

**Parish Bulletin**  
**CARLINGFORD & OMEATH**

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**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January is a Holy Day of Obligation

**Masses:**      **St. Michael's Carlingford: Friday 7.30pm; Saturday 10.00am**  
                  **St. Laurence's Omeath: Friday 7.30pm; Saturday 10.00am**

**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, CARLINGFORD**

**Weekend Masses: Saturday 7.30pm. Sunday 10.00am and 11.30 am.**

**Weekday Mass: Monday to Wednesday 10.00am; Thursday & Friday 7.30pm.**

**Servers next weekend: Sat 06<sup>th</sup> Jan. 7.30pm.** Eimear O'Connor, Niamh Gregory  
**Sun 07<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00am** Niall Farrell, Andrea Merrigan, Megan O'Connor  
**11.30am** Ben Lindsay, Jordan Lamph.

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 p m	Margaret Kearney
Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Patrick & Cis Shields
		11.30 a.m.	Lil McGuinness
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Margaret Murphy
Tuesday		10.00 a.m.	Joseph & Kathleen McKevitt
Thursday		7.30 p.m	Danny Delahunt & Peter McKevitt & Family members
Friday		7.30 p.m	Nuala Frances Caulfield
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 p.m.	Marie Harper
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup>	11.30 a.m	Patsy & Ethna McKevitt

**ST LAURENCE'S CHURCH, OMEATH**

**Sunday Masses: 8.30 am & 11.00 am**

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

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

**Eucharistic Ministers: Next Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Jan.** 8.30a.m. Marie McGuinness 11am M.Daly, R.Brown.

**Readers Next Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Jan.** Martin Daly

**Mass Intentions**

Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup>	8.30 a.m.	Michael & Anna Morgan
		11.00 a.m	Sabina Traynor, Month's Mind
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	10.00 a.m	Connolly & Boyle Families
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Patsy & Bridget Woods
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30 p.m.	Alice O'Hare
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m	Dan & Maura O'Hanlon
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Paddy & Sally McManus
		7.30 p.m	Fr. Dom Rafferty, recently deceased
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m	Vera Tully, Month's Mind
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 a.m	Johnny & Brigid Marley
		11.00 a.m.	Michael O'Hanlon, Month's Mind

**Recently deceased:** Pray for Nancy Reagan, Eileen Noone, Michael McCole, Katie Harrison, Annie O'Gorman, Sabina Traynor, Colette Rice, Fr. Owen Maginn SMA, Michael O'Hanlon.

### New Year's Day

*Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January is the Octave day of Christmas on which we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. It is also World Day of Peace.*

### World Day of Peace (1<sup>st</sup> January)

*The theme of this year's World Peace Day is "The Human Person: Heart of Peace." Chosen by the Holy Father, it expresses the conviction that respect for the dignity of the human person is an essential condition for peace within the human family. Only through an awareness of the transcendent dignity of each man and woman can the human family follow the path that leads to peace and to communion with God.*

*The Church has the mission of announcing the "Gospel of Life", the centrality of the human person in the universe and God's love for humanity. The Church's mission includes proclaiming the dignity of each person, the obligation to work for the common good and the need for individual human actions to correspond to the order impressed by God on the universe.*

*Every offence against a person is a threat to peace. Every threat to peace is an offence against the truth of the person and of God. The human person is the heart of peace.*

### Communion Calls

*Friday is the First Friday in January. The sick and housebound will be attended during the week.*

**Newly Baptised** *We welcome into the Christian community Ethan James Donnelly, 15 Cedar Grove, Newry.*

**Broadcast Mass** *Mass in St. Michael's, Carlingford on next Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm will be recorded and broadcast on LFM Radio next Sunday morning at 9.00am.*

**Church Collection last Sunday amounted to €1690 + £50**

*Fr. Brian & Fr. Jim thank you for your generous contributions to the Christmas Dues collection.*

**The annual Collection for the Education of Students for the Priesthood in the Diocese of Armagh will be taken up at Masses on the Feast of the Epiphany (Friday 7.30pm & Saturday 10.00am.)**

*Churchgate this weekend – Rape Crisis & Sexual Abuse Centre (NE). Next week – St. Vincent de Paul*

**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 14<sup>th</sup> January 2007 in the Dolmen Centre, Omeath at 7.30pm.*

**St. Michael's Hall** – *No Bingo until Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2007 at 8.30pm.*

**Lotto** *Next draw in Carlingford on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2007. Jackpot €9,150.*

### **QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK**

**Q. The Holy Family of Nazareth was so perfect, how can we call it a model of family life?**

**A.** I'm sure Joseph and Mary has no problems like drugs, teenage drinking or aggressive behaviour to contend with. The gospels stress how they observed the law of the Lord and took part in temple worship. Jesus lived under their authority and he increased in wisdom, stature and in favour with God and people. He spent thirty of his thirty-three years in family life. A law-abiding, prayerful family is the best environment for growth in self-identity, social integration and religious faith.

(Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap)

### Thanks

*Sincere thanks to all who helped in our parish and the two churches over the past year – especially to our sacristans, altar society, collectors, envelope distributors, cleaners and outdoor workers: to our altar servers, readers, eucharistic ministers, organists, choir and musicians and all who helped with the liturgy. Also to our teachers, members of the School Boards of Management, Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, Hall Committees, parish secretary, promoters of the Parish Lotto and Bingo. Thanks also to all parishioners who contributed throughout the year to the upkeep of the parish.*