

Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of The Lord

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Easter Sunday:

St Paul's Missal

Readings p239

Roman Missal

Readings p723

First Reading:

Acts of the Apostles 10:34.37-43

We have eaten and drank with him after his resurrection.

Second Reading:

St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-4

You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Gospel:

John 20:1-9

He must rise from the dead.

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Easter Vigil – 9.00pm Roman Missal p693 St Paul's p217

Vigil Candles available free at the Church door.

Sun 20th April (Lisbellaw) Easter Sunday

(Next Sunday: John James & Annie Bannon, Lisreagh, Lisbellaw)

(Second Reader: Aidan McKenna Prayers of the Faithful: Tom Keenan)

Mon 21st April

10.00am

Easter Monday

Elizabeth Cryan, Enniskillen & Navan

Tue 22nd April

10.00am

Easter Tuesday

John Condron, Hillview Park

Wed 23rd April

10.00am

Easter Wednesday

Tom Meehan, Forthill Road

Thu 24th April

10.00am

Easter Thursday

Emily & James Kerrigan, Derrin Park

Fri 25th April

10.00am

Easter Friday

Charlie & Bridie and Anthony and

Charlie (Jun) Gillen, and Bernard

Adamson, Derrin Road

7.30pm (First Anniversary)

Vincent McBride, Trasna Park

William Brazil, The Bawn

Sat 26th April

10.00am

Easter Saturday

Patrick Jones, Derrin Road;

Betty Elizabeth McTeggart and

Rebecca & John McTeggart, Drumgallon

Culkey.

No morning Mass in the Convent Chapel during this week

Easter Greetings

A warm welcome to parishioners, young and old who have come home for Easter and to visitors who are joining us for the Easter Ceremonies. We hope you will have a pleasant and happy stay in Enniskillen. We wish all families a blessed and joyful Easter. May you all experience the hope and peace of the Risen Lord

Reflection

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection. Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead. Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body). The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

Deaths: *We pray for the recently deceased ~ Sr Vianney McCusker, Convent of Mercy and Clogher; Margaret Gilroy, Garrison; Adrian Daly, Belleek; Frank McElroy, Aghadrumsee; Cathal McGirr, 3 Drumlin Heights. May they rest in peace.*

Weekly Offering: **13.04.14** **£3714.69**

Trócaire Money in Trócaire Boxes will be accepted from Holy Thursday onwards. Please do not leave boxes unattended at the back of the Church, hand in to the Parish Office or to one of the Priests. Cheques should be made payable to St Michael's Parish. Many thanks for your continued support.

Altar Servers 26th / 27th April Vigil ó Team 9; 9.30am ó Team 1; 11.00am ó Team 2; 12.30pm ó Team 3.

Blessing of Food for the Polish Community will take place in St Michael's Church at 2.00pm this **Holy Saturday, 19th April.**

St Fanchea's College and St Joseph's College Tea/Coffee Morning will not be taking place this Friday -Good Friday, 18th April or next Friday 25th April as the students will be on their Easter holidays.

Pope John Paul II Youth are hosting a Coffee Morning this **Holy Saturday 19th April 10:30am - 12:30pm** in the Parish Centre for Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. All welcome!

Lourdes Pilgrimage Fundraising Cake Sale will take place this **Easter Sunday** after the 10am Mass in St. Mary's Church, Lisbellaw.

Novena to the Divine Mercy commences this **Good Friday**. Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated in St Michael's Church on **Sunday 27th April** at 3.00pm. Devotions led by Fr Raymond Donnelly.

St Michael's Bookshop Easter opening hours: Good Friday 10.30am-3.00pm. Holy Saturday 10.30am-1.00pm and closed for Easter holidays until Tuesday, 29th April at 10.30am.

St Michael's Parish Office will be closed for Easter holidays from Good Friday to Easter Tuesday, inclusive. Re-opening Wednesday, **23rd April** at 10.30am

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

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service are recruiting FACILITATORS in the Diocese of Clogher. If you are interested in joining ACCORD and would like more information on how to apply, please contact the ACCORD Enniskillen Centre on: Tel: 02866 325696 or email: enniskillen@accordni.com

Lough Derg National Pilgrim Paths Day this Saturday, 19th April. Walk in the footsteps of the medieval Lough Derg Pilgrim to the threshold of Saints Island which acted as a gateway to Station Island hundreds of years ago. Registration 10.30am. Start Time 11.00am. For information contact Sharon 0719861518 or email: info@loughderg.org or online at www.loughderg.org

Easter Flowers if you would like to contribute towards the cost of decorating the Church for Easter, please make donation in the Renovation Box at the back of the Church.

La Verna Retreat Centre, The Friary, Rosstownlough (+353(0)719852 572): Holy Week to Daily Talk @ 11am with Fr Tom Russell, Holy Thursday 17th to Sat 19th April Positive Psychology and Creative Writing Get-Away. Thur 24th to Sun 27th April. Looking at the problems of Addictions today with Fr James Sweeney Tue 6th May 10.45am-4.30pm. Non Residential places are available. Please phone to book for all events 353(0)719852572.

Flower Arranging class on **Tuesday, 29th April** in Parish Centre, from 7.30-9.30pm. All welcome!

OPEN DAY - ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, MAYNOOTH, SATURDAY 3rd MAY AT 10AM. For men who are interested in studying for the Priesthood. Informal talks, an opportunity for questions and a tour of the college. No booking necessary.

St Michael's Parish Draw – Month 6

£1000 **Joey Britton, Sessiagh, Arney**
Promoter: *Gabriel Maguire, 80 Glenwood Gardens*

£500 **Angela Curran, 33 Mullanaskea Road**
Promoter: *Frances McGinley, 12 Derryclavin Road, Lisbellaw*

£300 **Ursula Hanna, 96 Hillview Road**
Promoter: *Mickey Carney, 82 Hillview Road*

£200 **Declan & Lil O'Connell, 1 Laurelvale Court**
Promoter: *Liz Sheridan, 8 Laurelvale Court*

NEXT DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY, 12th May

St Michael's Parish Enniskillen & Lisbellaw Building Faith, Friendship, Community...

Parish Messenger – 20th April 2014

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Weekend Mass Times: St Michael's: Vigil – Saturday 6.00 pm
Sunday – 8.00 am; 9.30 am; 11.00 am; 12.30pm
St Mary's Lisbellaw: Sunday 10.00am

Confessions: Saturday 11.30am to 1.3-0pm & 5.00 to 5.45pm
Masses available to view via our Parish Website at www.st-michaels.net

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