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ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

Enniskillen & Lisbellaw

Building Faith, Friendship, Community

Parish Messenger 16th May 2021

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Priest on Duty is not permitted to visit Nursing / Care Homes at this time.
All emergency hospital calls for the Priest on Duty are made by the Staff Nurse on the Ward.

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 FOR THE COMING WEEK

(Available to watch online @ https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-parish-eniskillen)

Masses also available via Parish Webcam. Obligation to attend suspended.



Sunday Collections:

Sunday 9th May - White Envelope - Weekly offering to the Parish £3047.69

This Sunday 16th May - White Envelope - Weekly Offering to the Parish

Next Sunday 23rd May - White Envelope - Weekly Offering to the Parish

TODAY IS WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY throughout the Catholic Church. The theme this year is 'Come and See' (Jn 1:46). Communicating by Encountering People Where and as They Are. Pope Francis tells us that 'the Gospel comes alive in our own day, whenever we accept the compelling witness of people whose lives have been changed by their encounter with Jesus... The challenge that awaits us, then, is to communicate by encountering people, where they are and as they are.'

May & Our Lady: Pope Francis has taken an initiative to invite the whole world to pray to Our Lady in May for an end to the pandemic. He has invited all Marian Shrines around the world to provide a Day of Prayer of Intercession to the Blessed Virgin and has entrusted each Shrine with a particular Intention of Prayer for the various categories of people most affected by the tragedy. Each Shrine will broadcast their Prayer through the official channels of the Holy See, with the Holy Father opening and closing the Prayer from the Vatican, on the first and last day of the month. Text copy of this prayer is available on our Parish Website.

Fatima Holy Hour: Holy Hour in honour of Our Lady of Fatima and her messages to the three children: St Michael's Church on the middle Saturday of each month beginning this Saturday 15th May 2021 and concluding on Saturday 16th October 2021 from 2 - 3pm.

St Michael's Parish Shop Opening Times: 10.30am to 1.30pm everyday apart from Wednesday & Sunday. A wide selection of gifts for Baptisms, Holy Communion & Confirmation, Mass Cards, Greeting Cards, Candles, Statues, Bibles, Missals and books.

A National Synod For The Catholic Church in Ireland. The Irish Bishops' Conference have announced a new Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland leading to the holding of a National Synodal Assembly within the next five years. We are all invited to journey together in discernment of what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church in Ireland at this time. We are acutely aware of the huge challenges to the faith over the past fifty years; a major decline in practice of the faith and in the number of vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. The bishops are inviting submissions to reflect on what methods/models to adopt in these coming two years of conversations. For example: parish or pastoral area meetings, focus groups, questionnaires, deep-listening sessions; written submissions; family-focused gatherings; receiving summary of findings of assemblies that have already taken place across dioceses; and/or conferences etc. Your feedback, which should be no more than 300 words and submitted by Pentecost Sunday 23 May 2021, ought to focus on the nature of the process for the consultation i.e. how we can best go about this initial phase of establishing the conversation? You are invited to offer feedback to the following question: What would be your preferred option for engagement in a conversation process about the Synod? The responses will be considered by the task group to be put in place by the bishops this summer to plan and oversee the first steps along the synodal pathway. Submissions should be made via the new Synodal Pathway webpage: www.catholicbishops.ie/synod.

The Talking Messenger can now be accessed by dialling a local number: 028 66 500 560, the recording is less than 10 minutes.

Hearts on Fire: A series of video resources for the young people preparing for Confirmation, and their families and school communities, have been compiled for the Diocese of Clogher and are accessible via Hearts On Fire Confirmation Preparation - Diocese of Clogher (clogherdiocese.ie). Accompanying workbooks have been delivered to schools.

St Vincent de Paul: If you wish to make a donation to support local families, please place it in a sealed envelope marked 'St Vincent de Paul' and leave it into the Parish Office or contact a conference member or phone the helpline on 028 66 347788. Thank You.

Candle by Text: Our candle shrine is placed at the altar steps and is visible over the parish webcam. To request a candle, phone or text 07753801237, giving the name and number of the person who wants the candle lit. We suggest initially that parishioners observe a limit of five candles in any one request. While the usual donation is 50p each, this can be given at a later time when it is convenient, either by digital payment, post or through the parish office letterbox. Thank you & God bless.

Anniversary Masses: Please phone - 0800 0096338 between 10.30am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday.

Congregations for Mass: Change in Arrangements

PLEASE WEAR A FACE MASK WHEN YOU COME TO MASS

10am Weekday Morning Masses (including Saturday): For 10am Weekday Morning Masses. You will not need to give notice of your intention to attend. However, the number permitted to enter will remain that which can be safely accommodated.

8am Sunday Morning Mass: Open to parishioners without requirement of notice to attend. Note that numbers permitted will remain that which can be safely accommodated.

9.30am (St Mary's Lisbellaw), 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass, 10.30am & 12 noon Sunday Morning Masses (St Michael's): To attend these Masses, please give the parish advance notice of your intention to attend in one of the following ways:

- (1) Email parishcentre@st-michaels.net with your name and phone number and a return contact will be made.
(2) Phone the Parish Office on 028 66 322075 ext. 3 between 10.30am - 2.30pm (only) Monday to Friday.
(3) Go online to the Parish Website and click the link and complete the online form.

Daily Devotions over the Parish Webcam

(Note the exceptions listed below)

- 12.00pm Regina Caeli (except Sunday when there is Mass)
3.00pm Divine Mercy (Monday to Saturday ONLY).
5.00pm Rosary Monday to Friday and 6.45pm on Saturday with Legion of Mary Prayers.
7.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy (Sunday ONLY)
10.00pm Night Prayer

SUMMARY OF PRESENT REGULATIONS RE: FUNERALS DURING ONGOING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

(cf. Northern Ireland Executive Regulations Guidance as from Monday 12 April 2021)

Observe social distancing (stand 6' apart) - Face Covering mandatory inside the church building - No gathering on street outside

Anyone who is feeling even slightly unwell should remain at home for fear of infecting others.

- (a) Families will confer with the undertaker to provide a list of attendees in compliance with the number now permitted by regulation for Masses. No pre - and post-funeral gatherings at this time.
(b) Face Masks must be worn inside the church.
(c) No physical interaction between sanctuary/altar area and the body of the church (no readers, no other forms of participation).
(d) Music by soloists only.
(e) Please give your prayerful support by watching in over St Michael's Parish webcam: https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-parish-eniskillen.