



ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH BULLETIN

First Sunday of Lent

1 March 2020

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LENT

Masses during Lent: Monday – Friday: 7.00am and 10.00am

Wednesday Evening Mass 7.30pm

Trócaire Boxes are now ready for collection in the church porches.

“Walk with Me” Lenten Booklets are also available in the porches for £1.00 each.

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday 29 February - Vigil Mass: 5.00pm
Sunday 1 March: 11am (Family Mass) and 6.00pm

LENTEN PIONEER PLEDGE – Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during Lent. Why not take this opportunity to perhaps help yourself or someone you know with an alcohol or drug problem by offering your sacrifice for freedom from addiction?

PRAYER: “I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink during Lent.”

Anniversaries: Gerry Burns, Michael McSherry (Junior), Kathleen Moreland, Kieran Hegarty, Jim Logue, Veronica Toal, Billy Ross, Margaret & William Barr and Deceased Family Members & Kathleen Dickson whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased: Phyllis McMorrow, Terence Morgan, Marie McCarney, Kathleen Carson, Victor Loughran & Joseph Keenan

COLLECTIONS: The Offertory Collection of the 23 February amounted to **£1703.71**

The Monthly Stipend for March will be taken up on the weekend of 29 February/1 March 2020.
Thank you for your continuous support and generosity.

St. Michael's Senior Citizen's Group

11 March – St. Michael's Senior Citizen's Group – Céile Dancing and Community Singing, Ballots, and Tea/Coffee to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in St. Michael's Parish Centre from 2.00 – 4.00pm. Come along and enjoy what promises to be a great afternoon.

25 March – St. Michael's Seniors Social from 2.00 – 4.00pm.



Eucharistic Ministers Rotas – New rotas are now available for collection in the Sacristy.



Dates For Your Diary

29 Feb – 1 March – Trócaire – A Representative from Trócaire will be speaking at all of the Masses this weekend.

3 March – Prayer and Reflection – The next Prayer and Reflection Meeting will take place on Tuesday 3 March at 10.45 in the Parochial House.



4 – 25 March - Are you caring for someone with dementia? The Alzheimer's Society are running a free four-week carers information programme on Wednesday the 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th of March from 10.30am-12.30pm in **St. Michael's Parish Centre**. The programme covers four topics understanding of dementia, supporting a person with dementia, financial and legal matters and coping day to day. If you are interested in attending please contact Catherine Maguire on 07889648793 or email crispbelfast@alzheimers.org.uk

7 March – First Saturday Devotions will take place on Saturday 7 March in St. Matthias Church Glen Road at 3pm Exposition, Confessions, Rosary and Act of Consecration and 4pm Mass.

4 April – Parish Retreat in Dromantine – We are organising our annual one-day Parish Retreat in Dromantine Retreat Centre, outside Newry, on Saturday, 4 April 2020. We would like to extend a warm welcome to you to join us for the day. We will start about 10am and finish at 4.45pm; and the day will be conducted by one of the Priests from the Clonard Redemptorist Community. We will have tea/coffee on arrival, lunch and also tea/coffee before leaving. The bus will leave the gates of the Church at 8.45am in order to arrive about 9.30am. We will be leaving Dromantine at 5.00pm to arrive at St. Michael's at 5.45 or 6.00pm. A contribution of £15.00 per person will help towards the cost of the bus. If you are able to come will you please leave your name and contact details with Elaine in the Parish Office.

St. Louis House Youth Ministry

Ash Wednesday was a very special day in St Genevieve's - a chance to speak with the whole school and thank each Year Group for their tremendous generosity at Christmas with the Catholics Caring (78 families); for their care and concern for those with mental health issues in the community, including the homeless - and for all they are doing for our St Louis Mission in Ethiopia

All this following the distribution of Ashes!

The Year 8 were encouraged to attend the Family Mass in St Michael's, while other Year Groups are going to St John the Baptist for the Confirmation and First Communion Faith Friends - or leading the GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) in school.

Our team training for our SEARCH RETREAT is going very well - 2 afternoons a week. We hope to have 50+ young people and leaders on this very special residential in CLARE LODGE, NEWCASTLE - 27 -29 MARCH - places are limited - and the demand is great DG.

Please keep praying for our young people - your generosity towards the homeless and those less fortunate than ourselves goes far beyond the call of duty. Your intentions are prayed for every day - the parish that prays together - stays together. Love and prayers Sr Anne x

St. Peter's Cathedral – Vacancy – Housekeeper – Job Share (2 posts). Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: www.downandconnor.org clicking on the tab: JOB VACANCIES and on the Community NI website, where terms and conditions relating to the role can also be accessed by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application Form. Application packs can also be obtained from St. Peter's Cathedral Parish Office. Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Friday 6 March 2020. Down and Connor Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer.