

## Parish Bulletin

### CARLINGFORD & OMEATH

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11<sup>th</sup> January 2009

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

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

**Servers next weekend:** Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 7.30pm. Sean, Niall Mc G, Heather.  
Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 10.00am. Meighean, Seána. 11.30am. Niamh, Jamie.

#### **Mass Intentions**

Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.00a.m.	Maura O'Hare.
		11.30a.m.	Jim O'Connor Jr.
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.00a.m.	Teresa McGuone & Deceased Family Members.
Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	7.30p.m.	Benny Fretwell, First Anniversary.
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.00a.m.	Eamonn Donnelly.
		11.30a.m.	Tom Mc Guinness.

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

**Weekend Masses:** Sunday 8.30am & 11.00am  
**Weekday Mass:** Monday – Saturday 10.00am, except Wed.7.30pm.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Next Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 8.30am. J. Mc Keown 11.00am. M.Gilbert, J.Connolly.

**Readers:** Next Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 8.30am. M.Mc Mullan . 11.00am. F. Rooney.

**Servers:** Next Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 8.30a.m. Thomas, Roisin, John Paul, Jack.  
11.00a.m. Lauren, Ronan, Jennifer, Aoife.

#### **Mass Intentions**

Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	8.30a.m.	Fr. Vincent Duffy.
		11.00a.m.	Tommy & Clodagh Elmore.
Monday	12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.00a.m.	Maureen Woods.
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11.00a.m.	Molly Woods.

**Recently deceased** Pray for Sheila Mc Keown (Castletown Cooley), Joe McGuinness, Declan Harper, Fr. Peter Shields, Fr. Pdraic O'Kelly, Maire Rankin, Stephen Quigley, Nuala Campbell, Nellie Lee, Eithne Clarke, Edward J. Toland, Richard Pollock.

**Church collection** last Sunday: €2350 + £150.

**Priests' Dues collection next weekend.**

**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.

**Lotto** Please Note: Next Draw Omeath, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2009 Jackpot €6,900.

**St Laurence's Church, Omeath** Copies of 2009 Rota for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are available in sacristy.

**Peninsula Day Care Centre** Re-opens Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January. Usual transport applies.

**We welcome home** Fr. Michael Woods to Carlingford from Knoxville, Tennessee and Fr. Gene Kirke to Ballintreskin from Lima, Peru.

### **Week Of Prayer for Christian Unity 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January**

An interdenominational service for Christian Unity will be held in the Church of Ireland Cathedral in Armagh on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of January at 8.00pm.

The annual Greenhills Ecumenical Conference takes place in Drogheda on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January, from 10.30am to 3.45pm. The theme is 'The Eucharist: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, a Reformation Perspective'. Speakers include Rev Dr Norman Taggart, Rev Professor Brendan Leahy, Rev Dr Lindsey Hall, Rev Grace Clunie. Cost including lunch is €20/£15.

**Trócaire: Training Leaders for Parish Action** Would you benefit from a day of leadership training to learn about developing **social action** within your parish? If so, then this training could be for you. Trócaire wants to support individuals who strive to improve people's lives and affect change in their communities.

**When:** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2009 from 9.45am. – 4.30pm. **Where:** Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry. Please give your name to Parish Office 042-9373111.

### **O'Fiaich College, Dundalk Adult Education Evening Programme Spring 2009.**

Enrolment takes place on: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January from 9.00am – 4.00pm.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January from 9.00am – 4.00pm. & 7.00pm.

For further information Tel: 042 – 93 31398. Email: [info@ofiaichcollege.ie](mailto:info@ofiaichcollege.ie)

**Omeath Set Dancing Classes** resume on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January in the Dolmen Centre Omeath from 8.30pm – 10.30pm. New members welcome.

**BINGO** in Granvue House Hotel on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 8.30pm. Proceeds to Cuchulainn Gaels.

**Fitness Classes** every Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8 – 9pm. in St. Michael's Hall, Carlingford.

**Parenting Course** Invest just twenty hours in your child's future by attending an 'Effective Parenting of Self and Children Course'. I promise it will be the best investment you will ever make! For details contact Maisie McGuinness at 042 9371491 or 087 2100620.

**Enneagram** Tired of reacting in the same old way? Discover your Personality Type through the Enneagram and learn how to break out of the box our personality type keeps us in. For details contact Maisie McGuinness at 042 9371491 or 087 2100620.

### **Study Theology from Home**

The Priory Institute, run by the Dominican Order, is offering a full programme of theology through distance learning, supported by a network of study centres throughout Ireland. This programme is made up of 15-week modules which can be studied for academic credit (leading to an accredited certificate, diploma or degree in theology), or simply for personal interest. Please call us for further information: The Priory Institute, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24. Phone. 01-4048127 or 01-4048124 or email: [enquiries@prioryinstitute.com](mailto:enquiries@prioryinstitute.com)  
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**Ceol Chairlinn 09** takes place in Carlingford on 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2009. A weekend programme of Irish Music and Dance Workshops, Concert and Sessions.

**Current Vocations Situation** There are seven clerical students in studies for the Archdiocese of Armagh. Four students are currently studying an arts degree course, or equivalent, two are studying Theology, and one is on pastoral placement in the Archdiocese.

The eldest student is 62, and the youngest is 21. The average age is thirty four. There are six students from Northern Ireland, and 1 from the Republic of Ireland. Three students are in Maynooth, with one more in Belfast, two in Rome, and one on placement within the Diocese.

In comparison with other dioceses, Armagh is doing well. We have approximately 12% of the overall total of seminarians for the country. There are eighty - seven students currently studying for Irish Dioceses at seminaries in this country, the UK, Spain, and in Rome, Italy. This year saw the largest Ordination class (14) for the country for four years, and an increase for the third year running of new entrants to seminary (thirty students began studies for Irish Dioceses this year).

These statistics are for Diocesan priests alone. However, the religious orders too are seeing a change in the numbers of those coming forward to explore the call to priesthood and religious life, especially the Dominicans and Redemptorist who have gained several new novices in recent years. We must also make mention of the half dozen young women who have joined female religious orders like the Redemptoristines, Poor Clares and Dominican Sisters in the past year. ( Armagh Diocesan Vocations Commission).