

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

Enniskillen & Lisbellaw

Building Faith, Friendship, Community

Parish Messenger - 28th June 2020 (Digital copy only at this time)



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Priest on Duty is not permitted to visit the hospital, Nursing / Care Homes or individual houses in the parish. If you need to speak to a priest in an emergency, please phone the Switchboard on (028-66382000) and ask for the Priest on Duty

MASSES & DEVOTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

(Available to watch online @ www.saintmichaels-parish.com/webcam.asp)

Sat 27th June 6.00pm (Vigil)	(Month's Mind) Liam Masterson, Hillview Park
Sun 28th June 8.00am	Donors' Intention
Sun 28th June 10.30am	Lisbellaw No 9.30am Mass until further notice - Intention included in 10.30am Mass (First Anniversary) James Patrick (Seamus) Kerrigan, Moybrone Road, Croaghtrim, Enniskillen
Sun 28th June 12.00 noon	(First Anniversary) Hilary Kinahan, Lisgoole Park
Mon 29th June 10.00am	SS Peter and Paul, Apostles
6.00pm	Donors' Intention Alan & Olive Stewart and deceased members of Campbell family, Eastbridge Street
Tue 30th June 10.00am	13th Week in Ordinary Time James & Aggie Keaveney, Noel Keaveney, Queen Street and Kieran Keaveney, London
Wed 1st July 10.00am	St Oliver Plunkett, Bishop and Martyr Edward & Brigid Dolan, Dublin Road and Bannon family, Lisbellaw
Thurs 2nd July 10.00am	13th Week in Ordinary Time Mary Catherine Cassidy, Belcoo and Jean McNeillis, Belfast and deceased members of Cassidy and McNeillis families
Fri 3rd July 10.00am	St Thomas, Apostle Whitsitt family, Erne Drive and Winifred Maguire, Derrylin
Sat 4th July 10.00am	13th Week in Ordinary Time Tommy, Annie and Damian Dolan, Westville Terrace and Beech Hill, Cavanaleck; James & Susan Monaghan, Hillview Walk
6.00pm (Vigil) (Month's Mind)	Claire Quinn, Castlecoole Road

Deacon Martin Reflects - available on our website & Facebook page

Daily Devotions over the Parish Webcam

(Note the Exceptions listed below)

12.00pm	Angelus (except Sunday when there is Mass)
3.00pm	Divine Mercy (Monday to Saturday ONLY)
6.00pm	Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (except Monday & Saturday 6.45pm)
7.00pm	Holy Hour & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Divine Mercy (Sunday ONLY)
8.00pm	Holy Hour & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (Wednesday ONLY)
10.00pm	Night Prayer

SUMMARY OF PRESENT REGULATIONS RE FUNERALS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In line with present guidance, the general public should remain away from funerals. (<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-bereaved-about-funeral-arrangements>)

- (a) Wakes, Funerals & Burials are Private to close family members ONLY. Others should keep away from outside & inside the church.
 (b) Funeral Mass: (i) Only 10 family mourners permitted; (ii) no physical interaction between sanctuary/altar area and the body of the church (no readers, no music, no other forms participation); (iii) anyone who is feeling even slightly unwell should remain at home for fear of infecting others.
 (c) The Rite of Christian Burial is held at the graveside, with only 10 family mourners present. The general public should be absent.

The Parish Draw

The July draw will take place on Monday 6th July. March, April, May and June draws will take place at a later date. Promoters are asked to take all usual precautions (gloves, mask and sanitiser) when collecting subscriptions for the July draw. Thank you.

Sunday Collections: Sincere and grateful thanks to those parishioners and donors who made a larger than usual contribution at this time. So please contribute if you are in a position to do so at this time. Parish Envelopes can be left in the letterboxes of the Parish Office or the Parochial Houses.

Donating Online to St Michael's Parish via iDonate: It is now possible to donate to St Michael's Parish over the Internet by means of Debit or Credit Card or PayPal. Click on the iDonate button on the Parish Website <http://www.saintmichaels-parish.com>). The link will take you to our diocesan website and then select the parish of Enniskillen from the dropdown list provided. Donations are subsequently forwarded to the parish account.



Donating by Standing Order: This is the most helpful way to donate to our parish. You can download the form from our parish website. For help or advice with completing it, please leave a message on the Parish Phone for the attention of Fr Raymond on (028) 6632-2075 (press 4 when the message begins).

Sunday 21st June - White Envelope - Weekly Offering to the Parish £1798.18

This Sunday 28th June - White Envelope - Weekly offering to the Parish

Next Sunday - 5th July - Blue Envelope - Monthly Offering to the Priests and Pastoral Care

Congregations at Mass

The headline announcement about a limited return of congregations has been made. The actual regulations will follow shortly. It would be important - to ensure compliance - to leave some time at least for consideration of those regulations before making and announcing the arrangements for reopening itself.

Guidelines have been issued by the Irish Catholic Bishops Conference in anticipation of the return of this (limited) congregational return. They centre around the making of practical arrangements in relation to hygiene and appropriate distancing for such a gathering. (We already have some of such things in place in relation to the limited reopening for personal prayer.)

In whatever we do, a bigger issue remains: the virus itself. Locally speaking, most of us escaped contracting the contagion but, unfortunately, that means that the majority of us have absolutely no immunity to it. It would be important to avoid false and unfounded confidence. The danger remains real, because of what the virus can do to a person, especially those with underlying conditions. So as to avoid people taking the risk (however small) of attending in person at this time, the Conference of Irish Bishops continues to suspend the obligation to attend Sunday worship in person. We know now from abroad the virus can quickly return and take hold to cruel effect.

For those reasons, parishioners (especially those with underlying conditions) are advised to continue to participate by means of the Internet at this time. "Safer At Home" is a good motto for the present times. And should people be in any sense unwell, or have underlying conditions, or be undergoing treatments of any kind, they would be wiser to remain indoors. At root, this precaution is not just about looking after ourselves and our own wants and needs; it is also about minimising the risk to others, and also the risk of another lockdown. Many of us are already feeling it has gone on long enough and don't wish to see it return, which it surely will if we are careless at this stage. Impatience may make us feel like we are done with this virus. Yet the bigger question remains as to whether this virus is done with us.

Deaths: Kevin Carson, Wales and Enniskillen; Jimmy McTiernan, Florida and Broadmeadow Place. *May they Rest in Peace*

Cautious & Limited Reintroduction of Time for Personal Prayer within St Michael's Church

Last Monday came the announcement from the civil authorities that subject to certain conditions being met churches are permitted to reopen for personal prayer only. (Public congregations in churches are still not permitted.) Subject to restrictions outlined below, St Michael's Church will reopen briefly between 10.30am and 2.30pm from Monday to Saturday of next week.

People are advised that pandemic conditions still exist. People are asked to think of others by following restrictions. The fact remains that this virus is still being unknowingly transmitted and is still causing the death of some people, especially those with underlying pre-existent conditions, as well as a significant proportion of those over 70 years of age. Caution and precaution are still required. If you feel in any way unwell before you visit the church, please stay at home: you would safer and so would everyone else. The opening of the church at this time will depend on visitors following the guidelines below:

Opening Days: Monday to Saturday only. (Closed Sunday)

Opening Hours: 10.30am to 2.30pm only.

Entrance: The side door nearest the Parish Office. (Main door remains shut.)

Exit: The only exit is by the other side door, nearest the clergy house.

Maximum Number: Only ten (10) people allowed in the church at any one time. (Ushers will not admit more.)

Contact Details: Visitors are encouraged to leave contact details (in case needed).

Ushers: Please follow the directions of the ushers re using hand gel.

Seating: Sit only in the designated places against the church wall. (Benches not to be used at this time.)

Bring Sanitary Wipes: Use these to wipe the designated space where you sit.

Leave after 10 Minutes: For this initial period (to allow others safe access).

These guidelines may change over time depending on the safety or otherwise of the situation.

The clergy of the parish would like to express their sincere thanks to parishioners at home and away for their kindness and encouragement at this time. People have been most supportive and thoughtful towards us in this anxious experience of isolation. It is appreciated. Thank you for your unselfish consideration of others in the way you have observed the restrictions at this time.

REVISED ARRANGEMENTS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Anniversary Masses: If you wish to book an Anniversary Mass please contact 07917107238.

The Parish Office: The Office is now closed. Emails, telephone messages and delivered letters will be checked once a day. Please leave a message on the answering service at (028) 6632-2075 then press 4 for Father Raymond; 6 for Monsignor Peter.

Sacraments (First Confession, Holy Communion, Confirmation, Weddings and Baptisms): All arrangements are presently suspended until further notice.

Votive candles, Mass Cards, Bookstall Publications, Rosary Beads, Prayer Cards, Sacred Heart Statue & Image, Jesus Divine Mercy Statue, and St Michael Archangel Statue; Please feel free to request any of these by leaving a message on 028-66322075 for the attention of Fr Raymond.

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society Pilgrimage to Knock: Due to the Coronavirus Covid-19 Pandemic their annual Pilgrimage to knock will be in the form of a Virtual Pilgrimage. Beginning at 2.30pm on Sunday 28th June with the Rosary, followed with Mass at 3pm and Benediction. Follow the Pilgrimage via www.knockshrine.ie