

Parish Bulletin
CARLINGFORD & OMEATH

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THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

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.

Christmas Blessing

The priests of the parish. Fr. Brian MacRaois and Fr. Jim Shevlin 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 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

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

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.

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.

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.

Terry Fox Walk amount raised €4,999.53 Thanks to all who supported this worthy cause.

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

“A Christmas Childhood” by Patrick Kavanagh

*My father played the melodeon
Outside at our gate;
There were stars in the morning east
And they danced to his music.*

*Across the wild bogs his melodeon called
To Lennons and Callans.
As I pulled on my trousers in a hurry
I knew some strange thing had happened.*

*Outside in the cow-house my mother
Made the music of milking;
The light of her stable-lamp was a star
And the frost of Bethlehem made it twinkle.*

*A water-hen screeched in the bog,
Mass-going feet
Crunched the wafer-ice on the pot-holes,
Somebody wistfully twisted the bellows wheel.*

*My child poet picked out the letters
On the grey stone,
In silver the wonder of a Christmas townland,
The winking glitter of a frosty dawn.*

*Cassiopeia was over
Cassidy's hanging hill,
I looked and three whin bushes rode across
The horizon-the Three Wise Kings.*

*An old man passing said:
'Can't he make it talk'-
The melodeon. I hid in the doorway
And tightened the belt of my box-pleated coat.*

*I nicked six nicks on the door-post
With my penknife's big blade-
There was a little one for cutting tobacco.
And I was six Christmases of age.*

*My father played the melodeon
My mother milked the cows,
And I had a prayer like a white rose pinned
On the Virgin Mary's blouse.*