

Parish Bulletin
CARLINGFORD & OMEATH

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24th December 2006

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Feast of the Nativity – Christmas Masses

Sunday 24th December	St. Michael's, Carlingford	10.00pm
Christmas Night	St. Laurence's, Omeath	10.00pm
Monday 25th December	St. Michael's, Carlingford	10.00am, 11.30am
Christmas Morning	St. Laurence's, Omeath	10.00am.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, CARLINGFORD

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

Weekday Mass: No Mass Tuesday to Friday this week.

Servers next weekend: Sat 30th Dec. 7.30pm. Pádraig McCann, Cian McGoey
Sun 31st Dec. 10.00am Conor McGuinness, Niall McGuinness
11.30am Emma Shields, Niall Fretwell

Mass Intentions

Saturday	23 rd	7.30 p m	Vincent McComish
Sunday	24 th	10.00 a.m.	Frank Flynn
		11.30 a.m.	Ignatius Kerr & Kerr Family Deceased
Sunday	24 th	10.00 p.m	Sean & Margaret Notley and Deceased members Notley family
Monday	25 th	10.00 a.m.	Elizabeth Elmore
Saturday	30 th	7.30 p.m	Margaret Kearney
Sunday	31 st	10.00 a.m	Patrick & Cis Shields
		11.30 a.m	Lil McGuinness

ST LAURENCE'S CHURCH, OMEATH

Sunday Masses: 8.30 am & 11.00 am

Weekday Mass: Tuesday to Saturday 10.00am except Wednesday 7.30pm.

Servers :- 8.30 a.m J.McGinn, S.McGinn

Eucharistic Ministers: Next Sun 31st Dec. 8.30a.m. J.Elmore/P.Tucker 11am E.Brennan,M.Keenan.

Readers Next Sun 31st Dec. Mary O'Shea

Mass Intentions

Sunday	24 th	11.00 a.m.	Alan Traynor
Tuesday	26 th	10.00 a.m.	Thomas & Ethel Dyson
Wednesday	27 th	7.30 p.m.	Brigid Murphy
Thursday	28 th	10.00 a.m	Larry Connolly
Friday	29 th	10.00 a.m.	Neill & Nelly Ward & Deceased Family members
Saturday	30 th	10.00 a.m	Katie Hosford
Sunday	31 st	8.30 a.m	Michael Morgan
Sunday	31 st	11.00 a.m.	Sabina Traynor, Month's Mind

Recently deceased: Pray for Nancy Reagan (London), Eileen Noone (Donegal), Michael McCole (Manchester), Katie Harrison, Annie O'Gorman, Sabina Traynor, Colette Rice, Fr. Owen Maginn SMA, Michael O'Hanlon, Pat Gaskin, Anna Hanlon.

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The first Mass of Christmas will be celebrated in St. Michael's and St. Laurence's on Christmas Night (Sunday) at 10.00pm, beginning with the Blessing of the Crib. We celebrate our joy in Jesus, Son of God born of the Virgin Mary in poverty and humility in a stable at Bethlehem.

Church Collection last Sunday amounted to €1,990 + £50

Collection at Christmas Masses – Priests' Christmas Dues

Churchgate next weekend – Rape Crisis & Sexual Abuse Centre (NE).

The Rape Crisis & Sexual Abuse Centre (NE) offer counselling and other supports and services in four counties: Louth, Meath, Cavan and Monaghan. The Helpline phone number is 1800 212122.

Newly Baptised We welcome into the Christian community Ava Isabelle Ashby, Mullatee, Carlingford.

School Nativity Plays and Concerts

Congratulations to the Teachers and Pupils of our three parish schools for their beautiful Christmas productions:

St. Oliver's School, Carlingford, who presented "Tinsel and Tea-towels" in Foy Centre,

St. Laurence's School, Omeath who presented "The Gigantic Star" in St. Laurence's Church,

St. Brigid's School, Ardagh who presented "Stable Manners" in Dolmen Centre.

There was an abundance of talent on show.

Parish Carol Service

A sincere word of thanks to all who participated in the Parish Carol Service in St. Laurence's Church, Omeath. It was truly a great celebration of music, song and the Word of God to help us to enter into the real spirit of Christmas – The Birthday of Jesus.

Senior Citizens' Party, Omeath takes place on Sunday 14th January 2007 in the Dolmen Centre, Omeath at 7.30pm.

"Walk a mile for Goal" on St. Stephen's morning at the **New Bush track, starting 11am.** Donations taken on the morning. We encourage everyone of all ages to make a big effort to come along and support this worthy cause – Glenmore Athletic Club.

St. Michael's Hall – No Bingo until Monday 8th January 2007 at 8.30pm.

Lotto Draw. Results Tuesday 20th December Numbers 6 – 9 – 17 - 22 No. Jackpot winner.

Nine Match Three Winners each receives €20 each: M.Holland, Omeath, H.McCourt, Omeath A.Rice, Omeath, Y.Irwin, Carlingford, N.Larkin, Carlingford, S.McDonnell, Omeath, L.O'Hagan, Bellurgan Point, T.Keenan, North Commons, M.Fegan, North Commons. Next Draw Carlingford 9th January 2007 Jackpot €9,150.

One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village. He worked in a carpenter's shop until He was thirty and for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never travelled more than 200 miles from the place where He was born. He never did any of the things that accompany man's idea of greatness. He had no credentials but Himself. While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. Some of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth – His coat. When He was dead, He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave. Twenty centuries have come and gone and today He is the central figure of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that were ever built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have never affected the life of man upon earth as powerfully as has that one solitary life.