

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Priest on Duty is not permitted to visit Nursing / Care Homes at this time.

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 @ www.saintmichaels-parish.com/webcam.asp)

MASSES AVAILABLE ONLY VIA PARISH WEBCAM. OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUSPENDED. NO CONGREGATION AT THIS TIME.

Sat 23rd Jan 6.00pm (Vigil)

(Month's Mind) Bernard Maguire, Drumbeg

Sun 24th Jan 8.00am

Donors' Intention

Sun 24th Jan 10.30am

Lisbellaw No 9.30am Mass until further Notice - Intention included in 10.30am Mass

Camillus Hanley, Kesh, Veronica Earley (nee Hanley), Marcella & Gabriel Hanley, Kilmacormick Road and deceased family members, Fairview, Enniskillen; Ann Gallagher, Drumdran, Lisbellaw

Sun 24th Jan 12.00 noon

(First Anniversary) Anna Monaghan, Derrin Road

Mon 25th Jan

10.00am

The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle

Denis (Dinny) Curran, Millcroft Nursing Home and Marlbank, Florencecourt; Mary Teresa Cassidy, Carnmore Rise

Tue 26th Jan

10.00am

Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishop

Kathleen & Hugh O'Kane, Kilmacormick Road

Wed 27th Jan

10.00am

3rd Week in Ordinary Time

Patrick Rogers and Rogers family, Hillview

Thurs 28th Jan

10.00am

St Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Mary & Dan Murphy, Gransha

Fri 29th Jan

10.00am

3rd Week in Ordinary Time

Donors' Intention

Sat 30th Jan

10.00am

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Geraldine and Peter Roofe, Lawnakilla Park, Patrick, Kathleen, Sr Carmel, Brian and Tony Donegan, Drumlin Heights and Jim & Patrick Murphy, Ederney;

John Dunne, Hillview Road;

Teresa Higgins, Mullylogan, Derrylin Road,

Seamus McCahery, Cavandale Park.

Daily Devotions over the Parish Webcam

(Note the Exceptions listed below)

12.00pm Angelus (except Sunday when there is Mass)**3.00pm** Divine Mercy (Monday to Saturday ONLY)**6.00pm** Rosary Monday to Friday and 6.45pm on Saturday with Legion of Mary Prayers**7.00pm** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy (Sunday only)**10.00pm** Night Prayer**SUMMARY OF PRESENT REGULATIONS RE: FUNERALS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

Social Distancing is to be observed. Face Covering is mandatory at all times when inside the church building. The general public must refrain from attending on the street outside.

(a) Wakes, Funerals & Burials are Private and now limited to 25 people ONLY from among close family members and close family friends by arrangement with the undertaker. No pre- or post-funeral gatherings at this time.

(b) Funeral Mass: (i) Face Masks must be worn inside the church; (ii) no physical interaction between sanctuary/altar area and the body of the church (no readers, no other forms of participation); (iii) music by soloists only.

(c) The Rite of Christian Burial is held at the graveside, with only 25 mourners present. The general public should be absent.

(d) Anyone who is feeling even slightly unwell should remain at home for fear of infecting others.

Sunday Collections:

Sunday 17th January - White Envelope - Weekly Offering to the Parish £1602.36

This Sunday 24th January - White Envelope - Weekly Offering to the Parish

Next Sunday 31st January - White Envelope - Weekly Offering to the Parish

Deaths: Anita Howe, Abbey Drive; Sheila Lindsay, Kilmacormick Road; Joe Boyle, Johannesburg, formerly Kinawley; Benny Hynes, Arizona, formerly Nugent's Entry; Canon Brendan Healy, Diocese of Paisley, Scotland, formerly Old Rossorry Crescent; Paul Cassidy, Irvinestown; Tom McCann, Castlewellan; Mary Ingram, Lisnaskea.**The Talking Messenger** can now be accessed by dialling a local number 028 66 500 560, the recording is less than 15 minutes. Please tell your friends and neighbours, in particular those who do not have access to the Parish website or Facebook.**World Bible Day - 24th January 2021** - Pope Francis has called for 'World Bible Day' to be held on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time to raise awareness among Catholics about the need to read and reflect on the Bible all the year round. That can be done on your own or in small groups. For most Catholics, the only time they hear the Scriptures is when they attend Mass. (The attendance at Mass has been severely restricted for the past year because of Covid.) If enough Catholics in every Parish began to read and reflect on the Scriptures, on a regular basis, it could lead to the enrichment of our faith and the renewal of our Church. It might be the way to encourage our young people to engage with the rich Wisdom and Vision of the Jewish-Christian tradition in order to find meaning for their lives. In making his appeal to Catholics to read and reflect on the Word of God Pope Francis wants us all to make a real effort to enrich our lives and empower our communities keep through engaging with the Word of God on a daily and weekly basis. (PS There are many helpful reflections on the Scriptures on the internet.) Often the Liturgy of the Word is so hurried that it has little impact. Hence, we need to read and reflect on the Word of God in the Scriptures during the week before and after.

It is the Bible that must shape how we think and act as followers of Christ. It is the Word of God that encourages us to live purposeful lives in community as people baptised in the Spirit and sent out to be witnesses to truth and justice in the world today. Pope Francis reminds us of our responsibility for the Earth and our calling to be people of peace and non-violence. When read from the point of view of the poor, the Scriptures are exciting, challenging and always interesting.

I would suggest that in returning to reading the Scriptures on our own or with others, we might begin with the New Testament and then dip in and out of the Old Testament -especially the Psalms and the Prophets. I suggest that we could begin by reading the Sermon on the Mount, then the Parables of Jesus. Then I suggest we read Jesus' conversations with so many different people. These stories and conversations are full of deep meaning for our lives. They will repay a close reading and time spent in reflection. The reading from Chapter 25 of Matthew's gospel – "I was hungry and you gave me food" is always challenging.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: Today marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2021. During this week we aim to celebrate through prayer the unique contribution that Catholic schools, both primary and post-primary, make to supporting each other and living out Jesus' message of the gospel. This year's theme is 'Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith and Resilience'. This is especially important this year as school communities have been so affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Their faith and resilience is a great light in these challenging times. Resources for the week can be found on www.catholicschools.ie.**A Prayer for Catholic Schools Week 2021**

Loving God,
Help our school communities to be places of hope, faith and resilience, especially in these days of challenge.
May we become more and more like your son Jesus who, by his words and actions, showed your unconditional love for all people.
May we learn to be like him, trusting in you and reaching out to those around us.
May your Holy Spirit be the source of inspiration and wisdom as we journey together in faith, hope and love.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Holy Trinity Primary and Nursery School New Applications September 2021-22Parents can now apply to enrol their child in Holy Trinity Primary School or Nursery for next September. Applications can be made online at <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/applying-for-a-school-place> by looking at the school website www.holytrinityps.com or by contacting the school on 028 66324959 / 02866323313. Applications close at the end of January.**Revised Regulation in Church Attendance: 8 January - 6 February 2021****(subject to review)****"Stay At Home"**

(1) During this present lockdown phase, all Masses in St Michael's Church will be online via the Parish Webcam only..

(2) St Michael's Church will open for personal prayer during this time from 10.45am until 5pm.

(3) On mornings where there is a funeral, St Michael's Church will open at 12.30pm.

(4) When there is an intention for the Sunday Mass that would have been in St Mary's Church, Lisbellaw, that intention will be included in the 10.30am Sunday Mass in St Michael's Church. It is expected that Mass in St Mary's will resume when the present lockdown lifts.

(5) The arrangements for Funerals remain as set out elsewhere in this Messenger.

(6) The arrangements for Baptisms remain as previously set out. All baptism are in the vestibule of the St Michael's Crypt Chapel. Only the infant, the parent(s)/guardian(s), the infant's siblings and two godparents may be present. Phone or email the parish office for arrangements.

(7) Wedding bookings and enquiries by email only at this time: weddings@st-michaels.net

(8) When you enter the church, (a) wear a face covering (required by regulation at this time); (b) sanitise your hands; (c) maintain a distance of 2 metres from anyone else; (d) use only the benches around the wall of the church (please stay out of the centre benches).

(9) Remain at home if you are feeling in any way unwell.

(10) The usual Saturday arrangements for Individual Confession at St Michael's remain suspended until the present lockdown ends.