

4th Sunday of Advent

Parish Priest: Very Rev Canon Peter O'Reilly, PP, 1 Darling Street
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Parish Missal ~ Readings p748 **Proper** 990

First Reading: Micah **Mi5:1-4**

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule.

Second Reading: Hebrews **Heb 10:5-10**

I am coming to obey your will.

Gospel: Luke **Lk 1:39-45**

Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat 22nd Dec (Vigil 6.00pm) (Month's Mind) Catherine Williamson,
Windmill Heights

Sun 23rd Dec (Lisbellaw) Patrick & Bridget Bannon, Mountdrum Lisbellaw
(Next Sunday: Private Intention)

Second Reader: Aidan McKenna *Prayers of the Faithful* Ciaran Duffy

Mon 24th Dec Christmas Eve 4th Week of Advent

10.00 am Nigel Corrigan and Frankie Corrigan, Hillview
Park.

6.00 pm Convent No Mass

Tuesday 25th Dec The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Times of Masses for Christmas Day on the

Wed 26th Dec

8.00am Convent No Mass
10.00am

St Stephen, first martyr

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

Thurs 27th Dec

8.00am Convent No Mass
10.00am

St John, apostle and evangelist

Mary McDonnell, Loughview Drive
The Holy Innocents, martyrs
Kathleen & Phillip O'Connor, Whaley Terrace
Margaret Elizabeth (Betty) Henderson, Breandrum
Park

Fri 28th Dec

10.00am
7.30pm (First Anniversary)

Sat 29th Dec

10.00am

5th Day in the Octave of Christmas

Mary & Thomas Boyd, Boyd and Keaveney
families, Whitehart, Factory Road and Dame St.;
Sarah Jane, James and Brian Stennett, Derrin Rd;
Paddy Farmer, Scaffog.

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

Reflection ~Extract from the Joint Christmas Message from the Bishops of

Clogher 2012: It was hardly an accident that God came in this way into our
brokenness, our flaws, and our limitations. He wanted to be with us as we are. He
had come to heal our brokenness, not to disguise it or paint over it; to feed our
hunger, not to deny it. It was not a piece of stage drama, the Word was truly and
authentically to live among us. We were to be shown how love could survive on a
cross and forgiveness overcome the pain of thorns and betrayal. In one of his stories
Dostoyevsky describes the coming of Christmas in a Siberian camp. Through barred
windows the prisoners could see a small Cathedral on a hill the other side of town.
When the Cathedral Service was over the priest came to a crude altar in the prison.
"God has come to us," the convicts said. "This is where he lives all year long," said
the priest, "he goes to the Cathedral only on special occasions." Jesus wanted to be
close to us so he came among the small and the straw. He has things to say to us that
could change our perspective, lessen our worries as we count our blessings and he
could show us how celebrating the simpler, long-lasting and more precious gifts of
life and living can make for a different but ultimately more satisfying experience of
Christmas joy and togetherness. It just means getting back to reality, the reality that
Christ the Son of God was born, lived among us and taught us where lasting
treasures are to be found. God direct us in our search and bring us peace.
+Liam MacDaid +John McDowell

Deaths: We remember in prayer the recently deceased; Sr Eucharica McCaffrey,
Missionaries of Charity late of Derrylin May she rest in peace.

Weekly Offering: 17.12.12 **£3,278.52**

Renovations (Pink) " **£1,333.65**

Altar Servers: 29th / 30th Dec; Vigil - Team 1; 9.30am - Team 2; 11.00am -
Team 3; 12.30pm - Team 4.

Second Readers 24th / 25th Dec; Vigil - Caoimhe Cox; 9.30am - Wayne Moohan;
11.00am - Aaron Dolan; 12.30pm - Derek Joy.

29th / 30th Dec; Vigil - Conor McGovern; 9.30am - Sorcha Rigney; 11.00am -
Deirbhile Lynam; 12.30pm - Natasha Doonan.

Prayer of the Faithful: 24th / 25th Dec; Vigil - Ronan Quinn; 9.30am - Maeve
Cadden; 11.00am Tom Hughes-Jordan; 12.30pm - Sarah Russell.

29th / 30th Dec; Vigil - Gavin Greene; 9.30am - Katie Cassidy; 11.00am - Roxhanne
Dolan; 12.30pm - Annie Masterson.

Trócaire Gifts of Change This Christmas give a gift that can last a lifetime -
and show someone special how much you really care. Further information available
at the back of the Church.

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.

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.

St Michael's Parish Office will be closed from 2.30pm on **Friday, 21st**
December and will re-open on Tuesday 2nd January at 10.30am.

St Michael's Bookshop, Halls Lane will be closed from 1.00pm
Christmas Eve 24th, and will re-open on Thursday, 10th January at 10.30am

ACCORD 2013

Marriage Preparation Courses Dates: 11th/12th January; 15th/16th February; 8th/9th March; 12th/3th April; 7th/8th June; 4th/5th October; 8th/9th November. Marriage Preparation Course should be completed at least 4 months before marriage. Application forms available from ACCORD Secretary 02866325696.

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

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

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

St Michael's Guide Unit Enniskillen, St Mary's Guides, Tattygar, Lisbellaw 50 years A Guiding CGI, 1962-2013 welcome all Guides, past and present, Committee members, Unit Leaders and Commissioners to an 'Afternoon Tea' to Create a Book with Photograph Memories in St Michael's Guide Hall, Belmore Street on Saturday, 29th December from 2.30pm to 4.15pm. We need you to tell a story or write a few lines of your memories in the holiday time!! Contact Philomena Blake 07513422316 or Bridie Dolan 07918611839 or email bridiedolan@btinternet.com and leave a message.

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 counseling 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.

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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.

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



St Michael's Parish, Enniskillen
Parish Messenger ~23rd December 2012
Fourth Sunday of Advent

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2012

Monday, 24th Dec (Christmas Eve) 9.00pm Vigil Mass
Preceded by Christmas Carols at 8.30pm

Tuesday 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

Please use your yellow envelope – Sick Priests' Fund

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

CONFESSIONS for CHRISTMAS 2012

Saturday 22nd December: 11.30am – 4.00pm
Monday 24th December 11.30am – 1.30pm

Christmas wishes from the Priests of the Parish

May the peace of Christmas touch your life
May Bethlehem's bright star of hope shine out for you
and may the Christ Child hold you always in his love.
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.