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**ST MICHAEL'S PARISH**

Enniskillen & Lisbellaw  
*Building Faith, Friendship, Community*  
*Parish Messenger 17th December 2023*



**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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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>)

<b>Sat 16th Dec 6.00pm (Vigil)</b>	<b>(Month's Mind)</b> Eithne Bartley, Portora Wharf.
<b>Sun 17th Dec 8.00am</b>	Donors' Intention
<b>Sun 17th Dec 10.30am</b>	<b>(First Anniversary)</b> Eileen McTeggart, Hillview Park.
<b>Sun 17th Dec 12.00pm</b>	<b>(First Anniversary)</b> Anna Brennan, Derrin Park.
<b>Sun 17th Dec 9.30am (Lisbellaw)</b>	Kathleen Knox, Derrin Road.
<b>Mon 18th Dec</b>	<b>3rd Week of Advent</b>
10.00am	Edward Leonard and Edward Patrick Leonard, Junior, Derrin Park. Pauline Dunbar, Chanterhill Road.
<b>Tues 19th Dec</b>	<b>3rd Week of Advent</b>
10.00am	Mary Creamer, Lisnaskea. Teddy & Lilly Henderson, Loughview Drive.
<b>Wed 20th Dec</b>	<b>3rd Week of Advent</b>
10.00am	Jim, Anne and Teenie Dorothy, Cornagrade
<b>Thurs 21st Dec</b>	<b>3rd Week of Advent</b>
10.00am	Baby Jack Cassidy, The Limes
<b>Fri 22nd Dec</b>	<b>3rd Week of Advent</b>
10.00am	Frank & Nigel Corrigan, Hillview Park
<b>Sat 23rd Dec</b>	<b>3rd Week of Advent</b>
10.00am	Kathleen & James McCaffrey, Strand Street. Marie Boyle, Old Rossorry. Christopher Masterson, Cornagrade Road
6.00pm (Vigil)	<b>(Month's Mind)</b> Jimmy Cullen, Hillview Park.

**CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS 2023**

**Reconciliation Service, St Michael's Church:** Thursday 21st December: 7.30pm - 8.30pm  
**Confessions, St Michael's Church:** Saturday 23rd December: 10.30am - 1.30pm  
Sunday 24th December: 2pm - 3pm

There will be **no Adoration of Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday 26th December**. Adoration will recommence on **Tuesday 2nd January 2024**.

**Sunday Collection**

Sunday 10th December - White Envelope - Weekly Offering to the Parish - £2516.93  
Friday 8th December - Green Envelope - Immaculate Conception Cathedral Fund - £1080.29  
This Sunday - 17th December - White Envelope - Weekly Offering to the Parish  
Next Sunday - 24th December - White Envelope - Weekly Offering to the Parish

**Deaths:** Liam Benn, Swanlinbar Road; Fr. Des O'Donnell OMI, Dublin, Ballyshannon, and Enniskillen; Teresa Hickey, Tipperary (Cousin of Rose McNutt); Maureen Howe, Glasgow, formerly Enniskillen (Sister of Josie Maguire); Anja McGowan, Flaxfield Park. Marie Carron, Toberman Park:  
*May they Rest in Peace.*

**Parish Carol Service on Sunday 17th December at 7pm.** Tickets available from St Michael's Parish Office or on the night. Price £8, Concessions £5, Children Free.

**3rd Sunday of Advent – December 17th – Bambinelli / Gaudete Sunday** Gaudete Sunday means 'Rejoice', on this day we rejoice because Christmas is almost here, the day when we celebrate the birth of Jesus. To mark this day, we will join with people across the world in the tradition of **Bambinelli Sunday**. We invite parishioners to bring the figurine of the Baby Jesus from their Nativity to the 10.30am Mass on December 17th, where they will be blessed.

**Trócaire Gifts** – Trócaire Gifts will be available to purchase in St. Michael's Parish Office and Parish Shop.

**The Society of St Vincent de Paul Gift of Choice Appeal:** This Christmas the Society is humbly asking all of their donors to participate as generously as possible in this appeal. Gift vouchers will empower families to make their own decisions on how to best meet the needs of their families and children and will afford them the dignity and respect they deserve. Over the years, the Society has valued every donation received from every parish in the local Communities in which they serve and would very much welcome the opportunity to receive vital donations from our parish this year. Donations can be given at any time by the usual means.

**Concern Collection** A collection for Concern will take place in Dunnes on **Saturday 16th December**. There will be a street collection for Concern on **Saturday 23rd December**. All donations gratefully accepted and appreciated.

**Caritas Cross Community Choir** Main Festive Event is at the Ardhowen Theatre, Enniskillen on **Thursday 21st December at 8pm**. Tickets only £10. All proceeds in aid of local Mental Health Charity in the Aisling Centre, Enniskillen. Please come along and support our local charities..

**Parish Lending Library:** Parishioners experiencing the recent coffee morning were delighted with the vast array of books on offer to browse through in a warm, comfortable environment with a welcoming cup of coffee. The library is well stocked now with something to suit everyone as well as CD's of sacred and uplifting music available to borrow. See what you are missing out on! Pay a visit to the library, access is through the Parish Bookshop. Opening hours: **Mon - Sat 10.30am - 1.30pm. Coffee morning on Tuesday 19th December at 10.30am. Everyone welcome.**

**Family Care Adoption Services** is an Adoption Agency, and a core part of their work is to place children with new adoptive families. They provide adoption services throughout all NI and work with Health and Social Care Trusts to place single children and sibling groups for adoption. These children are aged from babyhood to approximately 5 years old. There are currently more children waiting to be adopted in NI than families approved to adopt and there is an urgent need for new families to come forward. All sorts of people from all walks of life can be considered for adoption. So, wherever you live in NI if you think you could offer a child/ren a new life in a family of their own and would like an informal chat to discuss this and to find out more about adoption, contact us: Email: [email@familycareadoption.org](mailto:email@familycareadoption.org). Phone 028 90 691133. Website: [www.familycareadoption.com](http://www.familycareadoption.com). We await hearing from you!

**Fermanagh Talking Newspaper** - FREE weekly listening service for people who have difficulty in reading the local newspapers. Tel 028 6632 7153 for details.

**Fermanagh Comhaltas Concert** A celebration of Fermanagh's success in Ulster and All Ireland 2023 Fleadhs. Special guests All Ireland Senior Ceili Band champions, Pipers Cross. **Fri 5th Jan 24**, Westville Hotel, Enniskillen at **8pm**. Adm **£10**. Tickets available on the night or phone Sarah (07779267620) or Ann (07340530807) to guarantee entry. A night not to be missed!

**St Michael's Parish – Final Draw 2023**

<b>£1,000 (2038)</b>	Michael & Mary Potter, Dungannon	<i>Promoter: Threena Potter, Glenwood Gardens</i>
<b>£500 (1379)</b>	Stephen Leonard, Drumbeg	<i>Promoter: Carmel Moohan, Yoan Road</i>
<b>£500 (1374)</b>	Pat & Carmel Moohan, Yoan Road	<i>Promoter: Carmel Moohan, Yoan Road</i>
<b>£500 (1695)</b>	Bridie McMahon, Beech Hill, Cavanaleck	<i>Promoter: Paddy Gunn, Beech Hill Cavanaleck</i>
<b>£500 (1193)</b>	Mary McTeggart, Hillview Park	<i>Promoter: Desi McElroy, Hillview Park</i>

**Promoters £150 Prizes**

Dominic Burns; Anne Jones; Kathleen Doherty; Cecelia Burns; Desi McElroy.