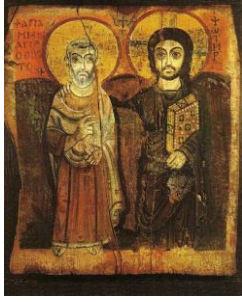
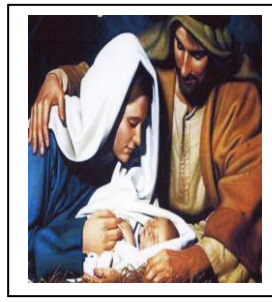


27th DECEMBER 2020 – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



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

Feasts: *Mon 28th The Holy Innocents – Martyrs, Fri 1st Mary, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD*
Sat 2nd Ss Basil & Gregory Naziazen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving Father, embrace our family in your loving providence. In times of crisis and tension, bless our families with the hope of your consolation and forgiveness; in times of joy and growth, instill in us a spirit of thankfulness, never letting us forget that you are father of us all.

Thought for the Week

***Cling to hope
Include it in every consolation
Think it in every thought
Pray it in every prayer
Encourage it in every soul
And search for it in every situation.***

PRAYER PEOPLE

Intention for Parish Community Year 11
Week 5

We pray that every parishioner will be blessed with peace, joy and hope this Christmas

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

Thank you To all parishioners who contribute to the collections by leaving envelopes through the door at the parochial houses or in the collection plates in the porches of the Churches after the masses
A special word of thanks to all who responded to the recent Standing Order Appeal. Thank you for your consideration and generosity and there is still time to sign up.

We pray for: Recently Deceased: Gemma Doherty, Kieran Devlin, William Allen
Month's Mind: Joe Murray, Eilish Agnew
Anniversary: Rose & James McQuade, Frank McMenamin, Patrick Duffin, Barney McGovern, Jackie Breen, Barbara Stirrup, Mary, Eileen & John O'Kane, Joseph Devine, Francis P Mulholland, Kathleen & James McLarnon, Mary Blaney



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

For many parishioners Christmas 2020 is unusual but the essential message of Christmas remains the same. Pope Francis puts it well, "Christmas is joy, religious joy, an inner joy of light and peace."

We wish all people to be blessed with the inner joy of Christmas this year.

Fr Sean & Fr James

CORONAVIRUS SITUATION

IN KEEPING WITH THE GUIDELINES, PUBLIC MASSES CONTINUE IN THE PARISH.

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

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

***For mass to be open to the public, every precaution must be taken to make the Church as safe as possible and the following directions must be observed;
a social distancing measure of 2 meters should be observed.***

Face masks must be worn in the Church

For Track and Trace purposes, name and phone number should be given on entry to the Church

Hands should be sanitized

Please remember, that the obligation to attend Sunday mass is suspended during this pandemic.

Funerals and Weddings

Attendance at funerals is limited to 25 persons with no pre or post funeral gatherings.

Attendance at weddings is limited to 25 persons.

Baptisms

The Sacrament of Baptism is available.

Arrangements for baptism can be made by contacting the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

This Sacrament will be available in St Comgall's Church on Saturday between 12 noon and 12.30pm and in St Joseph's Church from 4.45pm -5.25pm on Saturday evening.

The Parish office is closed and will re-open on 5th January 2021

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



27 December 2020
The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph

Priest: On this the Feast of the Holy Family we bring our parish family and each family together here and online to seek God's protection and blessing, to ask his forgiveness for the times we have failed in our Christian calling and to thank him for the graces we have received

We pray for the Church that through prayer and the sacraments we may work to promote peace, in our homes and in countries where there is corrupt leadership and violence causing suffering and hunger.

Lord, hear us

We pray that families are places where children are loved and learn to love, supporting each other and reaching out to people who are in need. May they learn to pray and to know Jesus.

Lord, hear us

At this time we pray especially for families who are experiencing hardship because of the Covid 19 virus, loss of employment, sickness, anxiety, Let us all do what we can to keep ourselves and each other safe.

Lord, hear us

We pray for the sick that they may have healing, for those who are mourning the loss of loved ones that they may be comforted; we pray for the dead especially those whom we remember now that they may be at peace.

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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: Loving and compassionate Father, look with favour on our prayers, which we make in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen

25 December 2020
The Nativity
Christmas Day

Priest: In the peace of this holy night (day) when God's mercy was revealed, let us pray:

For peace in the world: that the peace of Christ may descend on those parts of the world ravaged by violence, especially The Holy Land and the lands of The Middle East (pause)
Lord, hear us

For children and young people of our parish, that they may know the joy of friendship with Jesus
Lord, hear us

For those in our parish who are sick or housebound this Christmas: that they may know the joy and peace of God's blessing
Lord, hear us

For those who spend this Christmas far from friends and family may they be supported by faith and friendship
Lord, hear us

For the Faithful departed; that they may know the joy and peace in the presence of God and the saints
Lord, hear us

Priest Heavenly Father; look with favour on our prayers, which we make in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord Amen