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### ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

Enniskillen & Lisbellaw

*Building Faith, Friendship, Community*

*Parish Messenger 10th December 2023*

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Parish Priest: Mgr. Peter O'Reilly  
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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 FOR THE COMING WEEK

(Available to watch online @ <https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-parish-eniskillen>)

Sat 9th Dec 6.00pm (Vigil)	Phil McGrail, Windmill Heights
Sun 10th Dec 8.00am	Donors' Intention
Sun 10th Dec 10.30am	(First Anniversary) Peggy Miller, Cornagrade Road. (First Anniversary) John McElroy, Swanlinbar Road.
Sun 11th Dec 12.00pm	(First Anniversary) Benny Burns & Margaret Burns, Drumbeg. (First Anniversary) Vera Cawley, Drumbeg and Margaret, Rose & Hugh Quinn, Drumcor Hill.
Sun 10th Dec 9.30am (Lisbellaw)	Frank & Bridie Cassidy, Tamlaght & Frank & Mary Cassidy, Manchester.
Mon 11th Dec 10.00am	<b>2nd Week of Advent</b> Theresa Largey, Derrygore Terrace and Sean Largey, Belfast. Paddy Nolan, Manchester formerly Strand Street.
Tues 12th Dec 10.00am	<b>2nd Week of Advent</b> Frank, Mollie and Brian O'Kane, Omagh. Lauri & Peggy Farry, Eden Street.
Wed 13th Dec 10.00am	<b>St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</b> Margaret, James and Charles Carleton, Ashwoods
Thurs 14th Dec 10.00am	<b>St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b> Teresa & Ben Donnelly, Braeside Park and Gerry Maguire, Drumcor Hill. Helen Lynam, Cooper Crescent, Eugene Corrigan and Gregory Magee, Belmore Street.
Fri 15th Dec 10.00am	<b>2nd Week of Advent</b> Mary Howe, Derrin Park. Mary Betty Rogers, Irvinestown.
Sat 16th Dec 10.00am	<b>2nd Week of Advent</b> Margaret & Declan Hussey, Ross Close, James & Catherine Creegan and Tom & June Creggan, Enniskillen and England. Maureen Browne, The Everglades. Thomas & Catherine Farry, Derrin Road. Mary Ingram, Kilmacormick Road.
6.00pm (Vigil)	(Month's Mind) Eithne Bartley, Portora Wharf.

#### St Michael's Parish Presents A Night of Christmas Magic

A celebration of Christmas Carols on Sunday 17th December at 7pm.

Tickets Available from 1st December in St Michael's Parish Office and St Michael's Parish Shop

Tickets will be on sale in Dunnes Stores from 9am - 5pm on Saturday 9th December.

Tickets £8 Concessions £5 Children Free

All proceeds in aid of the Aisling Centre, Enniskillen



#### Sunday Collection

Sunday - 3rd December - The Priests thank the Parishioners for the Monthly Offering

Sunday 10th December - White Envelope - Weekly Offering to the Parish

Next Sunday - 17th December - White Envelope - Weekly Offering to the Parish

Deaths: Caroline Tummon (nee Hanley), Carron Close; Fergus Cleary, Cradien.

May they Rest in Peace.

**St Michael's Parish Special Draw** for all fully paid up members will take place in St Michael's Church on Tuesday 12th December after 10am Mass. This can be viewed over the Parish Webcam.

**Enniskillen St Joseph's Young Priests Society** Monthly Holy Hour Devotion for Vocations will be held on Friday 8th December at 8pm, all parishioners are welcome to attend. The branch monthly meeting will be held in St Michael's Parish Centre on Monday 11th December at 7.30pm. New members of all ages welcome to join the meeting.

**Fermanagh Choral Society** An Evening of Christmas Music in St Macartin's Cathedral on Friday 8th December at 8pm. Admission £10.

**The Society of St Vincent de Paul Gift of Choice Appeal:** This Christmas the Society is humbly asking all of their donors to participate as generously as possible in this appeal. Gift vouchers will empower families to make their own decisions on how to best meet the needs of their families and children and will afford them the dignity and respect they deserve. Over the years, the Society has valued every donation received from every parish in the local communities in which they serve and would very much welcome the opportunity to receive vital donations from our parish this year. The main collection will take place this Sunday 10th December (though donations can be given at any time by the usual means). It will take place as folk are leaving at the end of our weekend Masses. Instead of buying a tin of beans or a packet of tea bags, toys or gifts, all that is asked is for the equivalent to be donated as you leave.

**Trócaire Gifts** - Trócaire Gifts will be on sale at all weekend Masses in St Michael's Church on the 9th/10th of December. They will also be available to purchase in St. Michael's Parish Office and Parish Shop.

**Holy Trinity Primary and Nursery School Christmas Carol Service** will take place on Thursday 14th December at 7.30pm in St Michael's Church. Everyone welcome.

**3rd Sunday of Advent - December 17th - Bambinelli / Gaudete Sunday** Gaudete Sunday means 'Rejoice', on this day we rejoice because Christmas is almost here, the day when we celebrate the birth of Jesus. To mark this day, we will join with people across the world in the tradition of **Bambinelli Sunday**. We invite parishioners to bring the figurine of the Baby Jesus from their Nativity to the 10.30am Mass on December 17th, where they will be blessed.

**Concern Collection** A collection for Concern will take place in Dunnes on Saturday 16th December. There will be a street collection for Concern on Saturday 23rd December. All donations gratefully accepted and appreciated.

**Enniskillen Sands Group** invite you to join us for our annual **Lights of Love** on Thursday 14th December in St Macartans, Cathedral, Enniskillen at 7pm. As the end of the year approaches, we are offering a space to remember precious babies gone too soon. We hope the service of readings and music will offer a sense of peace, comfort and hope to those joining. For more information visit [sands.org.uk/lightsoflove](http://sands.org.uk/lightsoflove)

**Caritas Cross Community Choir** Main Festive Event is at the Ardhowen Theatre, Enniskillen on Thursday 21st December at 8pm. Tickets only £10. All proceeds in aid of local Mental Health Charity in the Aisling Centre, Enniskillen. Please come along and support our local charities..

**Parish Lending Library:** Parishioners experiencing the recent coffee morning were delighted with the vast array of books on offer to browse through in a warm, comfortable environment with a welcoming cup of coffee. The library is well stocked now with something to suit everyone as well as CD's of sacred and uplifting music available to borrow. See what you are missing out on! Pay a visit to the library, access is through the Parish Bookshop. Opening hours: Mon - Sat 10.30am - 1.30pm. Next coffee morning Tuesday 19th December at 10.30am.

**Family Care Adoption Services** is an Adoption Agency, and a core part of our work is to place children with new adoptive families. We provide adoption services throughout all NI and work with Health and Social Care Trusts to place single children and sibling groups for adoption. These children are aged from babyhood to approximately 5 years old. There are currently more children waiting to be adopted in NI than families approved to adopt and there is an urgent need for new families to come forward. All sorts of people from all walks of life can be considered for adoption. So, wherever you live in NI if you think you could offer a child/ren a new life in a family of their own and would like an informal chat to discuss this and to find out more about adoption, contact us: Email: [email@familycareadoption.org](mailto:email@familycareadoption.org). Phone 028 90 691133. Website: [www.familycareadoption.com](http://www.familycareadoption.com). We await hearing from you!

**Fermanagh Talking Newspaper** - FREE weekly listening service for people who have difficulty in reading the local newspapers. Tel 028 6632 7153 for details.

**Accord NI Catholic Marriage Care Service** is seeking applications for a 2- year part-time Certificate in Counselling (Couple and Relationship)). You will need weekend availability for our funded residential training courses in Crossgar, Co. Down and a commitment to complete the course over 2 years, beginning in April 2024. You do not need previous counselling experience or qualifications, academic qualifications or to pay academic rates. Whilst there is no charge to trainees for the training itself, there is a one-off non-refundable deposit of £200 to secure your place. Course fees will be funded, and placement will be provided by Accord NI. The closing date for receipt of applications is 20th December 2023. If you would like further information, please contact Brenda on 028 90 233002 or [info@accordni.com](mailto:info@accordni.com).