

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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First Reading: Micah 5:1-4

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Here I am! I am coming to obey your will.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat 19th Dec (Vigil 6.00pm) (Month's Mind) Noel Maguire, Burnside Park.

Sun 20th Dec (Lisbellaw) Patrick & Bridget Bannon, Mountdrum

(Next Sunday: Private Intention)

(Second Reader: Eve Bannon; Prayer of the Faithful: Finn McQuillan)

Mon 21st Dec

10.00am

6.00pm Convent

Tues 22nd Dec

8.00am Convent

10.00am

Wed 23rd Dec

8.00am Convent

10.00am

Thur 24th Dec

10.00am

4th Week of Advent

Jack & Rose and Alex Mulligan, Corban Avenue

Aileen Sweeney, Drumlyon, Silverhill

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Tony Howe, Drumlyon

Jack Cassidy, The Limes;

Marie Boyle, Old Rossorry Road.

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Joseph Branley, Hillview Park

James & Josephine and Peter Burns, Aisling Crescent

Patrick, Rosaleen and Michael Burns, Boho, Irvinestown and England.

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Michael Crowley, Portlaoise.

Friday 25th Dec - The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Times of Masses for Christmas on the front cover

Ministers of the Eucharist will bring Holy Communion to the Sick and Housebound after 9.30am Mass Christmas morning.

Please use your yellow envelope for Sick Priests' Fund.

Sat 26th Dec

10.00am

St Stephen, First Martyr

Pamela Dixon, Glenwood Gardens and Rogers Family,

Dame Street;

Maisie Martin, Derrin Road.

REFLECTION: Today's first reading from the prophet Micah speaks about the impact that the emergence of a ruler from one of Judah's little clans will have. (5:2) Repeatedly, God chooses the small and the insignificant in the world's eyes for very important missions. Advent is a reminder that we, who for the most part are small and insignificant in the world's eyes have been chosen for mission too. We are reminded that we are all called to build peace in our homes, in our community and in our world...

In all the madness of the festive season, we need some peace and quiet and time to reflect. Mary was caught up in the excitement of being pregnant and wonderment at what the angel had told her. She went as quickly as she could to visit Elizabeth. Perhaps she needed a bit of 'head-space' to reflect on everything that was happening. And then we have this precious moment when Elizabeth greets her and describes how the child in her womb leapt for joy. Like Elizabeth we await the arrival of Jesus with joy. Like Mary we are filled with wonder...As we count down to Christmas, we may need a little time out. Make space to pray and reflect during the day. Wrap up and go for a walk or visit the church or take a few minutes to yourself at home to get away from the noise.

The Seven Corporal Works of Mercy: Feed the Hungry/Give Drink to the Thirsty/Clothe the Naked/Welcome the Stranger/Visit the Sick/Visit the Imprisoned/Bury the Dead.

Deaths: *We pray for the recently deceased:* Baby Fiona Carroll-McGirr, Corban Avenue; Richard Tracey, Senior, 'Woodlands' Cosycon, Loughshore Road; Sr Joan McLoughlin, Enniskillen and Dublin; Bishop Dermot O'Mahony, Enniskillen and Dublin; Kathleen Knox Derrin Road; Mark Hutchinson, England.

May they rest in Peace.

Weekly Offering:

13.12.15

£4156.37

Prayer of Faithful for Sundays available via website www.st-michaels.net on Thursday afternoon and found under 'Parish Ministry' tab.

Altar Servers for December cover the **Christmas Vigil** and **Christmas Day Mass** schedule. **January Rota** for Altar Servers begins the weekend of **Saturday, 2nd and Sunday 3rd January 2016.**

St Michael's Christmas Cards for sale **£1.50** each available in St Michael's Shop.

The Holy Rosary will continue during the month of **December - Monday to Friday at 6.00pm** in the Chapel.

Christmas wishes from the Priests of the Parish

*Have a Holy, Peaceful and Blessed Christmas
and may the blessings of this time last not for one night
but throughout the coming year.*

*We wish you all a Blessed Christmas
and a Happy New Year.*

*Thank you for your kind support
throughout this year.*

*A special welcome to all who have come home for Christmas,
may Christmas be a time of peace and joy for you and your family.*

