



*Saint Nicholas'*

# Parish of Carrickfergus & Whitehead



*Our Lady of Lourdes*

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**6th December 2020 2nd Sunday of Advent Cycle B Week 2**

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**Mass on the Parish Website**  
Fr. Peter will celebrate Sunday Mass for  
**2nd Sunday of Advent from**  
**St. Nicholas' Church, Carrickfergus**



### *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**

Danny McGowan  
Fred Kemp (1st Anniversary)  
Peter Quinn,  
Robert McAuley

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

### **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.*

## **Update on current 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](http://www.carrickparish.org)

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

### **Advent Message**

An Advent Message from Bishop Noel Treanor can now be found on the Parish Website. A recording is available through the Diocesan YouTube Channel and the Diocesan Website.

**YouTube Link to Advent Message 2020:**

<https://youtu.be/ApI67Vh4o6M>

A new '**Phone First**' service for Antrim Area Hospital Emergency Department, is now available. The service is designed for those, who are feeling unwell and considering travelling to an Emergency Department or Minor Injuries Unit with an injury or illness which requires urgent treatment but is not immediately life threatening. The Phone First service will improve patient safety in terms of preventing overcrowding and reducing long waits in our Emergency Departments. It will also help reduce the risk of Covid-19 infection and transmission. The services operates on a 24/7 basis and is available by calling **0300 123 1 123** or using the Interpreter Now App. If the situation is critical or life threatening please always ring 999 immediately.

### Trócaire Christmas Gift Cards.

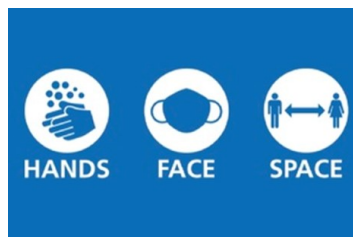
This Christmas, Trócaire will deliver life-saving support to thousands of families across the developing world. Trócaire has launched a special appeal to support families who have not been able to grow food or earn money due to Covid-19. You can purchase one of 17 special gifts for families, or else 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 Quinn or visit Trócaire at [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)

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



### Penitential Prayer for Christmas.

The Diocesan Liturgy Commission, has produced a personal penitential prayer in preparation for Christmas 2020, in light of the difficult situation we are currently experiencing.

This can be found on the Parish Website.

### 'St. Nicholas' Parish Repository'

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



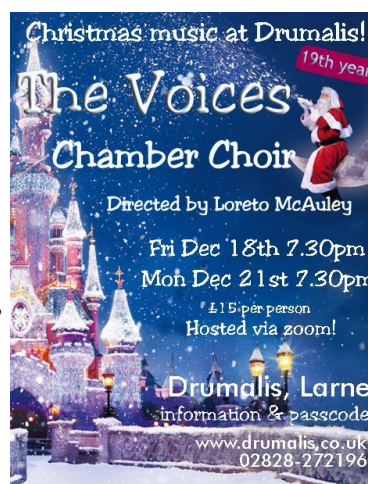
Although the Repository/Shop is closed for a further week, you can **still order items** by phone and arrange for collection or delivery. For further details please contact Anne.

### Drumalis Christmas Concerts via Zoom

Friday, 18 December & Monday, 21 December 2020 at 7:30 pm

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas at Drumalis without Music for Christmas so, after exploring the technical side of it, we're delighted that the Voices Chamber Choir under the direction of Loreto McAuley will be with us again this year, albeit in a virtual way! The concerts will take place via Zoom at 7:30 pm on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December and Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> December.

The cost is £15 per person. To book, please phone Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am-5 pm) – tel 028 28272196/ 28276455. We welcome credit and debit card payments. Payments can also be made by bank transfer (details available upon request).



### This Coming Week

7th Dec - 13th Dec

**Mon**

St. Ambrose, Bishop

**Tues**

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Thurs**

St. John Roberts, Wales

**Fri**

St. Damasus, Pope

**Sat**

St. Finian

St. Jane Frances de Chantal

### Important Notice - Lourdes Pastoral Centre, Whitehead

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

### Readings for Sun 13th Dec

Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11

Thessalonians 5: 16-24

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

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/>