

Parish Bulletin

CARLINGFORD & OMEATH

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Wednesday 6th January is the Feast of the Epiphany and is a Holyday of Obligation

Masses: St. Michael's Carlingford: (Vigil) Tuesday 7.30pm; Wednesday 10.00am.

St. Laurence's Omeath: (Vigil) Tuesday 7.30pm; Wednesday 10.00am.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, CARLINGFORD

Weekend Masses: Saturday 7.30pm. Sunday 10.00am & 11.30 am.
Epiphany: Tuesday 7.30pm; Wednesday 10.00am.
Weekday Mass: Monday 10.00am; Thursday & Friday 9.00am.

Servers next weekend: 9th Jan 7.30pm. Jamie, Fáinchea, Aoife McG.
10th Jan 10.00am. Kieran, Eoin, Jessica.
11.30am. Ellen, Coran.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	2 nd Jan	7.30p.m.	Patrick & Cis Sheils
Sunday	3 rd Jan	10.00a.m.	Maura O'Hare
		11.30a.m.	Declan Harper, First Anniversary & Maria Harper
Monday	4 th Jan	10.00a.m.	James & Katie Gregory; Gregory & McElarney Families
Saturday	9 th Jan	7.30p.m.	Patsy Morgan
Sunday	10 th Jan	10.00a.m.	Frank McCartan, Month's Mind
		11.30a.m.	Patsy & Ethna McKevitt

ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH, OMEATH

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

Eucharistic Ministers: Next Sun 10th Jan 8.30am. D. O'Hagan. **11.00am.** T. Reilly.

Readers: Next Sun 10th Jan 8.30am. M. O'Shea. **11.00am.** L. Clarke.

Mass Intentions

Sunday	3 rd Jan	11.00a.m	Joe McGuinness, First Anniversary
Monday	4 th Jan	10.00a.m.	Alice O'Hare
Tuesday	5 th Jan	10.00a.m.	Fr. Vincent Duffy
		7.30p.m.	Stephen & Bridget McManus
Wednesday	6 th Jan	10.00a.m.	John Elmore
Thursday	7 th Jan	10.00a.m.	Edward John Toland, First Anniversary
Friday	8 th Jan	10.00a.m.	Lily Boyle
Saturday	9 th Jan	10.00a.m.	Ollie Rafferty, Month's Mind
Sunday	10 th Jan	11.00a.m.	Eddie & Ellen Cleary, Kitty McGowan & Nancy Marston

Recently deceased Pray for Patrick Hoey (Mountbagnal), Patricia Mohan (Derrynoose, née Long, Lower Rath), Peter McGrane (Mulavilly, Co. Armagh), Thomas Croston, Annie Duffy, Oliver Rafferty, Frank McCartan, Eugene Donaghy, Teresa Mackin, Gerard Treanor, Catherine Duffy-Kulkarni, Danny McParland.

Fr. Brian and Fr. Jim wish all parishioners a happy and peaceful New Year

Broadcast Mass Mass in St. Michael's Church, Carlingford on Saturday 23rd January at 7.30pm will be recorded and broadcast on LFM Radio the following Sunday morning at 9.00am.

Church Collection last Sunday amounted to €1,965 + £65.50.

Annual collection for the **Education of Students for the Priesthood** in the Diocese of Armagh will be taken up at Masses on the Feast of the Epiphany (Tuesday 7.30pm & Wednesday 10.00am).

Church Gate Collection this weekend: St. Vincent de Paul Society.

St. Vincent de Paul Society wish to thank most sincerely all those who contributed to the Christmas Appeal. We also wish to thank those who very generously donated food and clothing to the Society especially the 8th Louth Slieve Foy Scouts Group and those who handed in donations to the Society and contributed at the Parish Carol Service. Thanks to one and all.

Omeath Senior Citizens' Christmas Party will be held today Sunday 3rd January at 7.00p.m. in the Dolmen Centre. Hot meal, drinks, music, dancing and Santa. Everyone welcome.

Amen Support Service for male victims of domestic abuse. Confidential helpline 046-9023718.

Early Childhood Care & Education Scheme Children born between 2nd Feb 2005 and 30th June 2006 are eligible to take part in this scheme. An **Information Night** will be held on Wednesday 6th January at 8.00pm in Woddlers and Toddlers, Omeath. Contact Irene Moley 087 6715067.

Parish Lotto Please note: Next draw will be held in Omeath on **Tuesday 12th January**. Jackpot €3,300.

The Mystery of the Church

Christ, the sole mediator, has founded - and gives unfailing support to - his holy Church, the community of faith, hope and charity. He has made the Church's visible organization, as it were, the dispenser of the grace and truth which he sheds over all mankind. She is a society equipped with hierarchical organs and is the Mystical Body of Christ. She is a visible assembly and a spiritual community. She is the earthly Church and the Church endowed with heavenly riches. For all that, we must not think of the Church as two realities, but a single complex reality, the compound of a human and a divine element.

Christ 'holy blameless and unstained' knew no sin; it was only for the sins of the people that he came to make expiation. The Church, however, clasping sinners to her bosom, is at the same time holy and always in need of purification. Thus she follows constantly the path of penance and renewal.

The Church, "like a stranger in a foreign land, presses forward amid the persecutions of the world and the consolations of God," announcing the cross and death of the Lord until he comes. But by the power of the risen Lord she is given strength to enable her to overcome, in patience and in love, her trials and difficulties, both those that are from within and those that are from without. Faithfully, however darkly, she reveals the mystery of her Lord in the world until, at the end, it shall be manifested in full light.

(From Second Vatican Council: Dogmatic Constitution on the Church 1964).