

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

Enniskillen & Lisbellaw

Building Faith, Friendship, Community

Parish Messenger - 24th May 2020 (Digital copy only at this time)



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Priest on Duty is not permitted to visit the hospital, Nursing / Care Homes or individual houses in the parish. 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

TODAY IS WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY. The theme this year is about life becoming history through the stories we tell. The theme is drawn from the Book of Exodus; 'That you may tell your children and grandchildren' (Ex. 10:2). In this time of pandemic, we have many stories to tell. At this time too we can only marvel at the range of communications tools that are available to us and how these have enabled so many to be informed and stay connected. In many parishes we are witnessing the power that modern communications technology is bringing to us so that the Eucharist can be celebrated online and spiritual communion renewed. But, as Pope Francis says, the power of communications is about more than the means in which it is carried out. It must be about what we communicate; 'the stories that build up, not tear down; stories that help us rediscover our roots and the strength needed to move forward together.' Each of us has a story to tell and telling it is never useless. Our own story becomes part of a greater story – just like the Scriptures – that enables us to see God in all things. To read Pope Francis' Message visit

–<http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications.index.html>

MASSES & DEVOTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

(Available to watch online @ www.saintmichaels-parish.com/webcam.asp)

Sat 23rd May 6.00pm (Vigil)	(Month's Mind) Monica McCauley, Rigg Road, Lurgandarragh (Month's Mind) Arthur (Artie) Reihill, Breandrum Park
Sun 24th May 8.00am	Donors' Intention
Sun 24th May	Lisbellaw No 9.30am Mass until further notice - Intention included in 10.30am Mass
Sun 24th May 10.30am	Michael Keaney, Loughview Drive
Sun 24th May 12.00 noon	(First Anniversary) Mark Gillen, Windmill Heights and Ann Simpson
Mon 25th May	7th Week of Easter
10.00am	Donors' Intention
6.00pm (Month's Mind)	Mary Breen, Tempo (St Michael's Church)
Tue 26th May	St Philip Neri, Priest
10.00am	Donors' Intention
Wed 27th May	7th Week of Easter
10.00am	Donors' Intention
Thurs 28th May	7th Week of Easter
10.00am	Donors' Intention
Fri 29th May	7th Week of Easter
10.00am (Month's Mind)	John McDonagh, Drumawill Gardens
Sat 30th May	7th Week of Easter
10.00am	Jim Brennan, and Emily & James Kerrigan, Derrin Park; Billy and Lorraine Love, Enniskillen and London; Mary & Paddy Higgins, Killynure Crescent, and Drumclay Park North, Mary Casey and Cecilia Foran, Breandrum Court and Orchard Terrace and Joe Higgins, Millcroft Nursing Home
6.00pm (Vigil) (Month's Mind)	Nora Smyth, Windmill Heights and Ryan Smith, Danny's Mill Road

Deacon Martin Reflects - available on our website & Facebook page

Daily Devotions over the Parish Webcam

(Note the Exceptions listed below)

12.00pm	Regina Caeli Prayer (Eastertide) (except Sunday when there is Mass)
3.00pm	Divine Mercy (Monday to Saturday ONLY)
6.00pm	Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (except Monday & Saturday 6.45pm)
7.00pm	Holy Hour & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Divine Mercy (Sunday ONLY)
8.00pm	Holy Hour & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (Wednesday ONLY)
10.00pm	Night Prayer

Sunday Collections: Sincere and grateful thanks to those parishioners and donors who made a larger than usual contribution at this time. So please contribute if you are in a position to do so at this time. Parish Envelopes can be left in the letterboxes of the Parish Office or the Parochial Houses.

Donating Online to St Michael's Parish via iDonate: It is now possible to donate to St Michael's Parish over the Internet by means of Debit or Credit Card or PayPal. Click on the iDonate button on the Parish Website <http://www.saintmichaels-parish.com>. The link will take you to our diocesan website and then select the parish of Enniskillen from the dropdown list provided. Donations are subsequently forwarded to the parish account.



Donating by Standing Order: This is the most helpful way to donate to our parish. You can download the form from our parish website. For help or advice with completing it, please leave a message on the Parish Phone for the attention of Fr Raymond on (028) 6632-2075 (press 4 when the message begins).

Sunday 17th May - White Envelope - Weekly Offering to the Parish £2065.85

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

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

Deaths: Liam Masterson, Hillview Park; Francis McBrien, Letterbreen; Thomas McCaughey, Trillick, Co Tyrone (Father of Monsignor Shane McCaughey, V.G. & P.P., Parish of Carrickmacross, Co Monaghan); Tom Maguire, Derrylin. *May they Rest in Peace*

Cautious & Limited Reintroduction of Time for Personal Prayer within St Michael's Church

Last Monday came the announcement from the civil authorities that subject to certain conditions being met churches are permitted to reopen for personal prayer only. (Public congregations in churches are still not permitted.) Subject to restrictions outlined below, St Michael's Church will reopen briefly between 10.30am and 2.30pm from Monday to Saturday of next week.

People are advised that pandemic conditions still exist. People are asked to think of others by following restrictions. The fact remains that this virus is still being unknowingly transmitted and is still causing the death of some people, especially those with underlying pre-existent conditions, as well as a significant proportion of those over 70 years of age. Caution and precaution are still required. If you feel in any way unwell before you visit the church, please stay at home: you would be safer and so would everyone else.

The opening of the church at this time will depend on visitors following the guidelines below:

Opening Days: Monday to Saturday only. (Closed Sunday)

Opening Hours: 10.30am to 2.30pm only.

Entrance: The side door nearest the Parish Office. (Main door remains shut.)

Exit: The only exit is by the other side door, nearest the clergy house.

Maximum Number: Only ten (10) people allowed in the church at any one time. (Ushers will not admit more.)

Contact Details: Visitors are encouraged to leave contact details (in case needed).

Ushers: Please follow the directions of the ushers re using hand gel.

Seating: Sit only in the designated places against the church wall. (Benches not to be used at this time.)

Bring Sanitary Wipes: Use these to wipe the designated space where you sit.

Leave after 10 Minutes: For this initial period (to allow others safe access).

These guidelines may change over time depending on the safety or otherwise of the situation.

The clergy of the parish would like to express their sincere thanks to parishioners at home and away for their kindness and encouragement at this time. People have been most supportive and thoughtful towards us in this anxious experience of isolation. It is appreciated. Thank you for your unselfish consideration of others in the way you have observed the restrictions at this time.

REVISED ARRANGEMENTS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Anniversary Masses: If you wish to book an Anniversary Mass please contact 07917107238.

The Parish Office: The Office is now closed. Emails, telephone messages and delivered letters will be checked once a day. Please leave a message on the answering service at (028) 6632-2075 then press 4 for Father Raymond; 6 for Monsignor Peter.

Sacraments (First Confession, Holy Communion, Confirmation, Weddings and Baptisms): All arrangements are presently suspended until further notice.

FUNERALS (a) Wakes: Present Government Guidance and Regulations at this time prohibit public gatherings. Consequently, there are to be no public wakes and no full funeral Mass where people may gather.

(b) Funeral Mass: At this point, the risk of catching this virulent virus remains as high as ever. Parishioners who die are always remembered at the 10am Morning Mass on the day of the burial and families are encouraged to link in over the parish webcam on that morning. It seems very likely that there will soon be an option of a very small Funeral Mass in the Church itself under the following conditions: (a) only 10 people present; (b) no physical interaction between sanctuary/altar area and the body of the church (no readers, no music, no other forms participation). (c) anyone who is feeling even slightly unwell should not attend the funeral as they could be in the early stage of infection and therefore be very infectious themselves.

(c) The Rite of Christian Burial is held at the graveside, where the maximum permitted number of attendees is 10 persons. Please read the current guidance at <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-bereaved-about-funeral-arrangements>

Please let us know if we can help in any way or if there is someone in our community who needs support. Simply phone or email.

ACCORD: Couples and Relationships Support Line: Accord has set up a Support Line where callers can talk to experienced couples and relationship counsellors during this time of COVID-19. The number in Northern Ireland is (028) 9568-0151).

Votive candles, Mass Cards, Bookstall Publications, Rosary Beads, Prayer Cards, Sacred Heart Statue & Image, Jesus Divine Mercy Statue, and St Michael Archangel Statue; Please feel free to request any of these by leaving a message on 028-66322075 for the attention of Fr Raymond.

TRÓCAIRE 2020 - (Last Call): Many thanks to all who contributed at this time of difficulty here also. We are sending the last of our contributions this week and would appreciate being able to include any final contributions at this time. Many thanks. Much appreciated.