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ST MICHAEL'S PARISH

Enniskillen & Lisbellaw

Building Faith, Friendship, Community

Parish Messenger - 31st January 2021

FOURTH 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.



Sunday Collections:

Sunday 24th January - White Envelope - Weekly Offering to the Parish £1895.90

- Orange Envelope - Heating £1054.75

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

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

Deaths: Patricia Dolan, Drumclay Road; Carmel Fahy, Inniskeen Close; Bertie McCullagh, Ballymoney (Brother of Ann Corrigan), Drumlin Heights. May they Rest in Peace.

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.

Feast of St Brigid - Monday 1st February: St Brigid renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. She was born c.454. When she was young her father wished to make a very suitable marriage for her but she insisted in consecrating her virginity to God. She received the veil and spiritual formation probably from St Mel and stayed for a period under his direction in Ardagh. Others followed her example and this led her to found a double monastery in Kildare with the assistance of Bishop Conleth. She died in 524 and her cult is wide-spread not only throughout Ireland but in several European lands. The St. Brigid's Cross, in legend used by Brigid to explain the Christian faith, remains a popular sign of God's protection.

The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day) - Tuesday 2nd February This Feast is a remembrance of the Lord and Mary, mother of the Lord. With candles in their hands, the people go out to meet the Lord and to acclaim him like Simeon, who recognised Christ as 'a light to reveal God to the nations.'

Reading and Reflecting on the Word of God: Last Sunday, Pope Francis was unable to preside over Mass because of a recurring bout of sciatica, Pope Francis' homily was read by Archbishop Rino Fisichella, head of the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization. In his written homily for the Sunday of the Word of God, the Pope underlined the importance of stepping away from distractions and making time each day for reading even just a brief passage of the Bible, particularly the Gospels, where God's Word continues to say, "Do not be afraid, I am with you. I am at your side and I will always be there. "God will never retreat from "our human condition or tire of it," he wrote. "We must believe and proclaim that God has drawn near to us, that we have been forgiven and shown mercy." God's word is "a love letter, written to us by the one who knows us best. In reading it, we again hear his voice, see his face and receive his Spirit," the Pope wrote.

LOURDES2CLOGHER VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE: In place of the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year there will be a virtual pilgrimage online from 5 to 11 July next, the usual dates of our pilgrimage. In advance of that, a Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes will commence this Tuesday 2nd February, leading to the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on 11 February. The daily prayers will be available on the Diocese of Clogher Facebook page and on www.clogherdiocese.ie.

Pre-Confirmation Online Meeting will be held this Wednesday 3rd February. Please check with your school if you have yet to receive details.

Deacon Martin Reflects: Click on the tab on the Parish Website or the link on Facebook to read these thought provoking inspirations.

Convent Cemetery Bins: Please refrain from filling the bins with rubble, stones, soil, peat, grass, old wreaths, dead flowers or card. Instead, dispose of the same at home or through the local recycling centre. A local volunteer kindly and generously agreed to manage the bins currently in place (used for small items of waste such as wrapping and items which are not recyclable). Thank you for your consideration.

There is always Hope - Free virtual programme of well-being to help reduce stress and improve mental health and well-being includes workshops and talks on understanding self-harm and suicide, bereavement, stress management, self-care, art, yoga nutrition, mindfulness etc. Tickets can be booked via Eventbrite. For further information visit www.theaislingcentre.com or contact the Aisling Centre on 028 66 325811.

Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service The next blood donation session(s) will be held in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Halls Lane on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th February 1 - 4pm & 5 - 7.30pm. Please note it is now by appointment only. Please make contact on: 08085 534 653.

St Vincent de Paul: If you wish to make a donation to support local families, please place it in a sealed envelope marked "St Vincent de Paul" and leave in the Parish Office or contact any conference member or phone the helpline 028 66 347788. Thank you for your very generous support.

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.
(b) 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.

Revised Regulation in Church Attendance: 8 January - 5 March 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, Monday to Saturday and Sunday 1-5pm
(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.