

First Sunday of Advent

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First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17;64:1.3-8

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down.

Second Reading: Corinthians 1:3-9

We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming.

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat 29 Nov (Vigil 6.00pm) (Month's Mind) Joseph McKeown, Scaffog Ave.

Sun 30th Nov 10.00am (Lisbellaw) Siobhan, Margaret & Patrick Shannon, Carrickaheenan

(Next Sunday: Frank & Bridie and Frank Junior Cassidy, Tamlaght)

(Second Reader: Hannah Sharkey Prayers of the Faithful: Matthew McCarney)

Mon 1st Dec 1st Week of Advent

10.00am **Mona & Gabriel O'Neill, Factory Road**

6.00pm Convent Thomas Reid, Derrin Road

Tue 2nd Dec 1st Week of Advent

8.00am Convent Patrick Keaney, Enniskillen and Julie & Andrew Farry, Tempo.

10.00am Jacqueline Cullen, Hillview Park and John & Sarah McGirr, Cavancarragh.

Wed 3rd Dec St Francis Xavier, priest

8.00am Convent Private Intention

10.00am John & Mary Sheridan, Corban Ave.

Thur 4th Dec 1st Week of Advent

8.00am Convent Private Intention

10.00am Joseph Simpson, Derrygore Terrace

Fri 5th Dec (First Friday) 1st Week of Advent

10.00am Mary Burns, Derrin Road

7.30pm Margaret Cornyn, Rossorry Church Road;

Anna & Victor Swift, Braeside Park.

Sat 6th Dec 1st Week of Advent

10.00am Kathleen McCrossan, Hillview Park;

Eugene Corrigan, Belmore Street and Helen Lynam,

Cooper Crescent and Gregory Magee, Belmore Street.

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are invited to a short meeting and hospitality gathering between 6.00pm ó 7.00pm on Thursday **11th December** in St Michael's Parish Centre.

Reflection We begin the season of Advent, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel— Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus. Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples— Peter, James, John, and Andrew— who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face. Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

Deaths *We pray for the recently deceased:* Tony Treacy, Old Rossorry Park; Brian Lynch, Drumbawn; Eugene Smyth, Floraville and Market Street; Mary Cassidy, Garvary; Florence Maguire, Leckhaun, Manorhamilton. *May they rest in peace.*

Altar Servers 6th Dec / 7th Dec Vigil ó Team 4; 9.30am ó Team 5; 11.00am ó Team 6; 12.30pm ó Team 7.

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

Weekly Offering 23.11.2014. £3,478.26

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each Friday after 7.30pm Mass to 9.00pm and Tuesdays after 10.00am Mass to 1.00pm in St Michael's Crypt.

St Joseph's College President's Award Students' Tea/Coffee Morning 2014/15 in the Parish Centre each Friday after 10.00am Mass.

The Sick and Elderly will be visited some time this week. If you would like a priest to call with someone in your family circle who is housebound please let us know. Phone 028 66322075.

St Michael's Parish Christmas Bazaar Sunday **14th December**, 5.00pm ó 9.00pm in St Michael's Community Centre, Belmore Street. **NEEDED:** prizes and donations. Also featuring Christmas Choirs, barbeque, tea, cakes, traybakes, etc. Please contact the Parish Centre on 028 66322075 or Mary 02866325059 or 0774772702. Entrance free. Everyone welcome.

St Michael's Parish Draw will take place on Monday **15th December**. Promoters please make returns between 7.00 ó 8.00pm to the Upper Room.

Ideal Christmas Gift ~ A Set Top Box to receive Mass and Liturgies via Webcam from St Michael's Church. Order from the Parish Centre, costing £100. Members of St Columbanus will install free of charge.

Christmas Fair in St Joseph's College this Friday **28th November** at 7.00pm. A great fun way to get in the festive spirit. Lots of prizes to be won, lots of gifts to be bought! Santa will be there too! Everyone welcome.

Lisnaskea Library Tuesday 2nd December, 8.00pm. Talk by Brother Colmán Ó Clabaigh, Glenstall Abbey on "Our daily bread"- Monks as producers and consumers of food in late medieval Ireland. Everyone welcome

Poems of Hope & Healing Classic and contemporary poetry read by Rosemarie Keenan, this Tuesday 2nd December 2.00pm in Aisling Centre.

The Giving Tree will be placed at the back of the Church from Friday 5th December. 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.*

United Advent Carol Service: Sunday 7th December. Starting at 7pm in St Michael's Church, concluding in Darling Street Methodist Church. All welcome.

AGLOW International (A worldwide interdenominational Christian organisation for women) Invitation to an open meeting Monday 8th December at 8.00pm Killyhevlin Hotel. Men also welcome to this meeting.

The Island Community Youth Project welcomes all year 11 and 12 students to our third meeting on Friday 5th December from 16:00 to 18:00 in Jenny's Coffee House, on Middleton Street (just below Top Shop). Find us on Facebook at -Island Community Youth Project and follow the Eventbrite link to get your ticket. Meet new people: Get involved: Make a difference

Keep Free Saturday 6th December at 3.00pm for the launch of St Michael's Guide Book, to celebrate their 50th Anniversary, in the Community Centre. Further details in the insert in this messenger.

Trócaire Gifts you have bought in the past are directly responsible for making thousands of people happy and brings real hope and opportunity to families living in poverty. Please see details in the insert in this messenger.

Magheracross Parish Church, Ballinamallard Christmas Service for people with learning disabilities Sunday 7th December 3.00pm. Groups and families are welcome and refreshments served afterwards in the Archdale Hall.

Faith & Friendship The final 2014 gathering of Faith & Friendship for Bible study, fellowship and prayer will be at Phillips' home 60 Old Rossorry Road, on Wednesday 10th December 12.30 to 2.00pm. Light refreshment provided.

Youth 2000 Ireland Annual Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Newbridge, from Friday 12th to Sunday 14th December. Many young people from across Ireland (aged 16-35) are expected at this donation only event, with all newcomers very welcome. Free buses available. Online booking necessary, see www.youth2000.ie or phone 01 6753690.

Horizon West Children's Hospice, Killadeas Open Evening & Christmas Tree Lights Switch On, Tuesday 16th December 7.00pm. Sponsor a light on the tree so we are able to carry on caring for these local life-limited children throughout 2015. Everyone welcome.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage Wednesday 17th June 2015 leaving Enniskillen, Total price €609 if deposit of €100 paid before 17th February. Price after 17th February will be €659. Contact Dermot Tierney 028 66342683 or mobile 07926747169.

Paróiste Naomh Mhichil, Inis Ceithleann agus Lios mBéal Atha

- Ag togáil Creideamh, Carthánacht agus Comharsanacht

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Facts about St. Michael's Parish - Part II

After the flight of the Earls in 1607, which included the leading Maguires, William Cole, a member of the English army during the war obtained land ownership in the vicinity of the town of Enniskillen. Lisgoole was supposed to become the county town but Cole developed the area around Maguire's castle and the town grew to having 60 households in 1641. Cole himself lived at Portora. The town was completely destroyed by fire in 1705 and partly destroyed in 1780. The population of the Catholic parish of Enniskillen in 1841 was 14,300, falling slightly to 12,880 in 1851. The town of Enniskillen had a population of 5,686 in 1841 and 6,867 in 1851 of whom 869 were in the Workhouse which was built in 1840.

In the 1990 Diocesan census the Catholic population of Enniskillen was 7,239 (2,383 families). The non-Catholic population stood at 6057. The population of the parish has been increasing steadily in recent years. **A census of the Catholic population is being carried out at present under the auspices of the Parish Pastoral Council.**

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 – 1.30pm & 5.00pm – 5.45pm

Confessions can only be heard on Saturday mornings when no other Liturgical celebrations are taking place in the Church, i.e. weddings, funerals, etc.

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

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