

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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First Reading: Samuel 7:1-5.8-12.14.16

The kingdom of David will always stand secure before the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

The mystery, which was kept secret for endless ages, is now made clear.

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Listen, you are to conceive and bear a son.

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat 20th Dec (Vigil 6.00pm) (Month's Mind) Lorraine Gilroy, Drumawill Gardens

Sun 21st Dec 10.00am (Lisbellaw) Patrick & Bridget Bannon, Mountdrum.
(Next Sunday: Private Intention)

(Second Reader: Aidan McKenna Prayers of the Faithful: Kayleigh Bradley West)

Mon 22nd Dec 4th Week of Advent

10.00am Mary McDonnell, Loughview Drive

6.00pm Convent Joseph Branley, Hillview Park

Tue 23rd Dec 4th Week of Advent

8.00am Convent James & Anita Cleland and Darro Pella, Italy

10.00am James & Josephine and Peter Burns, Aisling Crescent,
Rosaleen, Paddy & Michael Burns, Boho, Irvinestown
and England.

Wed 24th Dec 4th Week of Advent

8.00am Convent No Mass

10.00am Private Intention

Thursday, 25th Dec The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

Times of Masses for Christmas on the front cover

Ministers of the Eucharist will bring Holy Communion to the Sick and Housebound after 9.30am Mass Christmas morning.

Please use your yellow envelope for Sick Priests' Fund

Fri 26th Dec

10.00am

St Stephen, First Martyr

Pamela Dixon, Glenwood Gardens and John & Nellie Rogers, Drumgay Close.

7.30pm (First Anniversary) Frank Hynes, Derrin Road

Sat 27th Dec St John, Apostle and Evangelist

10.00am

Mary & Sean McCusker, Drumcor Hill;

Reflection

We are presented with many images of joy and happiness, in various elements of the media, as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. But for how many people will the coming days be a time of stress, worry, loneliness or fear? How many will feel under extra pressure? How many will feel challenged by these images of happiness and wonder if there is something wrong with them for feeling as they do in not being able to join in with such joyfulness?

What are the images that we see based on? Many are presented in advertisements that encourage us to buy. Lots are presented in programmes that talk about the magic of Christmas and suggest that for one night the world is different.

These messages and the people who find this time of year especially difficult challenge us to be bolder in speaking out the true message of this season.

Christmas is not about one night in a whole year. Christmas reminds us that on one night something began that lasts through all eternity, something began on that one night that affects every night. Christmas is not about magic it is about wonder.

Christmas is the eternal message of God's love for all people. Christmas is about the gift that has been given to us in the child God who has come to destroy fear, who has come to dispel loneliness, who has come to relieve stress and worry, who has come to bring us courage, hope and peace. Christmas is about salvation. We may not always feel the joy that the images present to us but in Christ we are called to always feel **BLESSEDNESS**.

Deaths: *We pray for the recently deceased:* Michael O'Dolan, Ashwoods;
May he rest in peace.

Weekly Offering 14.12.2014 £3,502.75

Retired Priests Collection 08.12.2014 £2,118.60

Altar Servers 27th Dec / 28th Dec Vigil ó Team 7; 9.30am ó Team 8;
11.00am ó Team 9; 12.30pm ó Team 1.

Prayers of the Faithful Prayer for Sundays available from the Parish website www.st-michaels.net on Thursday afternoon and found under ó Parish Ministry tab. Also in paper form at the back of the Church every Thursday.

Christmas wishes from the Priests of the Parish

*Have a Holy, Peaceful and Blessed Christmas
and may the blessings 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.*

*Thank you for your kind support
throughout this year.*

*A special welcome to all who have come home for Christmas,
may Christmas be a time of peace and joy for you and your family.*

St Michael's Parish Draw 2014/15 ~ Month 2

£1,000	Aisling Smyth, Drumgoon, Maguiresbridge
Promoter	Mgr Peter O'Reilly, Darling Street
£500.00	Tommy Shields, Derrin Park
Promoter	Josie Magill, Derrin Park
£300	Liam McCartney, Smithfield Square, Lisburn
Promoter	Mgr Peter O'Reilly, Darling Street
£200	Rose McKenna, Glenwood Gardens
Promoter	Kathleen Doherty, Factory Road

Next Draw will take place on Monday, 12th January.

St Joseph's College Students tea/coffee morning hosted by Saint Joseph's College Presidents Award is **NOT** on this Friday because students are on their Christmas break. Coffee Morning resumes on Friday 9th January 2015.

The Giving Tree is placed at the back of the Church, until Christmas Eve.

Gift tags will be hung from it with age categories indicated. Those who are in a position to do so are invited to choose a tag and buy an age-appropriate gift, attach the tag and place the gift under the tree. The local branch of the St. Vincent de Paul will then distribute the gifts to those in our community who would appreciate a helping hand in preparing this year's family Christmas. Your generosity is your Christmas gift to our community. *This project is organised by St. Joseph's College Student Council together with the parish and the St. Vincent de Paul Society.*

Annual Christmas Coffee Morning this Saturday, 20th December in Parish Centre 10.30am ó 1.00pm organised by Knights of St Columbanus to support John Paul 11 Awards, Motor Neurone Research and Water Tanks, Uganda (Fr Brendan Shannon's Project) All welcome!

Mary's Meals Christmas Cake Auction: Cake Made By Kevin Breen has been donated to Mary's Meals to be auctioned as a fundraiser. All bids (above £30) to Dermot on 07926747169. Closing date Monday 22nd December at 12.00 pm.

Donations for the Crib This year's donations will be for Motomo Hospital in Kitui, Kenya run by the Sisters of Mercy. The hospital is in a poor area of Africa where many people, especially children, suffer from malnutrition and where HIV/AIDS is also treated. They need our help.

Christmas Flowers If you would like to contribute to the cost of decorating the Church, please make donations in the Renovations Box at the back of the Church.

St Michael's Parish Office will be closed from 12 noon on Tuesday 23rd December. Reopening Wednesday 7th January 10.30am.

St Michael's Bookshop will be closed from 1.00pm Christmas Eve 24th December. Reopening Thursday 8th January at 10.30am.

St Michael's Guide Unit thanks all those who attended the launch of their book 50 years of Guiding in St Michael's. On sale in St Michael's Bookshop, the Parish Office, Rooney's, Pizza Plus, Lilly's Centra, Belleek Road, Dolan's Centra, High Street and Dublin Road and Aisling Centre Coffee Shop. Contact Bridie on 028 66322805. Price £12.

*St Michael's Parish
Enniskillen & Lisbellaw*

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Parish Messenger – 21st December 2014

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2014

*Wednesday, 24th December (Christmas Eve) 9.00pm Vigil Mass
Preceded by Christmas Carols at 8.30pm*

*Thursday, 25th Dec (Christmas Day) 8.00am St Michael's Church
9.30am “ “ “
10.00am Convent Chapel
10.00am St Mary's, Lisbellaw
11.00am St Michael's Church
12.30pm St Michael's Church
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– Sick Priests' Fund*

*Masses available to view via our
Parish Website www.st-michaels.net*

CONFESSION FOR CHRISTMAS 2014

*Saturday 20th December: 11.30am – 4.00pm
Tuesday, 23rd December 11.30am – 1.30pm
Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve 12.00 noon – 1.30pm*

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