

Second Sunday of Advent

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Parish Missal ~ Readings p740 Proper 986

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

God means to show your splendour to every nation.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-6-8-11

Be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

All mankind shall see the salvation of God.

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat 8th Dec (Vigil 6.00pm) (Month's Mind) Billy Drumm, Hillview Pk

Sun 9th Dec (Lisbellaw) Eamon and Noreen Donnelly, Lisbellaw

(Next Sunday: Frank & Bridie Cassidy, and Frank Jnr, Tamlaght, Enniskillen)

Second Reader: Thomas Cleary; Prayers of the Faithful: Hannah Sharkey

Mon 10th Dec

10.00 am

2nd Week of Advent

Joe & Mary Elizabeth and Sean Howe, Lisgoole Park and Willie Howe, Florencecourt

6.00 pm Convent (First Anniversary) Brigid McElroy, Inis Fold

Tues 11th Dec

8.00 am Convent

10.00 am

2nd Week of Advent

Kathleen & James McCaffrey, Ross Close
Mary Burns, Derrin Road

Wed 12th Dec

8.00 am Convent

10.00 am

Our Lady of Guadalupe

James & Lily Kellagher, Derrin Road
Thomas & Catherine Farry, Derrin Road

Thurs 13th Dec

8.00 am Convent

10.00 am

St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Thomas Boyle, Corban Avenue
Margaret & James and Charles Carlton, Ashwoods

Fri 14th Dec

10.00 am

St John of the Cross

Patsy & Nora Brennan, Derrin Road and Brennan family, Mullaghduin and Hillview

7.30 pm (First Anniversary)

Sat 15th Dec

10.00 am

Nance O'Reilly, The Brook

2nd Week of Advent

Mary & Sean McCusker, Drumcor Hill;
Tommy Kelly, Colledge Gardens;
Josephine Willoughby, Derrin Road and
Jack & Alice Willoughby, Belcoo.

Children's Liturgy each Sunday at 12.30 pm Mass. Open to all primary school children. Come along to hear the Word of God made easy.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place every Tuesday morning after 10.00 am Mass in the Crypt.

Reflection

We are entering the second week of Advent and in our Gospel reading for this Sunday we are introduced to the great prophet, John the Baptist.

John's voice was one that proved very popular but also one that was unattractive, even to those who enjoyed listening to him because he presented a real challenge to the people. John prepared the way for Christ by calling on anyone who would listen to turn to God and open themselves up fully to the life of the Kingdom. He is a living image of how we should be.

It is our turn now to be a voice calling others to God. It is the mission of all the Baptised to live in such a way that those around us experience the presence of Christ and are called to be more open to that presence. If we are to be successful in this we must allow ourselves grow constantly in our own openness to the grace of God within ourselves. This calls for regular prayer and growth in our personal faith. This weekend, in the parish Messenger, we have a message from Bishop MacDaidin a newsletter introducing us to some of the themes and events that will be highlighted in our diocese marking the 'Year of Faith' which was opened by Pope Benedict on October 11th. Hopefully all families can use this prayer card in their daily family prayer time to deepen our faith and so become better at sharing what faith we have in our efforts to bring others to God.

Deaths: We remember in prayer the recently deceased; Mary Morris, Irvinestown; Bernard Maguire, Drumsillagh. *May they rest in peace.*

Monthly Offering: The priests thank parishioners for the Monthly Offering 02.12.2012.

Altar Servers: 15th / 16th Dec; Vigil – Team 2; 9.30 am – Team 3; 11.00 am – Team 4; 12.30 pm – Team 5.

Second Readers: 15th / 16th Dec; Vigil – James D'Arcy; 9.30 am – Katie Masterson; 11.00 am – Headon Hughes-Jordan; 12.30 pm – Mikey Reihill.

Prayer of the Faithful: 15th / 16th Dec; Vigil – Matthew Murphy; 9.30 am – Dean Lynch; 11.00 am – Lauren McGinty; 12.30 pm – Eoin Donnelly.

Parish World Youth Day Group are hosting a Coffee Morning/Afternoon/Evening on Saturday 8th December after the 10.00 am, 12.30 pm and 6.00 pm Masses in the Parish Centre. Please come along and support our youth.

Parish Christmas Cards are on sale in the Parish Centre and St Michael's Book Shop.

Community Carol Service this Sunday, 9th December beginning in St Macartin's Cathedral at 7.00 pm and ending in St Michael's Church.

ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT - Collette Furlong, well known leader in Adult Faith will give a talk on Advent **Tuesday, 11th December 7.30 pm** in St Fanchea's College. Come along, listen and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. If you need transport contact 66325801 / 66329482 / 66322805 / 07918611839.

Trócaire Gifts of Change This Christmas give a gift that can last a lifetime – and show someone special how much you really care. Bridie will be available in the side sacristy from this Monday to Saturday after 10.00 am Mass if any parishioner would like to purchase a gift or telephone 07739504657.

St Michael's Parish Draw – Month 2 December draw takes place this Monday 10th December at 8.30 pm. Promoters please make returns 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm.

Parish Carol Service on Sunday, 16th December at 7.30pm in St Michael's Church, featuring Desmond Hunter (internationally acclaimed organist) and the St Michael's Parish Choir.

Holy Trinity Primary School Carol Service will be held in St Michael's Church on Monday, 17th December at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome!

Mount Lourdes Carol Service will be held in St Michael's Church on Tuesday, 18th December at 2.00pm. Everyone welcome!

St Michael's College Annual Carol Service will be held in St Michael's Church on Wednesday, 19th December at 8.00pm. The College Choir, the College Brass band and a number of soloists will perform. Everyone welcome!

Pioneer T.A.A Next meeting this Monday, 10th December at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All Welcome.

Viatores Christi Overseas are holding Volunteering Information and Recruitment Sessions to seek out skilled people in good health who are interested in working as lay missionaries with Irish missionary priests, brothers and sisters in their work in areas of need overseas. Belfast on Monday 10th December at 7.30pm in St John's Parish Hall, 470 Falls Road and Derry on Sunday 16th December at 2pm in the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 164 Bishop Street, For more details contact colette@viatoreschristi.com; tel. 00 353 1 8689986

Aglow International Enniskillen Meeting for women from all backgrounds to listen, share, reach out to and support one another in the Killyhevlín Hotel this Monday, 10th December at 8.00pm. Speaker and singer: Amy Roberts.

Enniskillen Light Operatic Society present 'Annie Get your Gun' in the Ardhowen Theatre starting Thursday, 6th – Saturday, 15th December. Book early to avoid disappointment! Tel. 028 66325440.

St Michael's Bookshop. Selection of children's books is now in the shop – bibles suitable for all age groups and the new Youcat Catechism for young people. Sacred Heart, Padre Pio and Church Calendars in various sizes now in stock.

ACCORD Counsellors available for anyone experiencing difficulties in their relationship. For appointment please ring ACCORD 028 66325696.

Fermanagh Churches Forum: Faith and Friendship will gather at 12.30 pm this Wednesday, 12th December in the home of John and Sheila, 60 Old Rossorry Road based on the beatitude, "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." It is suggested we fast before our fellowship so we look forward to your arrival when hunger will be assuaged with soup!

Senior Citizen Christmas Party – Devenish Partnership Forum would like to invite senior citizens from Kilmacormick 1, Kilmacormick 11, Cornagrade, and Hillview to our annual Christmas Party on Thursday, 13th December 1.30pm – 4pm in the Kilmacormick Resource Centre. To come contact Karen on 66327808

Knights of Columbanus: Charity Christmas Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday, 15th December at 10.30am – 1.00pm in St Michael's Parish Centre.

Soroptimist International Enniskillen & District Church Mouse Lunch – Cathedral Hall on Sunday, 16th December 12 noon – 2.00pm. Come and support some very worthy causes whilst enjoying a nourishing bowl of soup. Donations for Developing World Charities. All welcome.

NI Blood Transfusion Service at St Macartin's Cathedral Hall on Thursday, 27th and Friday, 28th December from 1.30pm - 4.00pm and 5.15pm – 8.00pm. The support of existing donors appreciated and new donors welcome.

Stay Cool This Christmas' Christmas is supposed to be the season of peace and good will to all people. Unfortunately for many it has become the season of stress, arguments, anger and rage – a time many Irish people and family's dread. This Christmas **The Irish Association of Anger Management** is launching a new programme 'Stay Cool This Christmas'. This confidential one day anger management programme is specifically designed to give participants effective tools to prevent anger destroying their and their families Christmas this year. For more information about this programme, and how you can participate in it, call us on 02890222633/07525212555 or log onto our website www.difficultemotions.com

Cancer Focus NI Counselling Service is available locally to cancer patients and their families or carers at the South West Acute Hospital, Enniskillen and the Tyrone County Hospital, Omagh. This confidential service is provided free of charge. Call 07525896904 or 08007833339

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

- **CRUSE BEREAVEMENT:** Offers one-to-one counselling in Enniskillen and Omagh. Contact 02882244414
- **SUPPORTING BEREAVED PARENTS:** Monthly meeting at the Aisling Centre - next meeting 19th Nov at 7:30pm. Contact Margaret McCauley 07799390798
- **SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE BEREAVED THROUGH SUICIDE:** Meets on the 1st Monday of each month in the Aisling Centre - Next meeting on 3rd December at 7:30pm. Contact Fidelis 02866326604
- **AWARE:** Defeat Depression Support Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Aisling Centre - next meeting on 20th Nov at 7:30pm. HELPLINE 08451202961
- **AISLING CENTRE:** Offers one-to-one counselling. Contact Mary Conway 02866325811
- **COURSE FOR THOSE BEREAVED** beginning in the New Year. Contact Heather 07709557003
- **ST MICHAELS PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** Contact Parish Office 028 66322075.

Aware Defeat Depression Meetings on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month in the Aisling Centre at 7.30 pm.

St Vincent de Paul urgently requires volunteers for its Church Street shop (Vincent's). If you have a few hours to spare every week please call at the shop for an application form or have a chat with a volunteer. (NB All volunteers will be subject to checks under Child Protection legislation).

St Michael's Bookshop: A new range of books in preparation for the 'Year of Faith' starting in October, including 'Catholic answers to today's questions', 'What is the Catholic Church?' 'The Catholic Gift to Civilisation' and booklets on the lives of all your favourite saints and some new saints.

St Michael's Parish, Enniskillen – Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults ~ Copies of Good Practice Procedures and Code of Conduct available in the Parish Office Monday – Friday 10.30am – 2.30pm.

Rosary is recited daily after 10.00am Mass in St Michael's Church, except on the morning of a funeral when it will be recited in the Crypt.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour in St Michael's Church each Sunday from 7.00-8.00pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each Friday after 7.30pm Mass to 9.00pm and Tuesdays after 10.00am Mass to 1.00pm in St Michael's Church except on a Tuesday morning of a funeral when Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the Crypt.

Papal Blessing Parchments – A lovely Wedding Gift. For more information contact St Michael's Bookshop telephone 028 66324771 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10.30am – 5.00pm and Saturday 10.30am – 1.00pm

St Michael's Church TV Viewing: The small Set Top Box for viewing Mass on Television is now available to watch St Michael's Church, EWTN, and numerous other churches on your own television. You need Broadband (not a computer) in your home for this. The Cost is £99. If installation is required the providing company's charge is £25. Orders can be placed through the Parish Office between 10.30am and 2.30pm on weekdays

Fermanagh Voluntary Association of the Disabled (FVAD)

Charity Shop, 64 Mill Street, Enniskillen (beside Timoney Tiles) now open. Lots of good items in stock – furniture, clothes etc. Run by local charity. Feel free to call in and browse. All donations welcome. Phone 028 66325522.

St Michael's Bookshop: Selection of Wedding Candles, Eucharistic Congress Rosary Mementoes, beautiful Cards for all occasions

St Vincent de Paul 028 66329893 Good quality clothes needed. Please leave at 'Vincent's shop, 24 Church Street, Monday-Saturday 10.00am- 5.00pm.

ACCORD

Marriage Paperwork: Any parishioner getting married, in this parish or else- where (even in another Christian denomination), is asked to contact the Parish Priest through the Parish Office (028 6632627) at least six months beforehand

St Michael's Parish, Enniskillen Parish Messenger ~9th December 2012

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*John the Baptist's preaching
Prepare the God's coming
Luke 3:1-6*

Weekend Mass Times: St Michael's: Vigil – Saturday 6.00 pm
Sunday – 8.00 am; 9.30 am; 11.00 am; 12.30 pm
St Mary's Lisbellaw: Sunday 10.00 am
Confessions: Saturday 11.30am – 1.30pm & 5.00 – 5.45pm

Masses available to view via our Parish Website at
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