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ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

Enniskillen & Lisbellaw

Building Faith, Friendship, Community

Parish Messenger 24th December 2023



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

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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>)

Sat 23rd Dec 6.00pm (Vigil) (Month's Mind) Jimmy Cullen Hillview Park
Sun 24th Dec 8.00am Donors' Intention
Sun 24th Dec 10.30am (First Anniversary) Lisa McCahery, Skea, Arney.
Sun 24th Dec 12.00pm (First Anniversary) Dominic (Dom) Burns, Erne Drive.

Sun 24th Dec Christmas Eve: 6pm & 9pm with Christmas Carols from 8.30pm
Mon 25th Dec Christmas Day The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
St Michael's Church 8am; 10.30am & 12pm
Mon 25th Dec Christmas Day St Mary's Church 9.30am

Tues 26th Dec 10.00am St Stephen, First Martyr Donors' Intention
Wed 27th Dec 10.00am St John, Apostle and Evangelist Aileen Sweeney, Drumlyon Drive
Thurs 28th Dec 10.00am The Holy Innocents, Martyrs Joe Boyle, Hillview Park
Fri 29th Dec 10.00am 5th Day in the Octave of Christmas Kathleen & Philip O'Connor, Whaley Terrace Annette Hallett, Kilmacormick Close
Sat 30th Dec 10.00am 6th Day in the Octave of Christmas Norma and Joe Branley, Drumbeg and Hillview. Adrian Power, Old Rossorry Road. Dan Blake, The Limes. Orla Peake, Clones, formerly Tarmon Brae, Enniskillen.
6.00pm (Vigil) (Month's Mind) Richard Weir, Lisgoole

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS 2023

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 - 17th December - White Envelope - Weekly Offering to the Parish - £3353.81
Pink Envelope - Repairs and Maintenance - £1400.40
This Sunday - 24th December - White Envelope - Weekly Offering to the Parish
Monday 25th December - Christmas Day - Yellow Envelope - Sick and Retired Priests' Fund

Deaths: Vincent (Vinny) Smith, Burnside Park; Bridget McAloon, Millcroft & Derrin Park; Mai McKeown, Cherrymount and Dundee; Sr Mary Ignatius McManus, Blackrock, Cork formerly of Drumkeen, Culkey; Damian Connolly-Birmingham, Lisgoole Park; Mai McKeown, Dundee and Cherrymount, Enniskillen.

May they Rest in Peace.

Concern Collection A street collection for Concern on Saturday 23rd December. All donations gratefully accepted and appreciated.

Aisling Centre's 7th Annual Hope Healing Growth Event – Ripples of Hope - 6th January 2024 - 9.30am – 3.30pm – Crest Centre, South West College Lough Yoan Road, Enniskillen. Limited number of tickets available - £25 in person attendance – virtual attendance free/voluntary donation. Tickets available via Eventbrite <https://bit.ly/HHG2024>

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.

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. Friday 5th January 2024, Westville Hotel, Enniskillen at 8pm. Admission £10. Tickets available on the night or phone Sarah (07779267620) or Ann (07340530807) to guarantee entry. A night not to be missed!

Prayer of John Paul II for a New Year: (composed for the Jubilee year - and every year thereafter)

Blessed are you, Lord, Father in heaven, who, in your infinite mercy, stooped down to us in our distress and gave us Jesus, your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour and friend, our brother and Redeemer.

We thank you, good Father, for the gift of this New Year; make it a time of favour for us, the year of a great return to the Father's house, where, full of love, you await your straying children to embrace them in your forgiveness and welcome them to your table, in their festive garments. We praise you, Father, forever!

Father most merciful, during this Holy Year may our love for you and for our neighbour grow ever stronger: may Christ's disciples promote justice and peace; may they proclaim the Good News to the poor, and may the Church our Mother direct her love especially to the little ones and the neglected. We praise you, Father, forever!

Father of Justice, may the Great Jubilee, and the years following, be the fitting time for all Catholics to rediscover the joy of living by your word and obeying your will; may they know the goodness of fraternal communion, as they break bread together and praise you in hymns and inspired songs. We praise you, Father, forever!

St Michael's Parish Office and St Michael's Shop will be closed from Friday 22nd December 2023 reopening on Tuesday 2nd January 2024 at 10.30am.

SUPPORT SERVICES

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

LIFE-LINE 24 Hour Help Line 080880880000

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meets every Wednesday in Beacon Centre 8.30pm

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS group meet 3 evenings per week in the Aisling Centre. For details contact 028 9068 2368

AISLING CENTRE Counselling Service - will accept self-referral. For information contact 028 6632 5811

ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELPLINE 028 6634 7788.



Christmas Wishes from the Clergy of the Parish

Have a Holy, Peaceful and Blessed Christmas
And may the blessing of this time last not for one night
But throughout the coming year.

We wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

