

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

Enniskillen & Lisbellaw

Building Faith, Friendship, Community

Parish Messenger - 6th December 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Priest on Duty is not permitted to visit Nursing / Care Homes at this time.

All emergency hospital calls for the Priest on Duty are made by the Staff Nurse on the Ward.

If you need to speak to a priest in an emergency, please phone the Switchboard on (028-66382000) and ask for the Priest on Duty.

MASSES & DEVOTION FOR THE COMING WEEK

(Available to watch online @ www.saintmichaels-parish.com/webcam.asp)

The Sunday and Holy Day Obligation to attend Mass is presently suspended

Table with columns for date, time, and details of Masses and Devotions. Includes entries for Sat 5th Dec, Sun 6th Dec, Mon 7th Dec, Tue 8th Dec, Wed 9th Dec, Thurs 10th Dec, Fri 11th Dec, Sat 12th Dec.

Daily Devotions over the Parish Webcam

(Note the Exceptions listed below)

- 12.00pm Angelus (except Sunday when there is Mass)
3.00pm Divine Mercy (Monday to Saturday ONLY)
6.00pm Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (6.45pm on Saturday)
7.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy (Sunday only)
10.00pm Night Prayer

SUMMARY OF PRESENT REGULATIONS RE: FUNERALS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

For the most recent guidelines, please check the Stormont Executive website, as follows: https://www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/news/executive-tightens-restrictions-curb-covid-19

Social Distancing is to be observed. Face Covering is mandatory for entering and leaving the church. The general public must refrain from attending on the street outside.

- (a) Wakes, Funerals & Burials are Private and now limited to 25 people ONLY from among close family members and close family friends by arrangement with the undertaker. No pre- or post-funeral gatherings at this time.
(b) Funeral Mass: (i) Face Masks should be worn inside the church; (ii) no physical interaction between sanctuary/altar area and the body of the church (no readers, no other forms of participation); (iii) music by soloists only.
(c) The Rite of Christian Burial is held at the graveside, with only 25 mourners present. The general public should be absent.
(d) Anyone who is feeling even slightly unwell should remain at home for fear of infecting others.



Sunday Collections:

Table listing Sunday Collections: Sunday 29th November - White Envelope, Pink Envelope, Weekly Offering to the Parish - £1,771.92, Repairs and Maintenance - £1,119.26; This Sunday 6th December - Blue Envelope, Monthly Offering to Priests and Pastoral Care; Tuesday 8th December - Green Envelope, Immaculate Conception Cathedral Fund; Next Sunday 13th December - White Envelope, Weekly Offering to the Parish.

Deaths:- Donna Lyons, Drumbeg; Mary Conway, Brackvede Park. May they rest in peace.

Enniskillen Foodbank: As a Parish, we want to make sure that no one in our local community has to go hungry at any time, but we need your help to make this happen. Your gift of food can make a real difference. During this time of Pandemic, we are not permitted to operate a Collection Point in the church. So please donate what you can in terms of non perishable food to the Collection Points in Rooney's Spar, Tesco or ASDA. Thank You.

Hygiene Bank: Buying the basics like shampoo, toothpaste or deodorant is something most of us take for granted. For many low-income families, these essential products have become out of reach luxuries. Please donate what you can to collection points in Enniskillen: Cavanaleck Leaf Centre & Carefree Travel. Thank You.

ADVENT HOLY HOUR: This Wednesday evening 9th December at 8pm from St Michael's Church via the Parish Webcam, we will have an hour of prayer to help us enter into the spirit of Advent, looking forward to the Coming of Christ.

Fr. John Skinnader would like to thank everyone in the Parish for the very nice few months that he had here during these COVID-19 times. Despite the pandemic - he was happy to be able to celebrate Mass and meet people either in the Church or just by chance outside. He is grateful for the great support from Mgr. Peter, Frs. Raymond and Joe, Jimmy and also the office and kitchen staff. If anyone would like to keep in touch with Fr. John and get reports from his mission in South Sudan - you can get his WhatsApp number from the Parish office. With grateful appreciation for the wonderful prayerful and financial support given to him. Many thanks. John.

Five First Saturdays For Ireland

St Michael's Parish will participate in this devotion which begins this Saturday, 5th December and continues from January to April of next year. For this month the programme will be as follows:

- 3pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet.
4pm Rosary offered for various intentions including the protection of Family & Youth, the conversion of sinners and for vocations to diaconate and priesthood and religious life.
5pm Benediction and conclusion.

Please note these arrangements will have to change in the event of their being a local funeral. Notice will be given on Friday after Mass and Prayers.

REVISED ARRANGEMENTS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

From last Friday 27th November for a period of two weeks, all scheduled Masses and Church Services (see opposite page for schedule) are available online only via the parish webcam: on Website (http://saintmichaels-parish.com/webcam.asp) or directly through MCN Media, who provide the service (on https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaelsparish-eniskillen). Congregations not permitted.

Lisbellaw Mass: The 9.30am Sunday morning Mass at St Mary's Church and its intention will be included in the 10.30am Sunday Mass in St Michael's Church.

Convent Mass: The 6pm evening Mass and its intention is transferred to St Michael's Church. No congregation permitted.

Sacramental Provision In This Time Of Pandemic

Weddings are permitted as before the new arrangements with a maximum of 25 present within the church until further notice. Please send relevant booking form (downloadable from the "Getting Married" section of Parish Website), duly signed, to the Parish Office.

Baptisms and Sacrament of Reconciliation: Until further notice, no Baptisms and no Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Parish Shop: Closed for a period of two weeks. Mass Cards, Christmas Cards, Christmas Mass Bouquets and Candles are available from the Parish Office and at No. 4 Darling Street.

TRÓCAIRE GIFTS ARE AVAILABLE ON SALE IN THE PARISH OFFICE:- Trócaire Gifts of Love help some of the poorest people in the world to work their way out of poverty. There are 17 gifts to choose from starting at £5 for Soap for families in war-torn South Sudan. All the gifts are real items, sourced in-country which go to families in need of our support. For further information go to https://www.trocaire.org/gifts.

St Michael's Parish Facebook Page is two years old this weekend. Many thanks to the administrators who faithfully help maintain it and keep it live with reliable, current and up-to-date parish information. Sincere thanks also to all who connect with the Parish by choosing to follow the page. https://m.facebook.com/enniskillenstmichaelsparish/

ONLINE WOMEN'S ADVENT PRAYER GROUP:- A women's prayer group to support women in their journey of faith. The Bible quote "God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns." (Psalm 46:5) has been an inspiration. In the midst of Advent, we, as a group of women, will journey through the Blessed is She Advent devotional. This will be through a private Facebook group and hopefully some Zoom catch-ups. My name is Catherine McLoughlin, I am married to James and we have a beautiful son Michael who is 18 months old. I have worked for the Catholic Church, with young people, for over a decade in the Dioceses of Birmingham and Shrewsbury. I am passionate about bringing the beauty of our faith to other women and to support ongoing evangelisation within our community. SIGN UP here: shorturl.at/hLMXY.

St Vincent de Paul Helpline: Telephone — 028 66 347788.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People: ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.