

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Roman Missal – Readings p119

First Reading: Isaiah

The maiden is with child.

Second Reading: St Paul to the Romans

Jesus Christ, descendant of David, Son of God.

Gospel: Matthew

Jesus will be born of Mary, betrothed to Joseph, son of David.

Cycle A

7:10-14

1:1-7

11:2-11

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat 21st Dec (Vigil 6.00pm)(Month's Mind) Sr Gemma McCusker,
Convent of Mercy

Sun 22nd Dec 9.30am (Month's Mind) Vincent Maguire, Bellanaleck &
Swanlinbar

Sun 22nd Dec (Lisbellaw) Patrick & Bridget Bannon, Mountdrum
(Next Sunday: Eamon & Noreen Donnelly, Lisbellaw)

(Second Reader: James McKenna Prayers of the Faithful: Leanne Johnston)

Mon 23rd Dec - 4th Week of Advent

10.00 am

6.00pm Convent

Pat Smyth, Cavan and London

O'Reilly family, Townhall Street and Castleblaney
and Chris O'Connor

Tue 24th Dec Christmas Eve 4th Week of Advent

8.00am Convent

10.00am

Paddy & Eithne Somers, Corban Avenue

Private Intention

Wednesday, 25th Dec The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Times of Masses for Christmas Day on the front cover

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

Thu 26th Dec

8.00am Convent No Mass

10.00am

St Stephen, First Martyr

Pam Dickson, Glenwood Gardens and John &
Ellie Rogers, Kilmacormick

Fri 27th Dec

10.00am

7.30pm (First Anniversary)

St John, Apostle and Evangelist

Aileen Sweeney, Drumlyon Drive

Joe Branley, Hillview Park

Hugh Tapster, Hillview Road

Sat 28th Dec

10.00am

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Mary & Tommy Boyd, Factory Road and Dame
Street;

Sean & Mary McCusker, Drumcor Hill;

Stephen Magee, Drumclay Link.

Reflection:

We are presented with many images of joy and happiness, in various elements of the media, as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. But for how many people will the coming days be a time of stress, worry, loneliness or fear? How many will feel under extra pressure? How many will feel challenged by these images of happiness and wonder if there is something wrong with them for feeling as they do in not being able to join in with such 'jolliness'?

What are the images that we see based on? Many are presented in advertisements that encourage us to buy. Lots are presented in programmes that talk about the 'magic' of Christmas and suggest that for one night the world is different.

These messages and the people who find this time of year especially difficult challenge us to be bolder in speaking out the true message of this season.

Christmas is not about 'one' night in a whole year. Christmas reminds us that on one night something began that lasts through all eternity, something began on that one night that affects every night. Christmas is not about 'magic', it is about wonder.

Christmas is the eternal message of God's love for all people. Christmas is about the gift that has been given to us in the child God who has come to destroy fear, who has come to dispel loneliness, who has come to relieve stress and worry, who has come to bring us courage, hope and peace. Christmas is about salvation. We may not always feel the joy that the images present to us but in Christ we are called to always feel **BLESSEDNESS**.

Deaths: We pray for the recently deceased: Ita McCanny, Upper Celtic Park and Millcroft Nursing Home; Nora Jenkins, Irvinestown and Millcroft Nursing Home
May they rest in peace.

Weekly Offering

15.12.13

£3252.60

Altar Servers 28th Dec / 29nd Dec Vigil – Team 7; 9.30am – Team 8;
11.00am – Team 9; 12.30pm – Team 1.

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 tea/coffee morning hosted by Saint Joseph's College Presidents Award is **NOT** on this Friday or next Friday because students are on their Christmas break. It will resume again on Friday 10th January 2014.

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.

Christmas Flowers If you would like to contribute to the cost of decorating the Church, please make donations in the 'Renovations Box' at the back of the Church.

Donations for the Crib This year's donations will be for Motomo Hospital in Kitui, Kenya run by the Sisters of Mercy. The hospital is in a poor area of Africa where many people, especially children, suffer from malnutrition and where HIV/AIDS is also treated. They need our help.

Giving Tree St Michael's Parish, St Vincent de Paul Society and St Joseph's College would like to thank most sincerely all who left a gift under the Giving Tree. Your generosity will make a huge difference to someone's Christmas.

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

St Michael's Parish Office will be closed from 2.30pm on **Monday, 23rd December** and will re-open on **Thursday, 2nd January** at 10.30am.

St Michael's Bookshop, Halls Lane will be closed from 1.00pm **Christmas Eve 24th December**, and will re-open on **Thursday, 9th January** at 10.30am.

Trócaire Thanks – to everyone who supported the buying of Trócaire Gifts. The amount raised was £2,425 and from the Christmas Raffle £130. Your support is greatly appreciated. A list of winners is at the back of the Church.

Clogher don Óige: Mass for Youth of the Diocese will be celebrated on Saturday, 21st December at the Graan. All welcome. Fr Brian will be the celebrant.

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.

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, 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.

SUPPORT Services – If you are in distress or despair, struggling with life's difficulties or feeling vulnerable the following services are available:

- **LIFE-LINE** 24 Hour Help Line 08088088000
- **NARCOTICS ANONYMUS 'Forget Me Not'** meets every Wednesday in Aisling Centre 8.15pm.
- **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMUS Group** meets Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Aisling Centre. For details contact 02866325811.
- **LIVING WITH ADDICTIONS** meets monthly in Aisling Centre. For details contact 02866325811.
- **SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE BEREAVED THROUGH SUICIDE** Meets on the 1st Monday of each month in the Aisling Centre. Contact Fidelis 02866382112.
- **AWARE** Defeat Depression Support Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Aisling Centre HELPLINE 08451202961
- **ADVICE NI – Debt Management Service** Daily from 9.00 – 5.00pm. in the Aisling Centre. Contact 02866329045.
- **AISLING CENTRE:** Offers one-to-one **Counselling** 02866325811.
- **ACCORD – Counselling** available for anyone experiencing difficulties in their relationship. Contact ACCORD Secretary 02866325696.
- **ST MICHAEL'S PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** Contact Parish Office 02866322075.

St Michael's Parish Enniskillen & Lisbellaw

Building Faith, Friendship, Community...

Parish Messenger – 22nd December 2013

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CHRISTMAS MASSES 2013

*Tuesday, 24th December (Christmas Eve) 9.00pm Vigil Mass
Preceded by Christmas Carols at 8.30pm*

*Wednesday, 25th Dec (Christmas Day) 8.00am St Michael's Church
9.30am “ “ “
10.00am Convent Chapel
10.00am St Mary's, Lisbellaw
11.00am St Michael's Church
12.30pm St Michael's Church
Please use your yellow envelope
– Sick Priests' Fund*

*Masses available to view via our Parish Website at
www.st-michaels.net*

CONFESSION FOR CHRISTMAS 2013

*Saturday 21st December: 11.30am – 4.00pm
Tuesday, 23rd December 11.30am – 1.30pm*

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.*

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Email: parishcentre@st-michaels.net Office Tel: 028 6632207

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| <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 |
| <u>Confessions:</u> | Saturday 11.30am – 1.30pm & 5.00 – 5.45pm |

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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.