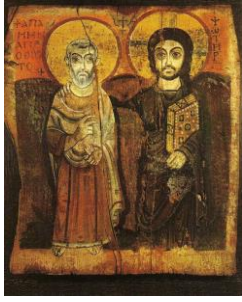


20th DECEMBER 2020 – 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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: Sat 26th St Stephen – The First Martyr

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Come, Lord Jesus, Light of God's grace, show us the way to the Father. Teach us to reconcile our world in justice and peace. Come, Lord Jesus, Bread of God's life, and feed us with your wisdom and grace.

Thought for the Week

“Some want to keep the Gospel so disembodied that it doesn't get involved at all in the world it must save.

Christ is now in history.

***Christ is in the womb of the people.
Christ is now bringing about the new heaven and the new earth.”***

Archbishop Oscar Romero

PRAYER PEOPLE

Intention for Parish Community Year 11
Week 4

We pray for all the doctors, nurses and all involved in caring for the sick that God will bless them in their work and lives.

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:

Month's Mind: Kathleen Anne Moore

Anniversary: Jim Canavan, Margaret Taggart, May McNally, William Wallace, James Trainor Jackie & Maureen O'Neill, Frank, Ellen & Patrick Morgan, John Donaghy, Jane McKendry, Elizabeth Mooney, Sarah & Patrick McKeivitt, Kathleen Dobbin, Michael Donaghy, Juliemary Kelleher & John Hopkins, Mary Keenan, Cathal & Mary Magee, Joseph Daly

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 there is limited capacity in the churches. Bearing in mind that the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day mass is suspended during this pandemic.

24th December

St Joseph's Church @ 6pm

St Comgall's Church @8pm

Christmas Day

St Comgall's Church @ 10am

St Joseph's Church @12 noon

*Entry to these 4 masses will be by reservations only and **all masses are fully booked.***

Please do not turn up for mass unless you have made a booking.

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 to 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.

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

Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

*This Sacrament will be available from Mon 21st – Thursday 24th
12 noon to 12.30pm in St Comgall's Church.*

Mass Schedule 26th Dec -1st Jan

26th Dec St Joseph's Church @ 5.30pm

27th Dec St Comgall's Church @ 10am

St Joseph's Church @ 12 noon

28th – 31st Dec St Comgall's Church @ 10am each day

Friday 1st Jan St Comgall's Church @ 12 noon

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 7th January. The closing date for applications is 12 noon Friday 29th January 2021. Please log on to www.eani.org.uk/admissions

20 December 2020
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Priest: We gather together for the Fourth 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 effects of the virus on our lives. Lord send healing and support us through these difficult days.

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. We pray for the success of the vaccine and pray that it will save lives

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.

Recently Deceased:

Month's Mind: Kathleen Anne Moore

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 our hope and let us look to the celebration of Christmas with joy charity in us at this time; we bring our prayers to you through your Son Jesus who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.