

## CARLINGFORD & OMEATH PARISH

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### PARISH BULLETIN – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 First Sunday of Lent/ A

#### ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, CARLINGFORD

Streamed on the Webcam Weekly: <https://www.churchmedia.tv/carlingford>

Weekend Masses: Vigil: Saturday 6.00pm: Sunday 11.30am

Weekday Masses: Wed & Fri 9.00am



#### Mass Intentions

Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	6.00pm	Maureen & Joe McDonnell & dec members of the McCourt & McDonnell families1
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	11.30am	Peter Finegan (mm); Pete & Betty Kiernan
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.00am	
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.00am	
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6.00pm	Charlie & Eileen Gallagher
Sunday	01 <sup>st</sup> March	11.30am	Sean & Rita Elmore, Mona Elmore, Sheila Elmore & Georgie Chitty

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

Streamed on the Webcam Weekly: <https://www.churchmedia.tv/omeath>

Sunday: Mass 10.00am

Weekday Masses: Tuesday 10.00am & Thursday 7.00pm



#### Mass Intentions

Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	10.00am	Elizabeth Brown (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv); John (Sean) McDonnell (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv) & dec family members; Catherine & Patsy Traynor; Seamus Ward
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.00pm	Paddy James McGivern
Sunday	01 <sup>st</sup> March	10.00am	Susan Cowe (mm)

**Recently deceased:** *Pray for: Ambrose Ferguson (Munchgrange / Greenore); Breige Gregory (nee McElarney) (Carlingford); Isabel Cranny (Newry); Arthur McGuigan (Omeath); Bernard Murphy (Munchgrange); Susan Cowe (Carlingford/ Omeath). May they Rest in Peace Amen.*

#### Important Parish Dates 2026

Confirmation:

Omeath: Thur 23<sup>rd</sup> April

First Holy Communion:

Carlingford: Sat 16<sup>th</sup> May

Omeath: Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Cemetery Sunday:

Carlingford: June 28<sup>th</sup>

Omeath: 09<sup>th</sup> August

**We welcome to our Christian Community**  
newly Baptised Deniza Anna Rude.

**Weekly Collection:** €1310 & £123

**Parish Weekly Envelopes** If you do not have an envelope number and/or would like to receive a box of envelopes for weekly donations to the Parish, please, contact the parish office.

**Donating to the Parish** online: bank transfers, iDonate. Details are on the Parish website. Standing order forms are also available at the back of the two churches. You can also donate by cheque or cash. And by participating in the weekly envelope contributions and the tax relief donations for the Parish.

**Parish iDonate QR Code**



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
St. Michael's Church, Carlingford. Every Thursday from 2.00pm -4.00pm.

**Confessions:** Feel free to approach a priest of the Parish for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Parish Baptisms** require at least 1 months' notice in advance. Please contact the parish office for bookings in the Parochial House Carlingford, 042 9373111.

**Mass Cards & Mass Bouquets** are available in The Parochial House, Carlingford.

**The Holy Rosary** is recited after the 9.00am Mass in **Carlingford** on Wednesdays & Fridays. In **Omeath** after 10.00am Mass on Tuesday's. All welcome.

**Omeath Cemetery:** We are auctioning a few grave plots to help us raise money for works on the cemetery paths. If you are interested in buying a plot or two you could contact Eamonn Brennan or the parish office. Donations will be highly appreciated.

**Mission Awareness:** A priest of the Society of African Missions (SMA) will be visiting our Parish next weekend to promote mission awareness for their Congregation. He will be speaking at all Masses.

**Novena Prayers** for the **Archdiocesan Congress on Youth and Family.**

**Day 7 – Care for Creation: Hope for Our Common Home (Hope)**

Intention: For a renewed respect for creation, and for hopeful action in caring for our common home.

Creator God,

You fashioned the earth in beauty and wisdom.  
Open our eyes to the wonder of creation  
and awaken in us a spirit of hope and responsibility.

Give us courage to protect the vulnerable and the planet we share.

May our care for creation reflect our love for You,  
and our hope for generations to come.

**Cooley Peninsula First Saturday Devotion**

Please join us for the First Saturday Devotions.

The First 5 Saturdays is an extension of the Fatima message given to Sr Lucia. The next First Saturday Devotion will be held in

**Carlingford, Saturday March 7th at 5pm,** followed by Holy Mass at 6pm and confessions.

The requirements to fulfil this devotion are:

-Pray the Rosary,

-15-minute meditation on a mystery of the rosary

-Receive Holy Communion

-Confession

**2026 Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage** to Lourdes will take place from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

**Church Gate Collection** this weekend is for Carlingford Omeath Red Cross. Next week's collection is for St Vincent de Paul, 0879656852.

**Our Parish Lotto:** 19/02/26, 6, 8, 18, 22. No jackpot winner. Next week's draw: Thur 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, Jackpot €725. Join now for a chance of winning. Your support will be of great help to the Parish as we work together to promote God's kingdom among us.



Our Parish Lotto website is [www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/candoparish](http://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/candoparish)

**Residential Vocational Discernment  
Weekend Drumalis Retreat Centre March**

The Vocations Directors of the North of Ireland have arranged for a Residential Vocational Discernment Weekend which will take place in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne from March 6th to 8th. Anyone interested in attending are asked to contact the Archdiocese of Armagh Vocations Director - Fr Barry Matthews on [armaghpriest@gmail.com](mailto:armaghpriest@gmail.com) to book a free place. We encourage parishioners to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life and to encourage young adults to discern God's plan for their lives.

**Marriage Enrichment Weekend 20 – 22 March 2026 St Mary's Retreat Centre, Knock.**

Marriage Enrichment has, for many years, supported married couples in their Sacrament of Matrimony by offering them a sacred space to deepen their relationship, renew their commitment, and grow together through reflection, prayer, and dialogue.

**Contemplative Dominican Monastic Vocation  
Discernment weekends;** in the Monastery of

St. Catherine of Siena, The Twenties, Drogheda, Co. Louth. A92KR84, from the 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2026 and the 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026. For single women between the ages of 18- 35 years old. Please contact: Sr. Mairead O.P. at: [sienavoc@gmail.com](mailto:sienavoc@gmail.com) Tel: 041 9838524

**Forthcoming Pilgrimages:**

For details on all Pilgrimages - please contact Laurena: 0851833110

**\*Divine Mercy Conference RDS Dublin - 2026** - A coach will travel from the old Magnet Cinema, Dundalk, to the RDS in Dublin on Saturday, February 28th, 2026. Everybody welcome.

**\*Knock Pilgrimage, April 2026.**

**\*Lough Derg - May 2026.** A new pilgrimage has been introduced in Lough Derg where pilgrims can stay overnight culminating in two days being spent on the island. You are allowed to wear footwear.

**\*Shrines of France – May 2026.**

**LMETB Organic Gardening** for Spring, class starts Tuesday 24th February for 4 weeks with tutor Roisin Cotter. If interested, please email [info@dbusiness.ie](mailto:info@dbusiness.ie) or by phone to 0429375422 to book your place. Tuesday's 10am to 12pm in the Dolmen Centre Omeath. €5 per class. Tea/Coffee served.

**Afternoon Tea for older residents** of Carlingford and the surrounding local community

in Carlingford Marina Hosted by Cllr Fiona Mhic Conchoille and Cooley Peninsula Community Alert along with our local Community Gardai Saturday, 7th March 2026 12.00 – 1.30pm Enjoy tea, treats, a meet & greet, and friendly advice on personal and home security in a relaxed setting. Transport available if needed Carers and companions very welcome RSVP by 28th February. Fiona 086 204 2460 [fiona.mhicconchoille@louthcoco.ie](mailto:fiona.mhicconchoille@louthcoco.ie). All are very welcome.

**Graduates: Don't Lose Your Seanad Vote.**

Irish citizens with degrees from designated 3rd level colleges are eligible to vote in the 'Higher Education' constituency which replaces the NUI and Trinity panels in Seanad Éireann.

Thousands of previous voters are unaware that they have been removed from the register. To secure your vote, go

to [www.seanadvoter.ie](http://www.seanadvoter.ie) before February 26th.

Evidence of a passport is needed or else email [applications@seanadvoter.ie](mailto:applications@seanadvoter.ie)