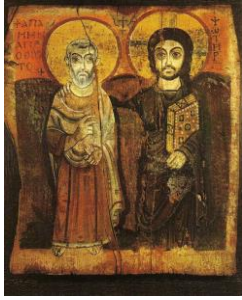


10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021 – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



PARISH OF ANTRIM  
St Comgall, St Joseph, St MacNissius

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**SUNDAY MASSES**

St. Comgall's  
St. Joseph's  
St. MacNissius

Weekday Mass

St. Comgall's:  
St. MacNissius:  
St. Joseph's:

Confessions

St. Comgall's – Sat 12 - 12.30pm

**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 and youtube : Parish of Antrim**

Feasts: *Fri 15<sup>th</sup> St Ita - Virgin*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Lord God, we pray for a deeper understanding of the meaning of our Baptism. Help us to appreciate the dignity conferred on us through the sacrament. Give us the grace to live up to it with joy and generosity so that we may continue your mission of love on earth.*

***Thought for the Week***

*Whenever there is a sudden downpour of rain, you often hear people saying “the heavens opened.” The phrase is used about the baptism of Jesus in today’s gospel. Baptism does not remove us from the world. It saturates and soaks us in the muddied waters of every human need. As baptized people we are embraced as God’s “beloved” through the living Spirit.*

**PRAYER PEOPLE**

Intention for Parish Community Year 11  
Week 7

*We pray for children and young people whose lives are greatly upset because of the Covid that they will be able to manage and cope with this change.*

**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.*

**'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.

**Diocesan Directories are available from the Parish office– Cost £4**

**We pray for: Recently Deceased:** Aine Martin, Michael Skelton, Lily McManus, Maureen Kelly, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv: Nicholas Dillon

**Anniversary:** Canon Malachy Murphy, Jimmy Hannon, Sarah McLaughlin, Teresa McClean, Kathleen Mackle, Roisin Mackle, Jayne Symington, Rosaline Beedim, Mary Elizabeth Bean, Kathleen Moore, Peter McCaherty, James Taggart, Annie Corr, Mary Marley, June Duffin, Charles & John Woods, Stephen Creane, Mary Carbery

## **CORONAVIRUS SITUATION**

***The Catholic Bishops of Northern Ireland have stated on the 7th January 2021 that:***

***“in the current serious and worsening situation and in line with clear public guidance that people should stay at home, we have decided that for a limited period from Thursday 7th January until 6th February 2021, subject to review in late January) that the celebration of the Eucharist and other liturgies should take place, without the physical presence of the faithful – with the exception of marriage, funeral and baptismal liturgies.”***

***This means that in our parish there will be no mass open for people to attend but mass will be streamed live on the Parish of Antrim Facebook and YouTube. This will happen daily at 10am and on a Saturday evening @ 5.30pm and on Sunday at 12 noon.***

### **Funerals**

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

### **Weddings**

***Attendance at weddings is limited to 25 persons.***

### **Baptism**

***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.***



Antrim Foodbank are keen that all those in food poverty in the local area know the Foodbank exists and can be signposted to it for help. The following website address can be used to contact the Foodbank: <https://antrim.foodbank.org.uk>

**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<sup>th</sup> January. The closing date for applications is 12 noon Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Please log on to [www.eani.org.uk/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/admissions)

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**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**Priest:** Mindful of our own call in Baptism to be faithful to Christ, we bring our prayers before God in the name of his Son

We pray for the universal Church baptised in the Holy Spirit, that the Church guided by our Holy Father Pope Francis may effectively lead people to acknowledge Christ as the Son of God

**Lord hear us**

We pray for all those in troubled parts of the world who suffer for their Religious beliefs, that nations may resolve their conflicts by seeking the justice and peace brought to the world by Jesus

**Lord hear us**

We pray that each of us may renew the commitment of our own baptism, renouncing sin and promising to serve God faithfully in our daily lives

**Lord hear us**

We pray that all those initiated by baptism to be followers of Christ may discern and live out the vocation to which Christ is calling them,

**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 those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time,

**Recently Deceased:** Aine Martin, Michael Skelton, Lily McManus, Maureen Kelly,

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**All those named in the bulletin**

may they be at peace in the loving and forgiving presence of God and Mary our Mother.

**Lord, hear us**

**Priest** God our Father we offer these and all our prayers through your Son Jesus who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God forever and ever. Amen.