

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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Enniskillen Missal – Readings p113 Proper p1032

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult – I know I shall not be shamed.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself, but God raised him high.

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat 23rd Mar (Vigil 6.00pm) (Month's Mind) Harold Haydock, Derrin Road

Sun 24th Mar 9.30am (Month's Mind) Margaret (Cissie) Nolan, Windmill Heights

Sun 24th Mar (Lisbellaw) John Vesey, Drumlin Heights

Next Sunday: Easter Sunday)

(Second Reader: Eoin Cleary Prayers of the Faithful : Aidan Flanagan)

Mon 25th Mar

Monday in Holy Week

7.15am

Private Intention

10.00 am

Stanley Millns, Sligo Road

6.00 pm Convent (Month's Mind) Charlie Duffy, Lurganarragh

Tue 26th Mar

Tuesday in Holy Week

7.15am

Private Intention

10.00am

Arlene and Darren Forbes, Sycamore Drive

Wed 27th Mar

Wednesday in Holy Week

7.15am

Private Intention

10.00am

Nicola Brough, Yoan Road

*** No morning Masses on Thursday, Friday or Saturday**

The Sick and the Elderly WILL NOT be attended by the priests during the month of April.

Ministers of the Eucharist will bring Holy Communion to the elderly and housebound on **Easter Sunday, 31st March after 9.30am Mass.**

Eucharistic Ministers and Collectors who would be willing to assist at the Holy Week Ceremonies, please enter their names and telephone numbers on the lists at the back of the church, giving times and days. You will be contacted.

Easter Flowers. If you would like to contribute towards the cost of decorating the Church for Easter, please make donations in the Renovation Box at the back of the Church.

Divine Mercy Sunday – 7th April will be held in the Convent at 3.00pm led by Fr Brendan Shannon.

Holy Week – An Invitation

We hear it said that “Christmas is for children”. If that is so, then Holy Week and Easter are “the grown up” feasts of the year. Being “grown up”, means that we have responsibilities, worries, cares. We have questions about pain, sorrow, love and life that look for an answer.

Jesus didn't come to give handy answers to our questions but to give a meaning to our lives. He knows the dark areas of our lives because he was there before us. At Easter he shines the light of his Resurrection on that darkness.

His story of pain, sorrow, loss and death is our story. His resurrection is our hope. So we ask you to bring your troubles, your hopes, sadness and joy to the ceremonies of Holy Week.

Together we will walk the road to Calvary with him. Together we will listen as he gives his word of love, his promise of happiness. Together we will renew our own promise to love him and each other.

Holy Week is a special week for you personally and for all of us as a community in St Michael's Parish. We look forward to sharing it with you.

With this week's Messenger we include an insert giving details of all the ceremonies and times of Confessions.

Deaths *We pray for the recently deceased:* Gerald Kelly, Irvinestown; Catherine Gunn, 68 Beech Hill; Vera Adams, Breandrum Park and Graan Abbey Nursing Home. *May they rest in peace.*

Weekly Offering: 17.03.13 £3558.71

Altar Servers: 30th / 31st March; Vigil – Team 8; 9.30am – Team 9; 11.00am – Team 1; 12.30pm – Team 2.

Second Readers 30th / 31st March; Vigil – Deirbhile Lynam; 9.30am – Natasja Doonan; 11.00am – Lorcan Love ; 12.30pm – Ryan McDonough.

Prayer of the Faithful: 30th / 31st March ; Vigil – Katie Cassidy; 9.30am – Roxanne Dolan; 11.00am – Annie Masterson; 12.30pm – Matthew Murphy.

Bible Study Group meeting every Wednesday at 7.30pm in Parish Centre. New Session based on St Matthew's Gospel begins Wednesday, 3rd April. Everyone welcome.

Service of Reconciliation for Easter this Tuesday 26th March 7.30pm in St Michael's Church, introduced by Mary McDaid.

St Michael's Bookshop will be closed for Easter holidays from Monday, 1st April to Monday, 8th April (inclusive) Re-opening on Tuesday, 9th April.

Trócaire Money in Trócaire Boxes will be accepted from Holy Thursday onwards Please do not leave boxes unattended at the back of the Church, hand in to the Parish Office or to one of the Priests. Cheques should be made payable to St Michael's Parish. Many thanks for your continued support.

Clogher don Óige pilgrimage to Taizé is a great opportunity for 15/16 years old to make new friends, explore faith and grow in confidence and self-esteem, while having great craic. Booking forms and brochures available www.clogherdonoige.com

Seeking Volunteers

Following some months of preparation, the Parish Pastoral Council was commissioned by Bishop MacDaid on Sunday 10th March. This, a major step in the strengthening of the parish, will lead to improved communications. Consequently, the Council is now ready to embark on a further development of the community by carrying out a census. This is essential at this time because of the address changes that are due to be complete at the end of March and because of the many residency changes that have taken place over recent years, including the coming of new families into the area. The work will probably take several months and success will depend on the willing participation of many. We envisage people working in their own particular areas, distributing and collecting forms and we are asking for volunteers to get the process started.

Sign up sheets for names, addresses and phone numbers, will be available at the back of the churches this weekend.

We do not expect the work to require much time from any one individual but do need to get a considerable number of volunteers.

St Michael's Parish in partnership with Clogher don Oige presents "Growing Towards The Light" Flower Festival Thursday 4th & Friday 5th 11.00am – 8.00pm and Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th April 2.00pm – 8.00pm. All welcome.

Horizon West Children's Hospice, Killadeas, will be open this Wednesday 27th March, 11.00-1.00 pm. Everyone welcome. Contact Aisling on 0777336728.

News from Father John Skinnader: Check the Parish Website for the latest news from Africa. He sends us his best wishes for St Patrick's Day.

(<http://www.saintmichaels-parish.com/blog001.asp>)

HOME ON HOLIDAYS! **Gathering for St Michael's Past Guides**, 1963 to 2013 for Coffee Morning at **10:45a.m.** - 12 noon on **Easter Monday Morning, 1st April in THE GUIDE HALL**, Community Centre, Belmore Street car park .

Come, chat and reminisce on our memories down the years. Contact bridiedolan@btinternet.com or phone /text 07918611839 or 02866322805 or Philomena Blake, Unit Leader, 02866326549.

St Michael's Bereavement Support Group - Colette Furlong will give a talk on bereavement 'Living in Hope after a Death' how the funeral liturgies can help sustain us at a time of deep personal grief in **St Fanchea's College at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 16th April** Transport can be arranged . Ring St Michael's Parish Office 028 66 322075. All welcome.

DIOCESE OF CLOGHER ~ Lourdes Pilgrimage 2013

Led by: The Most Rev Liam S MacDaid D.D

Saturday 6th – Thursday 11th July 2013

Total Price €735 (or sterling equivalent at time of payment).

To book **invalid** places contact **Pilgrimage Director:** Very Rev Canon Joseph Mullin, PP, Priest's House, Lisnaskea, BT92 OJE. Phone 677 21342.

To book **pilgrim** places contact **Pilgrimage Secretary**, Mr P J McGilly, Drumsastry, Newtownbutler, BT92 8ED. Telephone/Fax 028 677 37850.

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*The death of Jesus:
when love goes to the extreme*
Luke 22:14-23, 56

Weekend Mass Times: 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
Confessions: Saturday 11.30am – 1.30pm & 5.00 – 5.45pm
Days, Dates and Times of the Easter Ceremonies and Confessions in the enclosed insert.

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

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.

Children's Liturgy each Sunday at 12.30pm Mass. Open to all primary school children. Come along to hear the Word of God made easy.

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St Vincent de Paul urgently requires volunteers for its Church Street shop (Vincent's). If you have a few hours to spare every week please call at the shop for an application form or have a chat with a volunteer. (NB All volunteers will be subject to checks under Child Protection legislation).

St Michael's Bookshop: A new range of books in preparation for the 'Year of Faith' starting in October, including 'Catholic answers to today's questions', 'What is the Catholic Church?' 'The Catholic Gift to Civilisation' and booklets on the lives of all your favourite saints and some new saints.

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 Church except on a Tuesday morning of a funeral when Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the Crypt.

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

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

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

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.

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

CRUSE BEREAVEMENT: Offers

SUPPORT

- one-to-one counseling in Enniskillen and Omagh. Contact 02882244414.
- **SUPPORTING BEREAVED PARENTS:** Monthly meeting at the Aisling Centre Contact Margaret McCauley 07799390798
- **SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE BEREAVED THROUGH SUICIDE:** Meets on the 1st Monday of each month in the Aisling Centre Contact Fidelis 02866326604
- **AWARE:** Defeat Depression Support Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Aisling Centre HELPLINE 08451202961
- **AISLING CENTRE:** Offers one-to-one counselling. Contact Mary Conway 02866325811
- **ST MICHAELS PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** Contact Parish Office 028 66322075.
- **LIFELINE FREE 0808 8088000 24/7 365 days a year or www.lifelinehelpline.info**

June; 4th/5th October; 8th/9th November. Marriage Preparation Course should be completed at least 4 months before marriage. Application forms available from ACCORD Secretary 02866325696.

Marriage Paperwork: Any parishioner getting married, in this parish or elsewhere (even in another Christian denomination), is asked to contact the Parish Priest through the Parish Office (028 6632627) at least six months beforehand **ACCORD Counsellors available** for anyone experiencing difficulties in their relationship. For appointment please ring ACCORD Secretary 028 66325696.

The Commissioning of the Parish Pastoral Council last weekend marks a further step towards a way of being parish which was set out by Pope Benedict XVI when he said of the laity, 'They must no longer be viewed as (merely) 'co-workers' of the clergy but truly recognised as 'co-responsible' for the Church's being and action.' (*Address given at The Opening of the Pastoral Convention of the Diocese of Rome on the Theme: 'Church Membership*

and Pastoral Co-Responsibility', Basilica of Saint John Lateran, 26 May 2009). We remember that parish ministry here has for many years now included more than twenty parish groups as well as the new groups that emerged more recently. Part of the remit of the Parish Pastoral Council will be to help support and to provide linkage between the various ministry groups. At their best, Parish Pastoral Councils foster and give expression to a parish sense of community and '*communio*' (a Latin word that expresses togetherness and connectedness). As Pope Benedict XVI said at Castel Gandolfo last August, 'Feel the commitment to work for the Church's mission to be your own, through prayer, through study, through active participation in ecclesial life, through an attentive and positive gaze at the world, in the continual search for the signs of the times.' St Patrick came to share the Good News to the people of Ireland. We are doing what he did in a way.

St Michael's Bookshop: Now available posters for the Year of Faith, large edition of Catechism of the Catholic Church and smaller sized editions of same. Variety of CD's by Sr Marie Cox: Woman's Song of Love, The Peace of God, The Company of Angels. Also in stock 'Calm the Soul' from the Poor Clares, Galway and now a best seller.