

First Sunday of Advent

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Parish Missal ~ Readings **p737** **Proper 984**

First Reading: **Daniel** **7:13-14**

The prophet assures the people that God will send the promised one, the Messiah

Second Reading: **Apocalypse** **1:5-8**

Ruler of the kings of the earth... he made us a line of kings, priests to serve God.

Gospel: **John** **18:33-37**

It is you who say that I am king.

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat 1st Dec (Vigil 6.00pm) (Month's Mind) Peter O'Donoghue, Derrin Road,

Sun 2nd Dec (Lisbellaw) Siobhan and Margaret & Patrick Shannon,
Carrickaheenan

(Next Sunday: Eamon and Noreen Donnelly, Lisbellaw)

Second Reader: James McKenna; Prayers of the Faithful: Kayleigh Magee

Mon 3rd Dec

10.00 am

St Francis Xavier

Jacqueline Cullen, Hillview Park and deceased
members of Cullen and McGirr families

Tony Howe, Drumlyon

6.00 pm Convent

Tues 4th Dec

8.00 am Convent

10.00 am

St John Damascene, Priest

Kathleen & Bartle McCarney, Cornagrade

Lauri & Peggy Farry, Eden Street

Wed 5th Dec

8.00 am Convent

1st Week of Advent

Patrick Keaney, Enniskillen and Julie & Andrew
Farry, Tempo

Katie French, Wicklow

10.00 am

Thurs 6th Dec

8.00 am Convent

St Nicholas, Bishop

Esme Slavin and deceased members of Slavin &
Flanagan families

Maguire family, Newtownbutler

10.00 am

Fri 7th Dec

10.00 am

St Ambrose

Joseph Simpson, Derrygore Terrace

**Sat 8th Dec Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary - (Holy Day of Obligation)**

Fri. 7th Dec (7.30pm Vigil) (First Anniversary) Kitty Gault, Hillview and
Mary Yusuf, London.

10.00 am

Frank Sweeney, Mulaslin and Water Street;
Danny Morris, Windmill Heights and Morris
family, Silverhill;

Kathleen McCrossan, Hillview Park.

Annette Gilgunn, Sligo Road.

12.30pm (Month's Mind)

Reflection – Advent 'Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen'. What a strange way to enter Advent, the countdown to the joyous feast of Christmas – the beginning of the new Church Year. What is it we are to stay awake for? Why are we to be brave and why do we need strength? We are called at times to be brave and strong, and to be ready to stand up for what we believe in. This Sunday's Gospel and ascension into heaven, and his sending of the Holy Spirit.

Advent focus' our attention on the coming of Christ in humility and meekness at Bethlehem, and his second coming in majesty and power at the end of time. St Paul says that with each passing year 'our salvation is nearer than when we first believed'.

During the Advent Season we could encourage one another to say the following Advent Prayer:

*Lord God, we await the warmth of your love and our minds
are searching for the light of your word.*

*Increase our longing for Christ Our Saviour and give us the
strength to grow in our faith so that the day of his coming
may find us prepared and filled with joy. Come Lord Jesus!*

Deaths: We remember in prayer the recently deceased; Patrick McGourty, Tullyrossmearan, Belcoo; Patsy McCaffrey, Teemore; Selina Dorothy (née Gallinagh) Newport, South Wales and Fairview Avenue. *May they rest in peace.*

Weekly Offering

25.11.12

£3777.34

Renovations (Pink Envelope)

25.11.12

£1623.56

Altar Servers: 8th / 9th Dec; Vigil – Team 7; 9.30am – Team 8; 11.00am – Team 9; 12.30pm – Team 1.

Second Readers 8th / 9th Dec; Vigil – Conall Doherty; 9.30am – Matthew Murphy; 11.00am – Tarlach Russell; 12.30pm – Elezabeth Mathew.

Prayer of the Faithful: 8th / 9th Dec; Vigil – Gavin Greene; 9.30am – Katie Cassidy; 11.00am – Rozanne Dolan; 12.30pm – Annie Masterson.

Second Readers, please collect the new rota from the side Sacristy.

Ministers of the Word for the Sundays of December: Saturday (Vigil) Bernie Keenan; 8.00am Gerry McNamee; 9.30am Tom Palmer; 11.00am Kevin Maguire; 12.30pm Eamon Hoy.

Ministers of the Eucharist & Collectors (Team D) begin their rotas this Saturday/Sunday, **1st / 2nd December**. Please check your rota.

The Sick and Elderly will be attended by the priests this week, usual days and areas. If you would like a priest to call with someone in your family circle who is housebound please let us know. Phone the Parish Office 028 66322075 Monday to Friday 10.30am – 2.30pm.

Parish World Youth Day Group are hosting a Coffee Morning/Afternoon/Evening on Saturday **8th December** after the 10.00am, 12.30pm and 6.00pm Masses in the Parish Centre. Please come along and support our youth.

First Communion Enrolment for 2013, this Tuesday **4th December** at 7.30pm in St Michael's Church. All welcome.

Children's Liturgy each Sunday at 12.30pm Mass. Open to all primary school children. Come along to hear the Word of God made easy.

Parish Christmas Cards are on sale in the Parish Centre and St Michael's Book Shop.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place every Tuesday morning after 10.00am Mass in the Crypt.

Rosary is recited daily after 10.00am Mass in St Michael's Church, except on the morning of a funeral when it will be recited in the Crypt.

Aisling Centre: Handbag sale this Saturday, 1st December 10.30am – 4.30pm. All proceeds will be used to support counselling services.

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society Monthly meeting will take place this Monday, 3rd December at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Everyone welcome.

Baptism Preparation Meeting for December Baptisms this Wednesday, 5th December 8.00pm in St Michael's Church. Parents and Godparents are invited to attend.

Tattygar Primary School, Lisbellaw Open Days Wed. 5th, Thurs 6th and Fri 7th December or contact the school to arrange a more suitable time, 02866 387674.

Apostolate of Reparation Friday, 7th December 8.00pm in St Sinnell's Oratory, Belcoo Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus followed by the Holy Hour and Confessions, and concluding with Mass at 11.15pm.

Community Carol Service on Sunday, 9th December beginning in St Macartin's Cathedral at 7.00pm and ending in St Michael's Church.

Parish Carol Service on Sunday, 16th December at 7.30pm in St Michael's Church, featuring Desmond Hunter (internationally acclaimed organist) and the St Michael's Parish Choir.

ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT- Collette Furlong, well known leader in Adult Faith will give a talk on Advent Tuesday, 11th December 7.30pm in St Fanchea's College. Come along, listen and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

St Michael's Bookshop. A beautiful and new selection of children's books is now in the shop – bibles suitable for all age groups, Advent calendars and the new Youcat Catechism for young people. Sacred Heart, Padre Pio and Church Calendars in various sizes are now in stock.

ACCORD Counsellors available for anyone experiencing difficulties in their relationship. For appointment please ring ACCORD 028 66325696.

Cancer Focus NI Counselling Service is available locally to cancer patients and their families or carers at the South West Acute Hospital, Enniskillen and the Tyrone County Hospital, Omagh. This confidential service is provided free of charge. Call 07525896904 or 08007833339.

'Stay Cool This Christmas' Christmas is supposed to be the season of peace and good will to all people. Unfortunately for many it has become the season of stress, arguments, anger and rage – a time many Irish people and family's dread. This Christmas **The Irish Association of Anger Management** is launching a new programme 'Stay Cool This Christmas'. This confidential one day anger management programme is specifically designed to give participants effective tools to prevent anger destroying their and their families Christmas this year. For more information about this programme, and how you can participate in it, call us on 028 90222633/07525212555 or log onto our website www.difficultemotions.com

Aware Defeat Depression Meetings on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month in the Aisling Centre at 7.30 pm.

Support Services –If you are in distress or despair, struggling with life's difficulties or feeling vulnerable the following services are available:

- **CRUSE BEREAVEMENT:** Offers one-to-one counselling in Enniskillen and Omagh. Contact 02882244414
- **SUPPORTING BEREAVED PARENTS:** Monthly meeting at the Aisling Centre - next meeting 19th Nov at 7:30pm. Contact Margaret McCauley 07799390798
- **SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE BEREAVED THROUGH SUICIDE:** Meets on the 1st Monday of each month in the Aisling Centre -Next meeting on 3rd December at 7:30pm. Contact Fidelis 02866326604
- **AWARE:** Defeat Depression Support Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Aisling Centre - next meeting on 20th Nov at 7:30pm. HELPLINE 08451202961
- **AISLING CENTRE:** Offers one-to-one counselling. Contact Mary Conway 02866325811
- **COURSE FOR THOSE BEREAVED** beginning in the New Year. Contact Heather 07709557003
- **ST MICHAELS PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** Contact Parish Office 028 66322075.

St Vincent de Paul 028 66329893 Good quality clothes needed. Please leave at 'Vincent's shop, 24 Church Street, Monday-Saturday 10.00am- 5.00pm

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St Vincent de Paul urgently requires volunteers for its Church Street shop (Vincent's). If you have a few hours to spare every week please call at the shop for an application form or have a chat with a volunteer. (NB All volunteers will be subject to checks under Child Protection legislation).

St Michael's Bookshop: A new range of books in preparation for the 'Year of Faith' starting in October, including 'Catholic answers to today's questions', 'What is the Catholic Church?' 'The Catholic Gift to Civilisation' and booklets on the lives of all your favourite saints and some new saints.

St Michael's Parish, Enniskillen – Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults ~ Copies of Good Practice Procedures and Code of Conduct available in the Parish Office Monday – Friday 10.30am – 2.30pm.

Rosary is recited daily after 10.00am Mass in St Michael's Church, except on the morning of a funeral when it will be recited in the Crypt.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour in St Michael's Church each Sunday from 7.00-8.00pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

St Vincent de Paul urgently need school uniforms for all the Enniskillen Colleges. If your child's uniform is still in good condition but is no longer needed or doesn't fit please consider leaving it at 'Vincent's', 24 Church Street. All good quality clothes urgently needed. Shop open Monday – Saturday, 10.00am – 5.00pm. Tel: 02866329893.

ACCORD

Marriage Paperwork: Any parishioner getting married, in this parish or else- where (even in another Christian denomination), is asked to contact the Parish Priest through the Parish Office (028 6632627) at least six months beforehand

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each Friday after 7.30pm Mass to 9.00pm and Tuesdays after 10.00am Mass to 1.00pm in St Michael's Church except on a Tuesday morning of a funeral when Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the Crypt.

Papal Blessing Parchments – A lovely Wedding Gift. For more information contact St Michael's Bookshop telephone 028 66324771 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10.30am – 5.00pm and Saturday 10.30am –

1.00pm **St Michael's Church TV Viewing:** The small Set Top Box for viewing Mass on Television is now available to watch St Michael's Church, EWTN, and numerous other churches on your own television. You need Broadband (not a computer) in your home for this. The Cost is £99. If installation is required the providing company's charge is £25. Orders can be placed through the Parish Office between 10.30am and 2.30pm on weekdays

Fermanagh Voluntary Association of the Disabled (FVAD)

Charity Shop, 64 Mill Street, Enniskillen (beside Timoney Tiles) now open. Lots of good items in stock – furniture, clothes etc. Run by local charity. Feel free to call in and browse. All donations welcome. Phone 028 66325522.

St Michael's Bookshop: Selection of Wedding Candles, Eucharistic Congress Rosary Mementoes, beautiful Cards for all occasions

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1st Sunday in Advent



Saturday, 8th December,

Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation ~ Mass times overleaf.

Please use your green envelope 'Retired Priests' Fund'

Weekend Mass Times: St Michael's: Vigil – Saturday 6.00 pm

Sunday – 8.00 am; 9.30 am; 11.00 am; 12.30 pm

St Mary's Lisbellaw: Sunday 10.00 am

Confessions:

Saturday 11.30am – 1.30pm & 5.00 – 5.45pm

Masses available to view via our Parish Website at www.st-michaels.net

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