

Second Sunday of Lent

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First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

Second Reading: St Paul to Timothy 1:8-10

God has saved us and called us to be holy.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

His face shone like the sun.

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat 15th Mar (Vigil 6.00pm) (Month's Mind) Francis (Tanch) Gibson,
Kilmacormick Road

Sun 16th Mar (Lisbellaw) Private Intention

Mon 17th Mar Lisbellaw – 10.00am Private Intention

(Next Sunday: Michael & Susan and Charles McGrath, Market Street)

(Second Reader: Aaron Magee Prayers of the Faithful: Finn McQuillan)

Monday, 17th March – St Patrick, Principal Patron of Ireland

7.00pm Sun (Vigil) Margaret & Brian McGandy, Riverside

10.00am Anna Lilly, Cappog

12.30pm Private Intention

Tue 18th Mar

7.15am

10.00am

Wed 19th Mar

7.15am

10.00am

Thu 20th Mar

7.15am

10.00am

Fri 21st Mar

7.15am

10.00am

7.30pm (First Anniversary)

Sat 22nd Mar

10.00am

2nd Week of Lent

Private Intention

William & Anna Murphy, Moyletra Gardens

2nd Week of Lent

Private Intention

Aleksandr Juhnevics, Fern Valley

2nd Week of Lent

Private Intention

Bill Preshur and deceased members of Spillane family, Kilmacormick Avenue

2nd Week of Lent

Private Intention

Nethercott family, Paget Square and Angela

Nethercott, Chanterhill Road

Margaret (Cissy) Nolan, Windmill Heights

Sean Mulhern and Grainne Mulhern and Murphy,

Curran and Dolan families, Enniskillen

2nd Week of Lent

Gerry Dolan, Dublin Road

Brendan Lynam, Riverside

Reflection

LENT by Marian Bach

When I was a child, the six weeks of Lent seemed so very long. Growing up in a family and going to a Catholic school where Lent meant giving up the things one really liked was totally common and a given. I still think it is important to consciously sacrifice or give up something, because doing so leaves more room for God and God-like things. Now that I am older, even the time of Lent goes by quickly, no matter that according to the Church calendar Lent is still six weeks long! However, now my experience of Lent has gone through a metamorphosis. By now, we have all probably heard the 'fast from' and 'feast on' approach to Lent: fast from a bad habit and feast on loving one's neighbour more, fast from eating candy and feast on getting out there and doing volunteer work, and so forth.

Thinking about Lent this year,

I hope to express Love to those who are hurting and in need in ways that might be challenging for me.

I hope to Enjoy the gifts God has given me and to see the good that is in the world and in my personal life.

I hope to Nurture the Spirit within me and others, listening to the Spirit's lead as the days unfold.

I hope to be open to the Transforming power of God's love.

Ash Wednesday marks a new spiritual beginning. It is a time to step back and reflect on what is really important. It is a time to think and live according to the reality that 'less is more.' May this Lent be an experience of a 'new springtime,' a time of renewal. May we grow in our **love**, **enjoy** the gifts we have, **nurture** the Spirit within, and accept the **transformation** that will be ours.

Prayer God, you are the source of all goodness. Help us to focus on the power of love and our need to be connected to you as our source of life and love. Help us to be your hands, your eyes, your feet, and your heart this Lent so that others may know you. Help us to remember our origin is in you, and to you we shall return. Bless us on our Lenten journey. Amen.

Weekly Offering

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Altar Servers 22nd / 23rd March Vigil ó Team 7; 9.30am ó Team 8; 11.00am ó Team 9; 12.30pm ó Team 1. Please check your rota and let us know if you are not available.

St Fanchea's College and St Joseph's College Students Coffee Morning this Friday after 10.00am Mass. All welcome!!

Cancer Connect Fundraising Night! Sunday 16th March in Westville Hotel at 9.00pm in memory of Francis 'Tanch' Gibson. Live entertainment by 'Me and Him' Raffles and prizes!! All welcome!

Preparation Day for new and existing Eucharistic Ministers on **Saturday 15th March** in the Parish Centre from 2.00 ó 5.00pm. Speaker: Fr John Chester.

St Michael's Parish Office and St Michael's Bookshop will be closed on St Patrick's Day, Monday, 17th March. Both will re-open on Tuesday, 18th March.

Ministers of the Eucharist 10.00am Mass weekdays. New rota available in Parish Office.

Saint Patrick's Day Parade: Parishioners who come to Mass on St Patrick's Day morning in St Michael's Church in their car are kindly requested to move their car away from the main streets afterwards to enable the free flow of the parade.

Peace Project follow up meeting on next Wednesday, 19th March at 7.30pm.

St Michael's Parish Draw – Month 5

£1000 Joe & Kathleen Blake, 76 Old Rossorry Road

Promoter: Mary McGirr, 27 Old Rossorry Park

£500 Michael Hanley, Sessiagh Lane, Arney

Promoter: Parish Office, 28 Church Street

£300 Barry Watson, 129 Derrin Road

Promoter: Teresa O'Reilly, 17 Algeo Drive

£200 Eddie Sharkey, 40 Erne Drive

Promoter: Teresa O'Reilly, 17 Algeo Drive

NEXT DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY, 14th April

Holy Hour in Convent chapel this **Wednesday, 19th March** at 7.30pm. Led by Fr Brendan Shannon.

Fundraising in aid of Trócaire in Parish Centre. Raffle tickets on sale each Friday after 10am Mass commencing **14th March**.

You are invited to: Praying the SCRIPTURES, after 10.00am Mass, in the Crypt, on the Thursdays of Lent, **20th, 27th March and 3rd April**.

Irish Ceili Dancing Classes will not be on this **Friday, 14th March**. Class will resume on **Friday, 21st March**.

St Michael's Bookshop (66324771) Beautiful cards in Irish and English for St Patrick's Day, badges, books and seasonal gifts. Open 10.30am ó 5.00pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, closed Wednesday, open Saturday 10.30am ó 1.00pm.

Suicide - What are the Signs? What can we do? Information evening Thursday 20th March in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 7.30pm. Speaker: Connor McCafferty of Zest. Organised by Clogher Diocesan Board of Social Theology in Action.

National Pioneer Ball in Cavan Crystal Hotel on 22nd March. Mass in St Brigid's Church, Killgarry at 7pm followed by dinner at 8pm. Formal wear is optional. Contact Su-Zann O'Callaghan on 00353872392993

Novena of Hope, The Graan Sunday 23rd March ó Monday 31st March. Sunday services 9.00am, 10.30am, 12 noon and 4.00pm. Weekdays 12.30 pm and 8.00pm, except Wednesday 11.00am and 8.00pm and Saturday 29th 11.00am and 6.30pm. Services for Sick on Wednesday 26th and Saturday 29th at 2.30pm. For further information phone 028 66322272.

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service are recruiting FACILITATORS in the Diocese of Clogher. If you are interested in joining ACCORD and would like more information on how to apply, please contact the ACCORD Enniskillen Centre on: Tel: 02866 325696 or email: enniskillen@accordni.com

Castle Coole Hospice Walk 2014 for Horizon West Children's Hospice, Killadeas will take place on Saturday 12th April at 10am in Castle Coole, Enniskillen. Horizon West is a local facility which cares for children and young people from Tyrone and Fermanagh. To register call into Snackz, Enniskillen or call Gemma on 077 1137 7338.

The Fermanagh Churches Forum Lenten lunches begin on **Wednesday 19th March** from 12.30 to 1.45pm in Enniskillen Methodist Church's McArthur Hall, Wesley Street entrance. There is no entrance charge but a collection will be taken for Christian Aid and Trocaire. Further Lenten lunches will be held in Enniskillen as follows, all on Wednesdays from 12.30 to 1.45pm. **26th March** - St Macartin's Church. of Ireland Cathedral Hall **2nd April** ó St Michael's Parish Centre **9th April** ó The Bridge Centre, Presbyterian Church.

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Parish Messenger –16th March 2014

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Naomh Pádraig, Aspal Mór na hÉireann

St Patrick's Day is a great opportunity to interrupt Lent and more importantly to celebrate the gift of faith. Patrick's own story has many twists and turns and it is a great example for us. Patrick brought an entire nation to share in the gift of faith in Jesus Christ. Sharing our faith with those around us is not an easy task. We get ridiculed, even laughed at. But our witness, our actions, our choices can speak to people too. We should celebrate our identity on the Feast day of St Patrick but also celebrate the Christian message that was preserved and passed on. We send greetings and good wishes to all those from our Parish who are away from home at this time



Weekend Mass Times: St Michael's: Vigil – Saturday 6.00 pm
Sunday – 8.00 am; 9.30 am; 11.00 am; 12.30pm
St Mary's Lisbellaw: Sunday 10.00am
Confessions: Saturday 11.30am ó 1.3-0pm & 5.00 ó 5.45pm
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