGowan

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

Update on Restrictions at Churches from Fri 27th Nov. to Thurs 10th Dec.

During this period, our Churches will be required to remain closed, except for the following reasons:

- ◆ To broadcast an act of worship.
- ◆ For funerals, limited to 25 persons present.
- ◆ For weddings, limited to 25 persons present.
- ◆ To allow for visits for private prayer.

We will facilitate private prayer, by having our churches **opened** at the following times over the next two weeks:

St. Nicholas' Church (Carrickfergus)

Sunday morning - 11.30am to 12.30pm
Wednesday evening - 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Church (Whitehead)

Sunday morning - 9.30am to 10.30am
Wednesday evening - 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Website: www.carrickparish.org

***Check, the website and bulletin online
for further updates.***

20th Anniversary Candles

If any household has not yet received their 20th Anniversary Candle, please contact either Gerardine Stewart on 028 93353700 or Margaret Barry on 028 93366329 and they will provide one for you.

The Liturgy Team.

Parish Advent Liturgy Services

Following some discussion and further consideration, it has been decided to **cancel** the Advent Services planned for 1st and 3rd December. We are planning instead for a similar service to be held during Lent 2021.

Trócaire Christmas Gift Cards.

This Christmas, Trócaire will deliver life-saving support to thousands of families across the developing world. Trócaire has launched a special appeal to support families who have not been able to grow food or earn money due to Covid-19. You can purchase one of 17 special gifts for families, or else make a general donation to the Trócaire Christmas Appeal.

This year, there is a special Quarantine Care Kit Gift. By buying this gift you are providing vital daily care to families who have to isolate due to Covid-19. You can purchase gift cards from the Parish Repository by contacting Patrick on 07449 749476 or visit Trócaire at www.trocaire.org

SVP Christmas Appeal - We have decided to provide gift vouchers this year, keeping the handling of goods to a minimum and empowering the families to choose the gifts their children wake up to on Christmas morning themselves. If you wish to support our Christmas Appeal, please leave your donation towards the purchase of gift vouchers in the red box at the church **by Sunday 29th November**, or speak with any SVP member. Thank you again for your generous support throughout the years.

'St. Nicholas' Parish Repository



A large selection of Christmas items, including Christmas Cards, Candles, Art Calendars, Nativity Sets, Catholic Diary's, etc., in stock.

Although the Repository/Shop is closed for two weeks, you can **still order items** by phone and arrange for collection or delivery. For further details please contact Anne on 07449 749476.

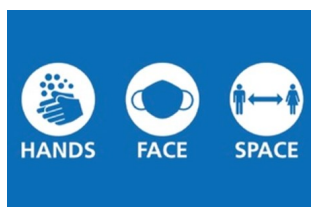


We need to keep on protecting each other.

Hands: On entering church please use sanitiser provided.

Face: Please wear a face covering coming to and at Mass.

Space: Please keep 2m from the people around you; while walking into church; walking to communion; and when leaving the church.



A new Parish website will be launched in the coming weeks

The PPC has recognised that our parish website is a very important way for you, our parishioners, to stay connected and understand what the latest plans are for Mass and other Parish events. To that end, we are enormously pleased to be able to tell you that the Parish website has been reviewed and revised to make it, we hope, more user friendly and easier for you to find the things you want to see. This might sound like a simple task but it took a number of people an extraordinary amount of time over the past few months to review the content and update it all. We also worked with a local technology company called Kobault to help us with the technical aspects. The intention is to provide Parishioners with an easier way to access practical information about our Parish.

Lourdes Pastoral Centre, Whitehead

Important Notice - Change of Date - Parish Repository

As Church buildings will be closed on Saturday 5th December, the Parish Repository will now visit the Pastoral Centre on **Saturday 12th December** from 11.30am to 2.00pm.

This Coming Week

30th Nov - 6th Dec

Mon

St. Andrew, Apostle

Thurs

St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Fri

St. John Damascene, Priest

Sun

2nd Sunday of Advent

Readings for Sun 6th Dec

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

2 Peter 3: 8-14

Mark 1: 1-8

Women's Aid ABCLN invites you to join with us on **White Ribbon Sunday** 29th November to raise awareness about domestic abuse. With 8,000 incidents of domestic abuse reported to the police across Northern Ireland during lockdown, we believe that staying silent on the issue is not an option. Fr Eugene O'Hagan of The Priests has very kindly recorded a **short video** which you can watch here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ttWSPTdkAk>

For more details you can call Women's Aid ABCLN White Ribbon Co-ordinator on 028 632136 or email whiteribbon@womensaidabcln.org

Mass at St. Mary, Star of the Sea, Whitehouse
<https://www.loughshoreparishes.org/webcam/>

Mass at St. Bernard's, Glengormley
<https://www.churchservices.tv/glengormley/>