

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Parish Priest: Rt Rev Mgr Peter O'Reilly, PP, VG 1 Darling Street
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Roman Missal – Readings p110

First Reading: Isaiah Cycle A 35:1-6,10

Look, your God is coming, he is coming to save you.

Second Reading: St James 5:7-10

Do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat 14th Dec (Vigil 6.00pm)(First Anniversary) Bernard Maguire, Drumsillagh

Sun 15th Dec (Lisbellaw) Frank & Bridie Cassidy and Frank Cassidy (Jun),
Tamlaght

(Next Sunday: Patrick & Bridget Bannon, Moundrum)

(Second Reader: Tara Connolly Prayers of the Faithful: Barry McPhillips)

Mon 16th Dec - 3rd Week of Advent
10.00 am Margaret Hussey, Ross Close and Declan Hussey
6.00pm Convent Thomas Reid, Yoan Road

Tue 17th Dec 3rd Week of Advent
8.00am Convent Thomas Boyle, Corban Avenue
10.00am Eddie Leonard and Edward Patrick Leonard,
Derrin Park

Wed 18th Dec 3rd Week of Advent
8.00am Convent Kathleen & James McCaffrey, Factory Road
10.00am Bernadette Lewis, Silverstream Court

Thu 19th Dec 3rd Week of Advent
8.00am Convent James & Anita Cleland and Darro Pella, Italy
10.00am Sean Corrigan, Derrin Road

Fri 20th Dec 3rd Week of Advent
10.00am Tony Howe, Drumlyon
7.30pm (First Anniversary) Tressa Varghese and Thomas Varghese, India

Sat 21st Dec 3rd Week of Advent
10.00am Gregory Magee, Belmore Street;
Jack Cassidy, The Limes;
Kevin Lunny, Old Rossorry Road

Our annual Christmas **Service of Reconciliation** in St Michael's is on **Tuesday 17th December** at 7.30pm. Introduced by Fr Raymond Donnelly. Visiting priests available for Confession.

Reflection: Violence and war (so common in the world today) destroy sight and hearing and the ability to walk. But this weekend's gospel shows Jesus doing the exact opposite: he cures and heals and brings people back to full living. Jesus shows God's idea of progress. God's presence in Jesus is simple and human. It is a healing hand. It is kindness. It does not destroy. Jesus didn't cure every blind, deaf or lame person. But in curing those he did cure, he showed what awaits us when God's work of creation is completed and we are saved. Christmas reveals God's presence in the simple sight of a child, a baby. Advent reveals God's presence is as yet incomplete in a world that yet needs to remove the obstacles, in a world called to make a straight way for the Day of Lord's return. And what a day that will be! A day when all is restored and complete! A day of joy not only for some, but for all!

Deaths: *We pray for the recently deceased:* Maggie Reed (née Margaret Lunny), England and Enniskillen; Paddy Magee, Irvinestown; Michael Donaghy, Fintona; Margaret McSpirit-Jones, Boho; Sr Dorothea McLaughlin, Loreto Convent, Dublin. *May they rest in peace.*

Weekly Offering 08.12.13 £3629.73

Philippines Collection £ 960.00

Altar Servers 21st Dec / 22nd Dec Vigil – Team 3; 9.30am – Team 4; 11.00am – Team 5; 12.30pm – Team 6.

Readers of the Prayer of the Faithful Prayer for Sundays available from the Parish website www.st-michaels.net on Thursday afternoon and found under the "Parish Ministry" tab. Also available in paper form at the back of the Church every Thursday.

St Joseph's College Students Coffee Morning every Friday morning after 10am Mass. Please support the students in their work for the President's Award.

The Presidents Award Coffee Morning Saint Joseph's College students are hosting a Senior Citizens' Coffee Morning in the College on Wednesday **18th December** after the 10.00am Mass. Any parishioner who has no transport can avail of a bus from outside Saint Michael's Church after the 10.00am Mass. All welcome.

St Michael's Bookshop: Beautiful cards in English and Irish. Calendars, candles, diaries, children's books and seasonal gifts now in the shop. New supply of 'Evangelii Gaudium' (The Joy of the Gospel), the Pope's new encyclical.

Census Forms are available at the back of the Church after all Sunday Masses. If you have not already filled in a form please take one for your family or for a neighbour. Please leave completed form in the box at the back of the Church. We very much appreciate your co-operation in filling in and returning the forms.

Carol Services in St Michael's Church

Mount Lourdes Carol Service on Tuesday **17th December** at 2.00pm. Everyone welcome!

St Michael's College Annual Carol Service on Wednesday, **18th December** at 8.00pm. All welcome.

Holy Trinity Primary School will be holding a Christmas Carol Service in St Michael's Church on Thursday, **19th December** at 7.30pm – All welcome.

St Michael's Parish Draw – Month 2

£1000	Marie McGlone, C/O Millcroft Nursing Home
<i>Promoter:</i>	<i>Attracta Flanagan, C/O Millcroft Nursing Home</i>
£500	Lisa Burns, 89 Derrin Road
<i>Promoter:</i>	<i>Cecelia Burns, 89 Derrin Road</i>
£300	Nicola Keaveney, 82 Derrin Road
<i>Promoter:</i>	<i>Carol Keaveney, 12C Market Street</i>
£200	Patricia Dolan, Stranagomer, Trillick
<i>Promoter:</i>	<i>Bernie Grainger, 8 Friar's Way</i>

Holy Trinity Primary School Applications: Application forms are now available for pupils wishing to enrol in Nursery/Preschool or P1 in September 2014. Application packs available by telephoning 02866324959 or emailing fmurphy798@c2kni.net. **Open Days:** Nursery/Preschool – Tuesday, 17th December 2.00-5.00pm. **Primary One:** Monday, 16th December – 2.00-5.00pm or by appointment with the Principal.

The Giving Tree: A Christmas Tree has been placed at the back of the Church. Gift tags will be hung from it with age categories indicated. Those who are in a position to do so, are invited to choose a tag and buy an age-appropriate gift, attach the tag and place the gift under the tree. The local branch of the St. Vincent de Paul will then distribute the gifts to those in our community who would appreciate a helping hand in preparing this year's family Christmas. Organised by St. Joseph's College Students, St Michael's Parish and St. Vincent de Paul.

Advent Reflection – 'MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD' on 16th December in the Parish Centre at 8pm. Everyone welcome and a chat over a cuppa – organised by the Adult Faith Development Group.

Soroptimist International Enniskillen & District are holding their annual Church Mouse Lunch in the Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen on Sunday, 15th December from 12 noon to 2.00pm. Everyone welcome!

Knights of St Columbanus Annual Charity Coffee Morning in Parish Centre on Saturday, 21st December 10.30am to 1.00pm. All Welcome!

Copies of St Michael's Choir CD – "Age to Age" and copies of a Pictorial History of St Michael's Church Choir available in the Parish Centre and St Michael's Bookshop. A nice Christmas gift for family or friends.

St Michael's Parish, Enniskillen & Lisbellaw – 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.

Baptisms: *We welcome into the Christian Community children baptised during the month of November.*

Matthew Alan Harshaw, 4 Meadow Bank, Banbridge; Thomas Waclaw Peter Curry, 40 Station Park, Maguiresbridge; Alastair Mark McCreesh, 5 Killyhevlin Demesne; Harley Lee Carson, 25 Tarmon Brae; Joshua John Beck, 26 Kilmacormick Avenue; Cheyenne Arianne McBrien, 62 Derrin Road; Thomas John Corrigan, 29 Friar's Way; Erin Joanne Logan, 46 Monree Hill, Donaghcloney; Cathóir Sean McPhillips, 31 Drumeer Road, Lisbellaw; Isabella Zita McCreesh, 13 Cooper Crescent; Kealan Kian Doherty, 24 Foxhill Road, Ballydoolagh.

St Michael's Parish Enniskillen & Lisbellaw

Parish Messenger – 15th December 2013

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Gaudete Sunday

Jesus' witness concerning John the Baptist Matthew 11:2-11

<u>Weekend Mass Times:</u>	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 Saturday 11.30am – 1.30pm & 5.00 – 5.45pm Tuesday, 17th December at 7.30pm Service of Reconciliation in St Michael's.
<u>Confessions:</u>	

Masses available to view via our Parish Website at www.st-michaels.net
The Parish Messenger is published each week on www.st-michaels.net
Email: parishcentre@st-michaels.net
Office Tel No: 028 66322075 – Open Monday – Friday 10.30am – 2.30pm

NI Cancer Pilgrimage to Lourdes – Thursday, 22nd May to Tuesday, 27th May, 2014. We aim to help cancer patients and their carers make a pilgrimage to Lourdes and to provide nursing and medical support for them. Further information from the Committee on 07516759646 or email mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk

St Michael's Parish Welcoming Group will be serving tea and coffee after the 9.30am Mass on the second Sunday of each month, beginning on **8th December**. Volunteers are needed, please, for serving and clearing on the day (with no further commitment). If you are available to help please contact Ann on 028 66325102

ACCORD - Marriage Preparation Courses 2014 January 10th /11th, February 14th/15th, March 7th/8th, April 11th/12th, June 6th/7th, October 3rd/4th, November 7th/ 8th, December 5th/ 6th. **Book on line at www.accordni.com or www.accord.ie** If you do not have access to the internet please telephone the ACCORD Secretary who will be pleased to help, 02866325696.

ACCORD - Counselling available for anyone experiencing difficulties in their relationship. For an appointment please contact ACCORD Secretary 028 66325696.

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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

5 an organisation that provides drug free treatment to 15 – 21 year old drug and alcohol addicts. Our country is struggling with young addictions and families are at a loss in how to cope. For further information contact Geraldine on 0868050446 or geraldineh@aislinncentre.com

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

The Sick and Elderly will be attended this week, usual days and areas . If you would like a priest to call with someone in your family circle who is house-bound please let us know. Phone 028 66322075 or 028 66322627.

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

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

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 Crypt.