

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

Enniskillen & Lisbellaw

Building Faith, Friendship, Community

Parish Messenger - 17th January 2021

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 @ www.saintmichaels-parish.com/webcam.asp)

MASSES AVAILABLE ONLY VIA PARISH WEBCAM. OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUSPENDED. NO CONGREGATION AT THIS TIME.

Table with 2 columns: Date/Time and Intention. Rows include Sat 16th Jan 6.00pm (Vigil), Sun 17th Jan 8.00am, Sun 17th Jan 10.30am, Sun 17th Jan 12.00 noon, Mon 18th Jan 10.00am, Tue 19th Jan 10.00am, Wed 20th Jan 10.00am, Thurs 21st Jan 10.00am, Fri 22nd Jan 10.00am, Sat 23rd Jan 10.00am, and 6.00pm (Vigil).

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 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 COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Social Distancing is to be observed. Face Covering is mandatory at all times when inside the church building. The general public must refrain from attending on the street outside.

- (a) Wakes, Funerals & Burials are Private and now limited to 25 people ONLY from among close family members and close family friends by arrangement with the undertaker. No pre- or post-funeral gatherings at this time.
(b) Funeral Mass: (i) Face Masks must be worn inside the church; (ii) no physical interaction between sanctuary/altar area and the body of the church (no readers, no other forms of participation); (iii) music by soloists only.
(c) The Rite of Christian Burial is held at the graveside, with only 25 mourners present. The general public should be absent.
(d) Anyone who is feeling even slightly unwell should remain at home for fear of infecting others.



Sunday Collections:

This Sunday 10th January - White Envelope - Weekly Offering to the Parish £2574.70

This Sunday 17th January - White Envelope - Weekly Offering to the Parish

Next Sunday 24th January - White Envelope - Weekly Offering to the Parish

Deaths: Kevin Melarkey, Derrin Park; John McGovern, Glenwood Gardens; Lucy Gannon, Dublin and Lisnaskea; Gerry Maguire, London & formerly Bellanaleck; Tony Sheppard, formerly of Enniskillen. May they Rest in Peace.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18th - 25th January: For prayer and other resources visit Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021 - Irish Council of Churches and Irish Inter Church Meeting (irishchurches.org).

Enniskillen Foodbank: As a Parish, we want to make sure that no one in our local community has to go hungry at any time, but we need your help to make this happen. Your gift of food can make a real difference. During this time of Pandemic, we are not permitted to operate a Collection Point in the church. So please donate what you can in terms of non perishable food to the Collection Points in Rooney's Spar, Tesco or ASDA. Thank You.

Hygiene Bank: Buying the basics like shampoo, toothpaste or deodorant is something most of us take for granted. For many low-income families, these essential products have become out of reach luxuries. Please donate what you can to collection points in Enniskillen: Cavanaleck Leaf Centre, Carefree Travel & Erne Pharmacy. Thank You.

Convent Cemetery Bins: Please refrain from filling the bins with rubble, stones, soil, peat, grass, old wreaths, dead flowers or card. Instead, dispose of the same at home or through the local recycling centre. A local volunteer kindly and generously agreed to manage the bins currently in place (used for small items of waste such as wrapping and items which are not recyclable). Thank you for your consideration.

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 in the Parish Office or contact any conference member or phone the helpline 028 66 3247788. Thank you for your very generous support.

Pope Francis' Prayer to St Joseph: Pope Francis declared the coming year from 8th December 2020 to 8th December 2021 (the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception) - the Year of St. Joseph. For more than 40 years, Pope Francis has said the following special prayer to St. Joseph after morning prayer: Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome. My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.

"Light a Candle by Text"

Our candle shrine is now placed at the altar steps and is visible over the parish webcam. To request a candle, phone or text 07753-801237, 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

Revised Regulation in Church Attendance: 8 January - 6 February 2021

(subject to review)

"Stay At Home"

The Catholic Bishops of Northern Ireland have released a statement giving the context of the changes that they have asked us to make. The main practical instruction is as follows:

In light of our ongoing consultations and of the current serious and worsening situation, and in line with clear public health guidance that people should stay at home, we have decided that for a limited period (from midnight on Thursday 7 January until Saturday 6 February 2021, subject to review in late January), the celebration of the Eucharist and other liturgies should take place without the physical presence of the faithful - with the exception of marriage, funeral, baptismal liturgies and drive-in services (subject to regulations). Arrangements for recording and/or livestreaming, and making individual visits for private prayer are also permissible in accordance with regulations. We encourage parishes, where possible, to continue to broadcast the celebration of Mass - and other devotions and prayer services - online and on other media, knowing that faith and prayer can be a tremendous support to individuals and society during these difficult times.

Consequently the following now apply:

- (1) During this present lockdown phase, all Masses in St Michael's Church will be online via the Parish Webcam only
(2) St Michael's Church will open for personal prayer during this time from 10.45am until 5pm.
(3) On mornings where there is a funeral, St Michael's Church will open at 12.30pm.
(4) When there is an intention for the Sunday Mass that would have been in St Mary's Church, Lisbellaw, that intention will be included in the 10.30am Sunday Mass in St Michael's Church. It is expected that Mass in St Mary's will resume when the present lockdown lifts.
(5) The arrangements for Funerals remain as set out elsewhere in this Messenger
(6) The arrangements for Baptisms remain as previously set out. All baptism are in the vestibule of the St Michael's Crypt Chapel. Only the infant, the parent(s)/guardian(s), the infant's siblings and two godparents may be present. Phone or email the parish office for arrangements.
(7) Wedding bookings and enquiries by email only at this time: weddings@st-michaels.net
(8) When you enter the church, (a) wear a face covering (required by regulation at this time); (b) sanitise your hands; (c) maintain a distance of 2 metres from anyone else; (d) use only the benches around the wall of the church (please stay out of the centre benches).
(9) Remain at home if you are feeling in any way unwell.
(10) The usual Saturday arrangements for Individual Confession at St Michael's remain suspended until the present lockdown ends.