

## Parish Bulletin

### CARLINGFORD & OMEATH

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25<sup>th</sup> December 2008

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#### Feast of the Nativity – Christmas Masses

##### St. Michael's, Carlingford

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Night **9.00pm**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Morning **10.00am & 11.30am**

##### St. Laurence's, Omeath

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

**Weekend Masses: Saturday 7.30pm. Sunday 10.00am & 11.30 am.**  
**St. Stephen's Day: Friday 10.00am**

**Servers next weekend: Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm.** Andrea, Amy, Annie.

**Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.00am.** Cian, Alex, Lauren. **11.30am.** Sean, Niall McG, Heather.

#### **Mass Intentions**

Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.00p.m.	Sean Notley and Notley Family.
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00a.m.	Lil Mc Guinness.
Thursday	11.30a.m.	Elizabeth Elmore.
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00a.m.	Kathleen & Joseph Mc Kevitt.
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.30p.m.	Ignatius Kerr & Kerr Family.
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00a.m.	Margaret & Michael Kearney.
	11.30a.m.	Anna White.

#### ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH, OMEATH

**Sunday Masses: 8.30 am. & 11.00 am.**  
**Weekday Mass: Friday & Saturday 10.00am**

**Eucharistic Ministers: Next Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 8.30am.** C. O Hagan. **11.00am.** M. Phillips, P.Reilly.

**Readers: Next Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 8.30am.** A. O'Connor. **11.00am.** L. Clarke.

**Servers: Next Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 8.30a.m.** Ronan, Lauren, Finnbar, Ciaran  
**11.00a.m.** Roisin, Joanne, Bláthine, Tara.

#### **Mass Intentions**

Christmas Eve	9.00p.m.	For the people of the parish.
Christmas Morning	9.00a.m. & 11.00am	For the people of the parish.
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00a.m.	Peter & Catherine O'Reilly.
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00a.m.	Brigid Murphy.
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8.30a.m.	Patsy & Maureen Mc Court.
	11.00a.m.	Fidelma O'Farrell, Month's Mind.

**Recently deceased** Pray for Nuala Campbell (Omeath), Neillie Lee (Dublin & Kerry), Eithne Clarke (Dundalk), Edward J. Toland (Manchester & Donegal), Richard Pollock (England), Fr. Joe Conway, Fr. P.J O'Neill, Fiona Quaiife, Jimmy Garvey, Fidelma O'Farrell, Tommy Nally, Jack Connolly.

### **The Peace Light from Bethlehem**

On 25<sup>th</sup> November 2008 a candle was lit in the Grotto of Christ's Birth at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. This flame has been taken by young Israeli and Jordanian Scouts to Tel Aviv Airport from where a Scout carried it to Austria.

On 13<sup>th</sup> December a "Service for the Gift of Peace" was held in Vienna, where Scouts and Guides from all over Europe gathered to take the flame and transport it across Europe by rail, by road and on foot through Austria, Switzerland and France – then on to Calais, Dover and up through England to Liverpool and Holyhead, where it was carried by Stena Line to Dublin.

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December the Light was carried by Iarnród Éireann on the 'Peace Light Trains' to centres all over Ireland, to places such as: Belfast, Derry, Dublin, Waterford, Dundalk, Cork, Limerick, Ennis, Galway, Carlow and Roscommon.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Louth Slieve Foy Scouts received the flame for placing in our parish churches at Christmas Mass.

**Children's Toys** will be blessed at 9.30am Mass on Christmas morning in St. Laurence's Church, Omeath.

**Christmas Gifts for the Poor** We encourage you to place non-perishable gifts for the old, the poor and the needy under the Christmas Trees in the churches. They will be collected and distributed to those in need.

**Church Collection** last Sunday amounted to €1,965 + £100.

**Priests' Christmas Dues Collection** is being taken up at Christmas Masses.

**Parish Census** Census Cards are available in the churches for any householder who may not have received one. Please fill them in and leave them in the box provided. Thank you.

**Omeath Senior Citizens' Christmas Party** on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 at 7.30pm in Dolmen Centre.

Everyone Welcome.

**"Walk a mile for Goal"** on St. Stephen's morning at **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** The organisers wish to thank all who helped to make this event a great success despite the weather. Amount raised to date €3,006. Please return any outstanding sponsor cards as soon as possible.

**The St. Vincent de Paul Society** would like to express their heartfelt thanks for your generous support to their Christmas Appeal. The Society can be contacted at 087 965 6852.

### **Parish Carol Service**

A sincere word of thanks to all who participated in the Parish Carol Service in St. Laurence's Church, Omeath. Special thanks to our Parish Children's Choir and their teachers, to Ardee Concert Band and Soloists.

The amount raised to date in the church door collection for Newry Hospice is €1800.

### **Cooley Complex**

**Poker Classic** on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00pm.

**New Years Eve Party** Music by Henry Mac. Food served. Courtesy Bus. Tickets Limited €10.

Contact Nic 087 8532775 or Alo 087 9574665.

**Lotto Draw.** Results Tuesday 23<sup>th</sup> December 2008. Numbers **1-9-16-26.** No Jackpot Winner. Two match three Winners each receive €75: Mary Murphy, Grove Road, Carlingford, Mrs M. Callaghan, Ballintekin, Omeath. **Next Draw OMEATH 13<sup>th</sup> January 2009.** Jackpot €6,900.

### **Christmas Blessing**

The priests of the parish Fr. Brian and Fr. Jim wish you and your loved ones every grace and blessing in this Holy Season and in the New Year.