

First Sunday of Lent

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St Paul's Missal Readings p110

Roman Missal Readings p536

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

God's covenant with Noah after he had saved him from the waters of the flood.

Second Reading: St Peter 3:18-22

The water is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat 21st Feb (Vigil 6.00pm) Patricia Mulhern, Riverside

Sun 22nd Feb 10.00am (Lisbellaw) Thomas & Brigid Whitley & deceased members of the Whitley family Enniskillen, England and America)

(Next Sunday: John Vesey, Drumlin Heights)

(Second Reader: Helen Keenan, Prayer of the Faithful: Tom Keenan)

Mon 23rd Feb

10.00am

1st Week of Lent

Margaret & John Maguire, Sedan Terrace and Jim and Frank Maguire

6.00pm Convent (First Anniversary) Les Price, Galliagh Park

Tue 24th Feb

7.15am

10.00am

1st Week of Lent

Private Intention
Patrick & Margaret McDonnell, Down Street

Wed 25th Feb

7.15am

10.00am

1st Week of Lent

Moohan family, Drumlyon
Daniel O'Hara, Derrygore Terrace

Thur 26th Feb

7.15am

10.00am

1st Week of Lent

Private Intention
Vincent & Sarah Fee, Arney, Christine Smyth, Coleraine and Patrick Maguire, Kinarla Park

Fri 27th Feb

7.15am

10.00am

7.30pm (First Anniversary)

1st Week of Lent

Private Intention
Jim Keenan, Cherry Walk
Kathleen McGandy, College Gardens;
Joe Treacy, Derrin Park and Treacy family
Derrygonnelly and England

Sat 28th Feb

10.00am

1st Week of Lent

Michael McGowan, Barbour Court;
Mary McCabe, Old Rossorry

Reflection on Lent: The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent. In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.

Deaths: *We pray for the recently deceased:* John Hazzard, Riverside; Oisín McGrath, Belcoo; Martin Quinn, Strabane; Mickey Keenan, Trillick; Sarah McCann, Coa; Brian Miller, Lahey, Co Donegal; Milagros Isok Maglasang, Phillipines; Bridie Raffell Coventry formerly Dame Street; Rex Dixon, Glenwood Gardens and Karen Carmon, Drumbeg Close and Millcroft Nursing Home. *May they rest in peace.*

Weekly Offering 08.02.15 £3404.45

15.02.15 £3228.67

Altar Servers 21st / 22nd February Vigil ó Team 3; 9.30am ó Team 4; 11.00am ó Team 5; 12.30pm ó Team 6

Synod on Family: Bishop Liam MacDaid has sent around a short letter regarding the request of Pope Francis that all dioceses might respond to some of the questions that arose from the Synod gathering on family last autumn. The text of Bishop Liam's letter is available on the parish website and at the back of the Church. Our **Pastoral area meeting is on Thursday, 19th February at 8.00pm in St Fanchea's College.**

Temporary Pioneer Pledge: If you would like to take the temporary pledge to abstain from alcohol during Lent, please leave your name with the priest after Mass this Sunday, Day of Prayer for Temperance.

Fr Noel Conlon (Healing Priest) will be in the Scout Hall in February 2015. To arrange an appointment please call 00353429378678.

Parish Messenger Annual Subscription £2 is now due. Please pay the distributor in your area and maybe say a word of *Thanks!*

Lenten Prayer based on Sunday Readings on Thursday mornings, February, 19, 26 and March 5, 12 and 19 after 10.00am Mass in Crypt (or side Sacristy in case of frost). Everyone welcome.

Tea / Coffee Morning to help fund Lee Martin's trip to Texas for the first ever conference for *Diploid Triploid Mosaic* survivors, will take place on **Sat. 28th February at 10.30pm in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall.** DTM is a rare chromosome disorder which affects 67 people worldwide. It is hoped that this conference will help advance much needed research and raise awareness. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Social Dancing: Don't forget **Tuesdays at 6pm in Westville Hotel.** Tutors: Pat and Mary Moohan.

The Novena of Hope at The Graan this year is from Sunday, 1st March to 9th March. Sunday services are 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon and 4pm. Weekdays 12.30pm and 8pm, except Wednesday (4th) which is at 11am and 8pm. Saturday, 7th March Mass at 11am and 6.30pm. In addition, there are services for the sick on Wednesday 4th and Saturday 7th at 2.30pm. Contact ó The Graan phone: 028 66322272.

Charity Fundraising dance will be held on Tuesday the 3rd March in Cavancarragh Hall, Enniskillen in aid of two local charities, Shopmobility Enniskillen and Arthritis Care. Doors open at 8pm and there will be a draw on the night. Music by Ally Harron and Marian Curry, Gene Stuart, Sean Corrigan, The Benn Sisters, Vincent Walmsley and many more. All welcome!

SWC OPEN DAY Tuesday 24th February, 2pm-8pm at Dungannon, Enniskillen & Omagh Campuses. Everyone welcome! Tel 08456031881/ www.swc.ac.uk/openday

Fermanagh Churches Forum are holding the first of this year's Lenten lunches on Wednesday 25th February from 12.45 to 2pm in the Bridge Centre of the Presbyterian Church in Enniskillen. As in previous years, we will share a simple lunch, provided by the church community, followed by a short period of prayer and meditation. There is no entrance charge but a collection will be taken for Christian Aid and Trocaire.

NI Blood Transfusion Service ó Next blood donation session will be held in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall on **Thursday, 26th February and Friday, 27th February** from **1.30pm – 4pm and 5.15pm – 8pm.** The service needs the support of existing donors and also new donors.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage Wednesday 17th June 2015 leaving Enniskillen, Total price £609 if deposit of £100 paid before 17th February. Price after 17th February will be £659. Contact Dermot Tierney 028 66342683 or mobile 07926747169.

St Vincent de Paul good quality clothes needed urgently. Please leave at Vincent's Shop, 24 Church Street. Open Mon ó Sat 1.00am ó 5pm Tel 028 66329893.

Faith & Friendship gathering on 11th March in the Riverview Room, Bridge Centre from 12.30 ó 2.00pm. Reflection on Acts prepared by Rev Ruth Patterson.

LAST ENVELOPE (this Sunday 22nd February) in your Parish Box for the year 2014/15. If you have missed some weeks or months, there is no need to fill each envelope now. Please put your contribution in the last envelope and this will be recorded opposite your number.

New envelopes for 2015/16 will be available for distribution in the Parish Centre from this Sunday. We would be most grateful if the usual volunteer distributors would call for them. If anyone else could help with the distribution of envelopes, all help would be greatly appreciated! Please sign the form provided in Parish Centre when taking your envelopes and write in the area you are distributing.

When you receive your new Envelopes, please check your name on the box; problems arise later if the wrong box is delivered to you. If there are any errors or if you have been missed out, let us know in the Parish Office. Parishioners with Standing Orders do not receive a box of envelopes.

If you would prefer to support the Parish by Standing Order (instead of envelopes), please call for a form at the Parish Office.

To you all, sincere thanks

St Michael's Parish Enniskillen & Lisbellaw

Building Faith, Friendship, Community.....

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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 1.30pm & 5.00pm ó 5.45pm

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