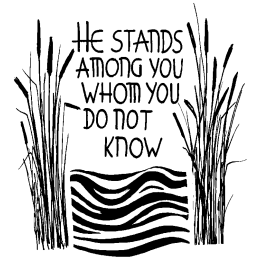


PARISH OF ANTRIM
St Comgall, St Joseph, St MacNissius

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SUNDAY MASSES

St. Comgall's 10.00am
St. Joseph's 5.30pm (Sat vigil) 12.00
St. MacNissius

Weekday Mass

St. Comgall's: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10.00am
St. MacNissius:
St. Joseph's: Tuesday & Thurs, 10.00am Friday 7pm

Mass is celebrated every Mon – Sat morning in the parish at 10am and on Sat @ 5.30pm, Sunday at 10am and 12noon. Available to view on the Parish facebook page: Parish of Antrim

Confessions

St. Comgall's – Sat 12 - 12.30pm
St. Joseph's - Sat 4.45 - 5.25pm

Feasts: *Mon 14th St John of the Cross – Priest & Doctor*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Christ the Messiah, let your Word take root in us and open us to the possibilities of re-creating our world in your justice and compassion. May we bring sight to the blind, healing to the sick, good news to the poor, hope to the despairing and new life to the dead in spirit.

Thought for the Week

The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference welcomes the encouraging news that a number of vaccines for COVID-19 are at an advanced stage of preparation and are likely to be available for use in the near future.

The Catholic Church recognizes that safe and effective vaccination is an essential aspect of the prevention of disease.

We are encouraging Catholics to support a programme of vaccination, not only for their own good but for the protection of life and the health of those who are vulnerable and for the common good of humanity."

Welcoming Vaccines for the Common Good

Press Release 9th December 2020

PRAYER PEOPLE

Intention for Parish Community Year 11
Week 3

We pray for the all parishioners who are parents that they will be blessed in their lives and know the support of God is always with them.

Ministers of the Word

For those who are currently reading at Mass during this time - the new Sunday Missals will be available from the Sacristies in St. Comgall's & St. Josephs

We pray for: Recently Deceased: Charlie Herron, Seamus Craig

Month's Mind: Arthur Butcher, Tony Arbuckle, Alice McAuley

1st Anniv: Anne Conway, Don Boyle

Anniversary: James Flynn, Molly Fay, Gerard Mooney, Bella McHenry, Barney McKendry, Edward & Margaret McBrien, Tom & Aileen Henry, Liam Ball, William McAteer, Michael O'Brien

CORONAVIRUS SITUATION

Mass will be streamed each day @ 10am plus Saturday @ 5.30pm & Sunday @ 12 noon

MASSES AT CHRISTMAS

Regrettably the restrictions caused by the Coronavirus will still apply to the masses at Christmas and because of social distancing there is limited capacity in the churches to around 50 people in St Comgall's and 130 people in St Joseph's. In normal times, the congregations in both churches at every mass for Christmas would be at least 6 times that number. Allowing for the fact that the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day mass is suspended during this pandemic and accepting that there is a need for stewards to cover every mass in the parish and after consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Covid Committee the following arrangements will be put in place for Christmas masses:

Mass will be open to parishioners at Christmas in St Joseph's Church @ 6pm on 24th December and @ 12 noon on Christmas Day And in St Comgall's Church @ 8pm on 24th December and @ 10am on Christmas Day

In order to avoid disappointment, parishioners who want to attend any of these masses must reserve a place. This can be done by phoning the Parish Office (94428016) between 12noon and 4pm Monday to Friday. Entry to these 4 masses will be by reservations only and these will close when capacity is reached.

The vigil masses on Christmas Eve are now at full capacity and only a small number of places are available for Christmas Day masses

If you have booked for any of the masses and your circumstances change and you or some of the people coming with you are not able to attend please phone the Parish Office and let us know.

This is an unusual Christmas and it is appreciated that many who may wish to attend mass at Christmas will not be able do so. If you know of anyone who usually attends Christmas Mass, please let them know of the arrangements for this year and that it is not possible just to turn up.

We hope you will understand the reason for these arrangements this year, namely to prevent the spread of the virus.

All of the Christmas masses will be streamed live on the parish Facebook page and YouTube.

Advent Prayer Services

Will take place on Monday evening @ 7.30pm and is open to the public and is also available on the parish Facebook page

Please join in and give this small amount of extra time in prayer with God.

Schools Admissions If you have a child due to start school in September 2021 – The online portal for P1/Nursery/Playgroup will open on Thursday 7^h January. The closing date for applications is 12 noon Friday 29th January 2021. Please log on to www.eani.org.uk/admissions

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Third Sunday of Advent

Priest: We gather together for the Third Sunday of Advent with all here present and those who are joining us on line we look ahead with joy to celebrating the coming into the world of Jesus Christ the promised Redeemer; we thank God for our lives and come to ask forgiveness for our failings that we might be renewed and ready to greet the Christ Child when he comes.

We pray for the Church, for our Holy Father Pope Francis and the bishops, priests, Deacons and all who pass on to us the teachings of Jesus. We thank them for the way they continue to bring sacraments Prayers and the Mass to us during the difficulties of the pandemic.. We ask God to support and bless them and we pray for the parishioners who have helped with the practical arrangements to ensure our safety

Lord, hear us

We pray for each other; may Advent be a time of renewal and graces as we prepare for Christmas. Let us keep each other safe by following the guidelines we are given to try to stop the continuing spread of the Covid 19 virus.

Lord, hear us

We pray for all our parish families in these difficult times. We pray for those who are suffering sickness, hardship and anxiety because of the threat of the virus .Lord send them healing and support

Lord, hear us

We pray for those who care for the sick in hospitals, Care Homes and in their own homes; Lord bring healing and comfort

Lord, hear us

We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, may they be at peace in the loving and forgiving presence of God and Mary our Mother.

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All those named in the bulletin

Mary conceived without sin pray for those who mourn and comfort them with your love.

Lord, hear us

Priest God of mercy and compassion strengthen the graces of faith, hope and charity in us at this time; we bring our prayers to you through your Son Jesus who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.