



ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH BULLETIN

Second Sunday of Lent

8 March 2020

PARISH CONTACTS OPTIONS: CALL 02895 904304 TO CONNECT TO THE ASSISTANCE YOU REQUIRE:

PARISH OFFICE: OPTION 1 IN THE CASE OF A SICK CALL: OPTION 2
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HEALTH CARE AND ADVICE

In the light of advice from the Public Health Agency and today's communication from the Irish Episcopal Conference Secretariat the Bishop is asking the following to be put in place:

Suspend the Sign of Peace

During Mass only the celebrant should receive from the Chalice

Holy Communion should be administered into the hands only and NOT onto the tongue

Holy water fonts should be drained and not used

The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should wash their hands with particular care before and after distributing Holy Communion

Parishes are asked to consider providing alcohol-based hand sanitiser gels / facilities at all entrance and exit doors to the church and also to ensure the regular cleaning of surfaces in the church that people touch such as door handles, tables etc.

The attached links will provide further information regarding best sanitary practices:

https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/guidance/religioussettingsguidance/COVID%2019_Guidance%20for%20religious%20services%20V1.pdf

<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus>

These measures are preventative and should not in any way raise any existing levels of concern. Best practice in all circumstances at this time of year should be followed in accordance with the Public Health Agency's advice and normal levels of hygiene. All parishioners should be advised to take the usual and necessary precautions before attending regular services in Churches open to the public, such as:

Washing / sanitising hands before attending Mass

Washing / sanitising hands after coughing or sneezing

Use of disposable handkerchiefs

Coughing into the crook of the elbow and not into the palms of hands etc

LENT

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

Wednesday Evening Mass 7.30pm

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday 7 March - Vigil Mass: 5.00pm

Sunday 8 March: 11am (Family Mass) and 6.00pm

Church Stained Glass Window Appeal

Stained glass helps us to lift our hearts and minds to God when we come to pray and worship. The windows are a part of the church's history and we want to pass on the beauty of St Michael's to those who come after us.

The upper stained-glass windows in the church need to be replaced and we are asking for your help in raising the necessary funds.

We are asking parishioners to "sponsor a window" and in return your name or chosen text will be engraved on the window. Perhaps in memory of a loved one or as a family group. The cost is £370.00 per window.

All queries should be made through the parish office on 02895 088030 or by emailing

stmichaels@downandconnor.org

Payments can be made in instalments by paying £70.00 deposit and six monthly payments of £50.00

Anniversaries: Robert Emmett, Jean Doyle, Sarah & Sally Lidster, Sean Cregan, Charlie Carson, Mary McCormick & Family, Sean Carson, Frances Loughran, Elizabeth McNally, Patrick McGaharan, Mary Mullholland, Marie Jordan, Annie McGarrigan & Dermot McPhillips whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased: Phyllis McMorro, Terence Morgan, Marie McCarney & Kathleen Carson.

COLLECTIONS: The Offertory Collection of the 1 March amounted to **£1712.82**

The Monthly Stipend was £1082.37

The collection for Needy Parishes will be taken up on the weekend of 15 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.



Dates For Your Diary

9 March – Bunscoil First Confessions will take place at 6.00pm on Monday 9 March

10 March – Prayer and Reflection – The next Prayer and Reflection Meeting will take place on Tuesday 10 March at 10.45 in the Parochial House.



13 March – the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Michael The Archangel Parish will take place on Friday 13 March at 11.00am

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

Isn't it wonderful that the Family Mass (11.00am) is so well attended by young people, parents, and grandparents!!

Our young people in St Genevieve's just love it. What a blessing from God!! Please pray for our SEARCH YOUTH RETREAT in Clare Lodge, Newcastle - last weekend in March for Fifty plus youth and leaders. Sincere thanks to ALL supporting our efforts for the homeless and also our St Louis Missions in Ethiopia. Praying specially for you all. **THE PARISH THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER.**

Sincerely Sr Anne