

Parish Bulletin

CARLINGFORD & OMEATH

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7th December 2008

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Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Monday 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses *St. Michael's Carlingford: Monday 10.00am & 7.30pm.*

St. Laurence's Omeath: Monday 10.00am & 7.30pm.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, CARLINGFORD

Weekend Masses: **Saturday 7.30pm. Sunday 10.00am & 11.30 am.**
Immaculate Conception: **Monday 10.00am & 7.30pm**
Weekday Mass: **Tuesday to Friday 9.00am. except Thursday 7.30pm.**

Servers next weekend: Sat 13th Dec 7.30pm. Cian, Alex, Lauren.

Sun 14th Dec 10.00am. Sean, Niall McG, Heather. **11.30am.** Meighean, Seána.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	6 th Dec	7.30p.m.	Patrick Morgan.
Sunday	7 th Dec	10.00a.m.	James, Willie & Hugh Sloan.
		11.30a.m.	Ina Hughes, First Anniversary.
Monday	8 th Dec	10.00a.m.	James O'Hanlon.
Thursday	11 th Dec	7.30p.m.	Peadar Clarke.
Saturday	13 th Dec	7.30p.m.	Kitty Gallagher.
Sunday	14 th Dec	10.00a.m.	Matt Donnelly.
		11.30a.m.	William Callan & Anne Callan.

ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH, OMEATH

Sunday Masses: **8.30 am. & 11.00 am.**
Immaculate Conception: **Monday 10.00am & 7.30pm**
Weekday Mass: **Tuesday - Saturday 10.00am except Wednesday 7.30pm.**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Next Sun 14th Dec 8.30am.** J. McKeown. **11.00am.** M. Gilbert, J.Connolly.

Readers: **Next Sun 14th Dec 8.30am.** M. O'Shea. **11.00am.** B. McClean.

Servers: Next Sun 14th Dec 8.30a.m. Roisin, Joanne, Aoife, Bláithine.

11.00a.m. Ronan, Lauren, Jack, Ciaran.

Mass Intentions

Sunday	7 th Dec	11.00a.m.	Sabina & Brian Traynor.
Monday	8 th Dec	10.00a.m.	Owen Traynor.
Tuesday	9 th Dec	10.00a.m.	Alice Finnan.
Wednesday	10 th Dec	7.30p.m.	Brigid & Edward Hoey and Elizabeth Gartlan.
Thursday	11 th Dec	10.00a.m.	Hugh Hardy.
Friday	12 th Dec	10.00a.m.	Owen, Minnie & James Fearon.
Saturday	13 th Dec	10.00a.m.	Nancy McCourt.
Sunday	14 th Dec	8.30a.m.	John Jordan.
		11.00a.m.	Rosaleen Murphy, Month's Mind.

Recently deceased *Pray for Jimmy Garvey (Ballsmill), Fidelma O'Farrell (Loch Tain, Omeath), Tommy Nally (Castlebar), Jack Connolly, Rosaleen Murphy, Hugh Grant, Michael White, Katie Mc Garrity.*

Advent Penance Celebration

As part of our parish preparation for the Feast of the Birth of Our Lord, a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Penance conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers, with individual Confession and Absolution, will be held in both churches on **Sunday 21st December:-**

St. Michael's Carlingford: 7.00pm St. Laurence's Omeath: 8.00pm

Parish Carol Service in St. Laurence's Church, Omeath on Thursday 18th December at 8.00pm. with Ardee Concert Band, Parish Schools Choir and soloists. All welcome. This year the proceeds will go to St. John of God Hospice, Newry. Your generous support would be most appreciated.

Christmas Gifts for the Poor During the Season of Advent we would encourage you to set aside non-perishable gifts for the old, the poor and the needy. As you come to the Christmas Masses you can place them under the Christmas Trees in the churches. They will be collected and distributed to those who need them.

Newly Baptised: We welcome Edmund Calum McGrath, c/o Rampart House, Greenore, Carlingford.
Cillian Donnacha Reilly, Drummullagh, Omeath.

Church Collection last Sunday amounted to €2,280 + £100.

Peter's Pence (Collection for Holy Father) – Monday 8th December, Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Church Gate Collection This weekend: St. Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal.

Next weekend: Fighting Blindness.

Parish Census Parishioners are requested to return any outstanding Census Cards either to their area distributor or by leaving them in the Parochial House or handing them in at Sunday Mass. Thank you.

Armagh Diocesan Youth Ministry Are you aged 18 – 35? Do you want to help a family in Ethiopia to get the house they've always wanted?. We are looking for 16 young people in the Diocese who will ' build houses, build hope, build communities' in a partnership project with the Armagh Diocesan Youth Council and Habitat for Humanity Northern Ireland. The build will take place mid July – mid August. Actual dates to be confirmed. For further information contact Pierce / Kate on 048 – 37525592. Email: armaghyouth@yahoo.co.uk

Bush Post Primary School Carol Service on Tuesday 16th Dec. at 7.30pm in St James' Church, Grange.

Carlingford's Indoor Craft & Food Fair is on this Sunday December 7th in St. Michael's Hall Carlingford. Opening times 12 noon – 6.00pm. Admission free.

Omeath Youth Club are holding their annual Children's Christmas Party on next Sunday 14th Dec. from 3.00 -5.00pm in Dolmen Centre. Santa will be present. Everyone welcome.

Christmas Country Showtime in Cooley Sports Complex on Friday 12th Dec. at 8.30pm. Starring – Philomena Begley, Boxcar Brian, Kenny Archer, Nuala McEvoy, Conor Wallace, Country Harmony. Tickets €15 available from Cooley Kickhams Football Club and local shops.

Bush Old School House Christmas Draw on Sunday 14th Dec. Raffle tickets available from Muriel Grills, Rathcor 087 6362822 or Rodney McDowell, Greenore 086 8208807.

Women's Aid 16 Days of Action 25th November – 10th December 2008:

National Statistics regarding domestic abuse against women and children in Ireland show that:

- In 2007 there were 1,889 specific incidents of child abuse disclosed to the Women's Aid National Freephone helpline.
- In an additional 3,491 calls it was directly disclosed that children were living with domestic violence against their mother.
- In 2006 almost 3,000 children were accommodated in refuges around Ireland.
- 64% of women who experienced domestic violence reported their children had witnessed the violence.

Lotto Draw. Results Tuesday 2nd December 2008. Numbers 2- 11- 18 - 27. No Jackpot Winner.

Two match three Winners receive €75: Helen Molloy, Dundalk; Thomas Fearon, Abbey Court, Carlingford.

Next Draw CARLINGFORD 9th December 2008. Jackpot €6,450.