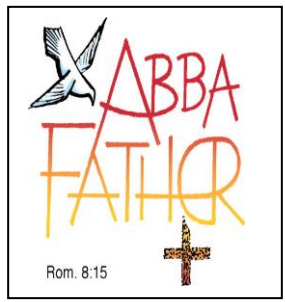


6th DECEMBER 2020 – 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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: *Mon 7th St Ambrose– Bishop & Doctor, Tues 8th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of advent, may your wisdom open our eyes and our hearts to see your presence among us. Help us to embrace the grace of Advent patience, that we may live our lives in the peace and hope of your coming at Christmas.

Thought for the Week

*“Hope needs patience
The patience of knowing that we sow
but it is God who gives growth.”*

Pope Francis

PRAYER PEOPLE

**Intention for Parish Community Year 11
Week 2**

We pray that all in the parish will do their best to follow the three guidelines to help prevent the spread of Covid 19 and we pray for all involved in the care of those suffering from this virus.

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

'THE FAITH CORNER'

Reminder if any in our parish are stuck and need messages, things picked up etc. we have a small team ready to go and do whatever is needed, just send a message or ring St Joseph's and speak to Fr James.

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: Joe Murray

Month's Mind: Mary Moran

1st Anniv: Mary Lindsay

Anniversary: Catherine McCormack, Mary Dobbin, Susan Galvin, Jackie Bradin, Thomas Kelly
Veronica Doyle, Mary Symington, Angela Gray, Frank & Mary McGleenan, Bernie O'Connor

CORONAVIRUS SITUATION

In keeping with the guidelines, there will be no public masses in the parish until Friday 11th December.

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

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) from Monday 7th December between 12noon and 4pm. Entry to these 4 masses will be by reservations only and these will close when capacity is reached .

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 but we hope you will understand the reason for this, namely to prevent the spread of the virus.

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

Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be at 11am on Tuesday 8th December and will be streamed on the Parish Facebook page and YouTube.

Advent Prayer Services

Will be streamed on Monday evening @ 7.30pm on the 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

6 December 2020
Second Sunday of Advent

Priest: We gather together as a parish in prayer, with those here present and with all who join us on line to thank God for the gift of life to ask for his protection and ask his forgiveness for the times we have failed to live up to our Christian calling.

We pray for the Church, for our Holy Father Pope Francis and for all who with him bring us the sacraments and by their encouragement keep our trust in God alive especially when we feel discouraged

Lord, hear us

As we continue our journey through Advent to Christmas let us straighten out our lives as we prepare to welcome the Child Jesus. Let us strive to overcome selfishness and to be more open to the needs of others especially the vulnerable who cannot help themselves.

Lord, hear us

Let us pray for people who are fearful and anxious for their health and the health of their families as the Covid virus continues to take lives; we pray for families whose livelihood is affected by the loss of earnings and those whose businesses have been destroyed. Lord sustain them and bring relief

Lord, hear us

We pray that the vaccine will be a success bring healing and prevent the further spread of the virus We pray that people will act responsibly to contribute to the ending of the spread by taking seriously the advice from the medical and scientific advisors

Lord, hear us

We pray for the sick and all who care for them at home, in hospitals or in Care Homes that they get the support they need to carry their heavy load

We pray for those who have lost loved ones through the pandemic. May they be comforted and supported

We pray for those who have died; may they be at peace with God, free from all pain in his loving and forgiving presence. We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and all whom we remember now.

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All those named in the bulletin

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace

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.