

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

Enniskillen & Lisbellaw

Building Faith, Friendship, Community

Parish Messenger - 31st May 2020 (Digital copy only at this time)



PENTECOST SUNDAY

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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

Pentecost Sunday What would it have been like to have seen the risen Jesus and to have heard him say "Peace be with you" before handing on the Holy Spirit. What would it have been like to hear the words of Peter at Pentecost? Yet, for those of us in the twenty-first century, we experience that same Holy Spirit. When we were baptised, we were given the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then we were sealed by that same spirit in confirmation. The Holy Spirit lives in our parishes, families, friends and relationships. After he rose from the dead, Jesus gave his Holy Spirit to be with us. In our daily lives, let us allow ourselves to be guided by the Spirit of Christ, whose disciples we are.

MASSES & DEVOTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

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

Sat 30th May 6.00pm (Vigil) (Month's Mind) Nora Smyth, Windmill Heights and Ryan Smith, Danny's Mill Road
 Sun 31st May 8.00am Donors' Intention
 Sun 31st May Lisbellaw No 9.30am Mass until further notice - Intention included in 10.30am Mass
 Sun 31st May 10.30am Jack & Kathleen Lynch, The Bawn, Jimmy Entwistle, Windmill Heights and the Corrigan family, Tullyavey and Leeds;
 Francis & Rose Dolan and deceased members of Dolan family, Bellevue, Lisbellaw
 Sun 31st May 12.00 noon (First Anniversary) John Anthony Maguire, Tarmon Brae
 Mon 1st June The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
 10.00am Donors' Intention
 6.00pm Donors' Intention (St Michael's Church)
 Tue 2nd June 9th Week in Ordinary Time
 10.00am Donors' Intention
 Wed 3rd June St Kevin, Abbot
 10.00am Cormac Corrigan, Drumkeen, Enniskillen
 Thurs 4th June Ss Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
 10.00am Francis Corrigan & Sheila Corrigan, Ferney Rise and Inisfold;
 Declan O'Connell, Laurelvale Court and Kerry
 Fri 5th June St Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
 10.00am Donors' Intention
 Sat 6th June 9th Week in Ordinary Time
 10.00am Anna & Gerard Thompson and Thompson family, Broughas, Enniskillen
 Christine Walmsley, Hillview
 6.00pm (Vigil) (Month's Mind) Sheila Nethercott, Benaughlin Park;
 (Month's Mind) Larry McManus, Breandrum Park

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

SUMMARY OF PRESENT REGULATIONS RE FUNERALS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In line with present guidance, the general public should remain away from funerals. (<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-bereaved-about-funeral-arrangements>)

(a) Wakes, Funerals & Burials are Private to close family members ONLY. Others should keep away from outside & inside the church.

(b) Funeral Mass: (i) Only 10 family mourners permitted; (ii) no physical interaction between sanctuary/altar area and the body of the church (no readers, no music, no other forms participation); (iii) anyone who is feeling even slightly unwell should remain at home for fear of infecting others.

(c) The Rite of Christian Burial is held at the graveside, with only 10 family mourners present. The general public should be absent.

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).

This Sunday 24th May - White Envelope - Weekly Offering to the Parish £1544.88

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

Next Sunday 7th June - Blue Envelope - Monthly Offering to the Priests and Pastoral Care

Deaths: Padraig McGuinness, Warrenpoint, Co Down (Brother of Mgr Joe McGuinness); Kevin Murray, Roslea; Claire Quinn, Castlecoole Road; Elizabeth McEneaney, Raferagh, Carrickmacross, Co Monaghan (Mother of Fr Owem McEneaney, PP Tullycorbet Ballybay, Co Monaghan) Maura Gormley (nee Dawson) Raheny, Dublin (Sister of Canon Lawrence Dawson, PE, Brookeborough);
May they Rest in Peace

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Larry Duffy for Pentecost 2020: Today at all Masses throughout the Diocese, Bishop Duffy's message will be read. We will also put the letter in its entirety on our Parish Website, along with a link to our Parish Facebook page. The letter is written against the background of the seven facilitated joint Pastoral Area meetings held around the entire diocese during Lent. Our Bishop is very conscious of the particular challenges that face our Diocese in terms of the dwindling number of priests to organise and provide sacramental ministry, in conjunction with the reintroduction of the Diaconate in our Diocese. With Pentecost marking the birthday of the Church, our Bishop focuses on how the thirty-seven parishes of our Diocese are to cultivate themselves as 'living parishes' into the future. The letter acknowledges the main findings of the meetings, and also looks forward to the next steps in the process that these meetings have begun.

Bishop Larry Duffy has recorded a special message for all the young people who are to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation across our diocese this year. You will find it on our parish Facebook page at <https://www.clogherdiocese.ie/2020/05/bishop-duffy-records-a-message-for-confirmation-classes-of-2020/>. Please listen to it and share it with your family and friends.

'Spirit of the Living God, full afresh on us!'

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.

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.