

# ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

Enniskillen & Lisbellaw

Building Faith, Friendship, Community

Parish Messenger - 13th December 2020

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Parish Priest: Mgr. Peter O'Reilly  
 Curate: Rev. Raymond Donnelly  
 Assistant Priest: Rev. Joseph McVeigh  
 Parish Deacon: Rev. Martin Donnelly

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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](http://www.saintmichaels-parish.com/webcam.asp))

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

Sat 12th Dec 6.00pm (Vigil)	Teresa & Ben Donnelly, Braeside Park and Millcroft Nursing Home and Gerry Maguire, Drumcor Hill
Sun 13th Dec 8.00am	Donors' Intention
Sun 13th Dec 9.30am Lisbellaw	Frank & Bridie Cassidy and Frank Cassidy (Junior) Tamlaght
Sun 13th Dec 10.30am	Shauna Reilly, Drumbeg
Sun 13th Dec 12.00 noon	(First Anniversary) Gerry Goan, Derrin Road
Mon 14th Dec 10.00am	St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church (First Anniversary) Mary Ingram, Kilmacormick Road
6.00pm	James & Catherine Creegan, Tom & June Creegan, Enniskillen and England, Mary & Declan Hussey, Ross Close
Tue 15th Dec 10.00am	3rd Week of Advent Mary & Paddy Reilly, Derrin Road
Wed 16th Dec 10.00am	3rd Week of Advent Thomas & Catherine Farry, Derrin Road
Thurs 17th Dec 10.00am	3rd Week of Advent Edward Patrick Leonard and Edward Leonard, Derrin Park
Fri 18th Dec 10.00am	3rd Week of Advent Jack Cassidy, The Limes; Teddy & Lily Henderson, Loughview Drive
Sat 19th Dec 10.00am	3rd Week of Advent Kevin Lunny, Old Rossorry; Marie Boyle, Old Rossorry Road; Helen Lynam, Cooper Crescent & Eugene Corrigan & Gregory Magee, Belmore Street
6.00pm(Vigil) (Month's Mind)	Cyril O'Hare, Barranderry Heights

### 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 Monday to Friday and 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:

Sunday 6th December - Blue Envelope - Monthly Offering to Priests and Pastoral Care  
 This Sunday 13th December - White Envelope - Weekly Offering to the Parish  
 Next Sunday 20th December - Monthly offering to the Priests and Pastoral Care

Deaths:- Vincent Donegan, Loughshore Road; Angela McCluskey, Market Street.

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:** Will be held this week on Thursday evening 17th 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.



### St Michael's Parish Shop - Reopens Friday 11th December at 10.30am

Open every day apart from Wed. & Sun. 10.30am to 1.30pm

Christmas Goods now on display including: Christmas Cards, Cribs & Figures, Church Art Calendars, Advent Candles. Range of books and much much more!!



### St Vincent de Paul - Christmas 2020

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, the local St Vincent de Paul conference will allocate vouchers rather than food hampers to those in need. Unfortunately, the annual street collection and church collections have had to be cancelled. If you wish to make a donation to support local families, please place it in a sealed envelope and leave in Vincent's shop, Church Street or contact any conference member or phone the helpline (028-663247788) and a member of the conference will contact you. *Thank you for your very generous support.*

### St Michael's Parish Christmas Season Masses 2020

This year, our schedule of Christmas Masses is extended over Christmas Week. It will begin on Christmas Eve Morning (24th December), include Christmas Day itself, and then extend on into the week that follows. We plan to have some music and, where possible, some solo singing, at as many of the Masses of that whole period as possible. In this way, we hope that many more folk who wish to enhance their Christmas celebration by coming to Mass in person will be able to do so.

Of course, the pandemic conditions still obtain. So, keep safe and follow the usual arrangements (sanitiser, distance, face covering). And if you're feeling any way unwell when you are about to come to the church building, you should remain at home.

The usual arrangements apply for those who wish to attend any of these Masses in person. Contact the Parish Office in advance to make arrangements. Please note that the office is open from 10.30am until 2.30pm each day and will be closed from the evening of 23rd December 2020 until 2nd January 2021. So it is advisable to contact the office now in terms of what the present government-regulated capacity allows at this time.

### 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:** Arrangements for Baptisms can now be made by contacting the Parish Office - Tel: 028 66 322075 (Ext. 3) or email: [parishcentre@st-michaels.net](mailto:parishcentre@st-michaels.net)

**Confessions:** 10.30am - 11.30am and 5.00pm and 5.45pm on Saturdays.

**TRÓCAIRE GIFTS ARE AVAILABLE ON SALE IN THE PARISH OFFICE & PARISH SHOP:-** 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>.

Trócaire Gifts will also be on sale in St Michael's Church after 10am Mass on **Friday 18th December** and at all weekend Masses 19th/20th December.

**Caritas Carols Concert 2020 on Sunday December 13th at 7pm** will be online this year on account of the present situation with COVID-19. The Internet link is <https://fb.me/e/cJzyHo714>. Donations can be made through a special PayPal account link on the site.

**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](https://shorturl.at/hLMXY).

**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**.