

## Parish Bulletin

### CARLINGFORD & OMEATH

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27<sup>th</sup> December 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 10.00am.

**Servers next weekend:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 7.30pm. Alex, Lauren, Amy B.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 10.00am. Sean, Christopher.  
11.30am. Seána, Maria, Tony.

#### Mass Intentions

Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.30p.m.	Vincent McComish
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00a.m.	Patrick & James Hanlon
		11.30a.m.	Joseph Carolan
Monday	28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00a.m.	Eileen Doyle
Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00a.m.	James Gregory
Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00a.m.	Nancy Brennan
Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	10.00a.m.	Maggie Murphy
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	10.00a.m.	Parish List of the Dead
Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	7.30p.m.	Patrick & Cis Sheils
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	10.00a.m.	Maura O'Hare
		11.30a.m.	Declan Harper, First Anniversary & Maria Harper

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

**Weekend Masses:** Sunday 8.30am & 11.00am.  
**Weekday Mass:** Mon – Sat 10.00am except Wed 7.30pm.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Next Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 8.30am. J. McKeown. 11.00am. M. Gilbert, J. Connolly.  
**Readers:** Next Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 8.30am. P. O'Reilly. 11.00am. K. Craig.

#### Mass Intentions

Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00a.m.	Patsy & Maureen McCourt
Monday	28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00a.m.	Brigid Murphy
Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00a.m.	Laurence & Brigid Connolly
Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.30p.m.	Michael Morgan
Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	10.00a.m.	Mick, Etta, Martina Connolly & Vera Smith
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	10.00a.m.	Parish List of Dead
Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	10.00a.m.	Betty Maguire & Deceased Family Members
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	11.00a.m	Joe McGuinness, First Anniversary

**Recently deceased** Pray for Peter McGrane (Mulavilly, Co. Armagh), Thomas Croston, Annie Duffy, Oliver Rafferty, Frank McCartan, Eugene Donaghy, Teresa Mackin, Gerard Treanor, Cathy Duffy-Kulcarni, Danny McParland, Eileen Elmore.

#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

St. Michael's Church, Carlingford: Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2.00 – 7.00pm.

**Communion Calls** Friday is the First Friday. Sick and housebound will be attended during this week.

### **New Year's Day**

*Friday 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.*

**Omeath Crib** *A word of thanks to FAS members under the leadership of Francie McGuigan for making the beautiful new crib designed by E. Brennan.*

### **Parish Carol Service**

*A sincere word of thanks to all who participated in the Parish Carol Service in St. Michael's Church, Carlingford. Special thanks to our Parish Children's Choir and their teachers, to Ardee Concert Band and Soloists. The door collection raised €740 for St. Vincent de Paul Society.*

**Church Collection last Sunday** *amounted to €1,895.00 + £99*

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

**Church Gate Collection** *next weekend: St. Vincent de Paul Society.*

### **Thanks**

*Sincere thanks to all who helped in our parish and the two churches, St. Michael's & St. Laurence's, over the past year – especially to our sacristans, altar societies, collectors, envelope distributors, cleaners and outdoor workers; to our altar servers, readers, eucharistic ministers, organists, choirs 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, Parish Safeguarding Children Representative, Hall Committees, parish secretaries, promoters of the Parish Lotto. Thanks also to all parishioners who contributed throughout the year to the upkeep of the parish.*

### **LMFM Radio Documentary**

*'The Connemara Retriever Tragedy' Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December at 1.15pm.*

**Lotto Draw.** *Results Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009. Numbers 11 – 12 – 15 – 23 No Jackpot Winner. Four match 3 winners each receives €40: V.McGarrity, Carlingford, Alina Corolu, Castlehill, M.Fegan, Omeath, J.Treanor, c/o Tony's Omeath. Next Draw: Omeath Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2009. Jackpot €3,300.*

### **Christmas Message 2009 from Cardinal Sean Brady**

*In Ireland this Christmas, many are experiencing the fullness of difficulties – with the economic recession, the unprecedented flooding and the horrendous scandal of child abuse within the Church and how it was handled. And yet, it is precisely into this agonising here and now of our world, our country and our Church, that Jesus comes with his blessing. He comes to tell us the outstanding Good News of God's healing love and mercy, for He is God's word of ever-faithful love, coming to bring us fresh joy and hope.*

*We believe that God's mercy and God's healing love are without end. So this Christmas, we remember all those who live in darkness and confusion and doubt. We pray that they may be led into the light of the truth, which is Jesus Christ.*

*We hope that as we celebrate Christmas we may be moved by the plight of the poor in our world and bring them Christ in practical ways of love and help.*

*Because Christ is God in our midst we have confidence in asking him to bless us and keep us calm all through this Christmas. When we are tempted to panic, may he reassure us with the consoling warmth of his presence.*

*I wish all of you and those whom you love a blessed Christmas – a Christmas rich in the knowledge of God's love for you and rich in the peace of God's care for you. (Extract)*