

PARISH BULLETIN
CARLINGFORD & OMEATH

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THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Christmas Blessing

The priests of the parish, Fr. Brian MacRaois and Fr. Barney King, would like to wish you and your loved ones every grace and blessing in this Holy Season and in the New Year.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, CARLINGFORD

Weekend Masses: Saturday 7.30pm Sunday 10 am and 11.30am.

No Mass during this week except Tuesday 11.00am.

Servers this week: E. O'Connor, C. McGuinness Next Wk: L.Lindsay, B.Lindsay.

Masses of the week

Saturday 25 th	10.00 pm	Sean & Margaret Notely & Deceased members Notely family
Sunday "	10.00 am	Ignatius Kerr
	11.30 am	For the People
Tuesday	11.00 am	Luke Lennon, Months Mind
Saturday 31 st	7.30 pm	Jim Hanlon
Sunday 1 st	11.30 am	Patsy & Ethna McKeivitt

ST LAURENCE'S CHURCH, OMEATH

Sunday Masses: 10.00 am.

Weekday Masses: Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10.00 am. each day.

Eucharistic Ministers : 8.30 am Jacqueline McKeown; 11 am Mary Gilbert, Jennifer Connolly.

Reader: Marie McMullan.

Masses for the week

Thursday	10.00 am	Neil & Nelly Ward and deceased family members
Friday	10.00 am	Larry Connolly
Saturday	10.00 am	Michael Morgan
Sunday 1st Jan	8.30 am	Maureen McCourt
	11.00 am	Arthur O'Hagan

Pray for all on the Parish List of the Dead.

Recently deceased: Luke Lennon, Tony Meehan and Katie Meehan (London), Patrick Roche, James Thornton, Jim Ryan, John H. O'Reilly, May Clayton, Kitty Gallagher, Kevin Smyth, Moynalty, Jim McParland, Newry.

Sunday Weekly Collection- €1985 Plus £120.

Collection this weekend – **December Priests' Dues**

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Carlingford –	First Mass of Christmas	Saturday 24th	10.00pm.
	Christmas Morning	Sunday 25th	10.00am.and 11.30am.
Omeath –	First Mass of Christmas	Saturday 24th	9.00pm.
	Christmas Morning	Sunday 25th	10.00am.

Saints of the Week :-

Monday 26th – St. Stephen the first Christian martyr was one of those in charge of the poor and needy. He is outstanding for his forgiveness of his enemies.

Tuesday 27th – St. John, Apostle and Evangelist. He was a brother of James, a son of Zebedee and “the disciple whom Jesus loved.” He is considered to be the author of the fourth Gospel, the Book of Revelation and three letters. He is said to have preached only one message in his old age – “love one another”.

Wednesday 28th – The Holy Innocents: they were martyred when the enemies of light came looking for the newborn Jesus.

Friday 30th – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – is seen as the model for the human family, for religious life and for the church itself. In it we see the ordinariness of the life of Jesus, and the simple acceptance by Mary and Joseph of the marvels of God.

QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

Q.: How do we know that Jesus was born on 25th December?

A.: We have no idea of the date of his birth. In fact we are not even sure of the year. This date was chosen for the celebration in order to replace the pagan feast of the Birthday of the Sun, just after the winter solstice. Solstice literally means the sun standing still, indicating that its journey away from the earth has stopped and it began its return nearer to us again. Nowadays, of course, we know it is the earth that moves around the sun rather than the sun moving around us.

Notices:

No Bingo until the 9th January 2006.

Parish Year Book “Making Waves” On sale in local shops. A lovely Christmas gift. Price €10

Parish Lotto Results :- Tuesday 20th December – Numbers 11 - 15 – 22 - 23 No Jackpot winner.
Two match 3 winners €75 each: Margaret Hanlon, Mullatee, Kathleen Rice, Omeath.
Next draw. Omeath **3rd January.** Jackpot €1,650.