

Parish Bulletin

CARLINGFORD & OMEATH

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Season of Lent – Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday, 25th February.

Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at the Masses:

St. Michael's Church, Carlingford : 9.00a.m. & 7.30pm.

St. Laurence's Church, Omeath : 10.00a.m. & 7.30pm.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, CARLINGFORD

Weekend Masses: Saturday 7.30pm. Sunday 10.00am & 11.30 am.
Weekday Mass: Monday - Friday 9.00am.
Ash Wednesday 9.00am & 7.30pm.
Please Note: Mass on Thursdays during Lent will be at 9.00am.

Servers next weekend: Sat 28th Feb. 7.30pm. Megan O'C, Kieran, Eoin, Jessica.

Sun 1st Mar. 10.00am. Niall F, Ellen, Coran.

11.30am. Amy O'L, Annie, Andrea, Pamela.

Readers for March: 7.30pm. Aine Rogan. **10.00am.** Ciaran McGoey. **11.30am.** Catherine Woods.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	21 st Feb	7.30p.m.	Eleanor McArdle, Month's Mind.
Sunday	22 nd Feb	10.00a.m.	Charlie Gallagher.
		11.30a.m.	Margaret & Patrick O'Connor.
Monday	23 rd Feb	9.00a.m.	Kitty & Owen Reilly.
Tuesday	24 th Feb	9.00a.m.	Fr. Connor Hannon.
Sunday	1 st Mar	10.00a.m.	Mary (Cissie) Mc Keown, Month's Mind.
		11.30a.m.	Bronagh Murphy, Month's Mind.

ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH, OMEATH

Weekend Masses: Sunday 8.30am & 11.00am
Weekday Mass: Monday - Saturday 10.00am.
Ash Wednesday 10.00am. & 7.30pm.

Eucharistic Ministers: Next Sun 1st Mar 8.30am. D. O Hagan **11.00am.** T. Reilly.

Readers: Next Sun 1st Mar 8.30am. M.Daly. **11.00am.** M. Phillips.

Servers: Next Sun 1st Mar 8.30a.m. Roisin, Lauren, Finnbar, Ciaran.
11.00a.m. Roisin, Ronan, Bláthine, Tara.

Mass Intentions

Sunday	22 nd Feb	8.30a.m.	Duffy Family Deceased.
Monday	23 rd Feb	10.00a.m.	Jim Bruen, recently deceased.
Tuesday	24 th Feb	10.00a.m.	George O'Hagan.
Wednesday	25 th Feb	10.00a.m.	Liam Quinn.
		7.30p.m.	Owen & Rose O'Hare.
Thursday	26 th Feb	10.00a.m.	Michael McGivern.
Friday	27 th Feb	10.00a.m.	Special Intention.
Saturday	28 th Feb	10.00a.m.	Marie & Joe Fearon.

Recently deceased Pray for Sheila Hamill (Knocknagoran, Omeath), Jim Bruen, Katie Devine, Anne Corcoran, Bronagh Murphy, Willie Toner, Fr. Raymond Watters OP, Cissie McKeown.

Stations of the Cross in St. Laurence's Omeath next Sunday 1st March at 7.00pm.

Temperance Sunday *The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association has organised two Masses today 22nd February to mark Temperance Sunday. Cardinal Brady will celebrate Mass in St Joseph's (Redemptorist) Church, Dundalk at 3pm. and Bishop Clifford will celebrate Mass at the Servite Priory, Benburb also at 3pm. Everyone welcome.*

Newly Baptised *We welcome into the community: Eoin Larkin, Lisnadara, Dundalk.*

Priests' Dues *Fr. Brian and Fr. Jim thank you for your generous contributions to last weekend's Priests' Dues collection.*

Trócaire Lenten Fast Campaign

Trócaire boxes *are being distributed to each household in the parish. They will also be available in the churches.*

This year the campaign highlights the plight of people who have been forced to flee their homes as a result of armed conflict, violence and violation of their human rights. Globally there are 163 million people displaced. No country around the world is untouched by displacement. Of these, 26 million have been displaced as a result of war and conflict.

Stations of the Cross *in Calvary, Omeath each Friday in Lent starting Friday 27th Feb. at 2.55pm.*

Parish Clustering *A leaflet is being distributed this weekend, containing a letter from our Archbishop, Cardinal Sean Brady and a draft map of the proposed parish clusters. It is proposed that our parish of Carlingford and Omeath should cluster with the parishes of Cooley and Lordship to form a pastoral area for the purpose of sharing resources.*

All parishioners are invited to participate in a parish meeting to be held during Lent to consider the proposed cluster/pastoral area.

Please take a copy of the leaflet for each household.

Church Gate collection this weekend: *Local Red Cross.*

Marriage Preparation Course

Dates: *Thursday March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, 8.00pm – 10.00pm.*

Aims: *To help meet the needs of pre marriage couples.*

To help achieve healthy relationships.

To ease the transition into marriage.

Venue: *Armagh Diocesan Pastoral Centre, The Magnet, The Demesne, Dundalk.*

Enquiries: *Tel: 042 9336393 from 10.00am. – 2.00pm.*

Effective Parenting Programme

For Parents, Grandparents and Guardians.

Two five week programmes to assist those with responsibility for children to grow themselves and to gain the skills to confidently and lovingly raise their children.

Dates: *Wednesday 4th March – 20th May.*

10 sessions – Wednesday 10.00am. – 12.00pm. (2 week Easter break excluded).

Venue: *Armagh Diocesan Pastoral Centre, The Magnet, The Demesne, Dundalk.*

Enquiries: *Tel: 042 9336393 from 10.00am. – 2.00pm.*

Omeath Bumps and Babies

Omeath Bumps and Babies is a parent and child group. We meet every Wednesday in the Dolmen Centre in Omeath at 10.30am for a cuppa and a chat. Please feel free to come along. New people always welcome.

Omeath Active Retirement Group *General Meeting on Wednesday 25th February at 3pm. in Dolmen Centre.*

Carlingford Bridge Club *will host The Doreen Rooney Memorial Trophy in the Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, this Sunday February 22nd 2009 at 5.00pm. Entries to Ann Mc Nee 042-9373069.*

Table money €15.00. All are welcome.

Lotto Draw. *Results Tuesday 17th February 2009. Numbers 8 – 21 – 22 – 23. No Jackpot Winner.*

One match three Winner receives €150: J. Cervi, c/o Tony's Shop, Omeath.

Next Draw Omeath 24th February 2009. Jackpot €7,800.