

26th FEBRUARY 2023 – 1st SUNDAY OF LENT



PARISH OF ANTRIM
St Comgall, St Joseph, St MacNissius

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SUNDAY MASSES

St. Comgall's 9.00am 11.00am
St. Joseph's 5.30pm (Sat vigil) 12.00noon
St. MacNissius 10.00am

Weekday Mass

St. Comgall's: Monday, Wed, Friday & Sat 10.00am
St. Joseph's: Tues & Thurs 10am Fri 7pm

Mass is celebrated every Mon – Sat morning in the parish at 10am and on Sat @ 5.30pm, Sunday at 9am 11am & 12noon. Available to view on the Parish facebook page and youtube: Parish of Antrim

Confessions

St. Comgall's – Sat 12 - 12.30pm
St. Joseph's—Sat 4.45 –5.15pm

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Heavenly father, who loves and cares for all your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable, we entrust to you the lives of the many children and vulnerable adults, who have been sexually abused, and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed. Help us to hear their cries of pain and take responsibility for so many broken lives. We pray that within their communities and families they may find understanding and support so that with the help of your grace their wounds may be healed, and they may again know peace.

Thought for the Week

Prayer lies at the heart of reminding ourselves to give time to God so that God may speak to us in the silence of our heart.

Trocaire Boxes are available in the churches. Please take one.

PRAYER PEOPLE

Intention for Parish Community Year 11
Week 14

We pray for all parishioners that this Lent will be a holy season and that all will try to be more faithful to the Gospel.

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

Offertory Collection: £2,736.00
Thank you to all who contributed.

Recently Deceased: Greta Mullan, Paul Madden, Philip Lee, Rita Burns (Loughguile)

Month's Mind: Paul Martin, Marie Laverty

1st Anniv: Richard Dean, Rosemary Wilson

Anniversaries: Seamus Cunningham, Alison O'Neill, Margaret Matthews, Patricia McLaughlin, Adeline Hughes, Susan Mailey, Anthony Monaghan, Johnny Mackle, Hugh McAuley, Arnie Clarke, Teresa Doone, Rosemary Close, Betty Milligan

Life in the Spirit Seminars will take place in St Joseph's Hall on Sunday at 6pm
"It is catechesis that produces, by the work of the Holy Spirit, the personal encounter with Jesus who changes our life" Pope Francis.

There will be a talk, some small group discussion, some prayer and refreshments.

Children's liturgy will be starting again for primary 1-4 this Sunday for an initial period during lent and will be held at 12pm mass in St Joseph's church. Children must be registered, If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for Children's Liturgy please contact Michelle McShane 07746552056

Monday Evening Prayer Service in St Comgall's Church @ 7pm.

Lectio Divina. Will take place on: Each Friday in St Joseph's after 7pm mass and Monday St Comgall's after 10am mass.

A Thought for Lent 2023:

"WHY BOTHER ABOUT SYNODALITY IN THE CHURCH?"

We are pleased to invite you to St Comgall's Primary School, Antrim on Saturday 4 March, 10.30am - 1.00pm, to hear reflections on this question from Dr Nicola Brady, Chair of the National Synod Committee and Fr. Timothy Bartlett, Delegate for Diocesan Pastoral Planning

Message from SVP – It has been brought to our attention that individuals have been calling at houses within the Antrim Parish area, claiming to be carrying out a door to door collection on behalf of SVP. We wish to make it clear that SVP do not carry out door to door collections. All donations to SVP are made in the normal way, as detailed in the parish bulletin and should not be made in any other way. If you have any concerns about this matter please contact one of the SVP members on the helpline numbers:

St Comgall's 07508549597 St Joseph's 07738838119

The women's **World Day of Prayer** will take place in All Saint's Church, Antrim on Friday 3rd March 2023 at 8pm. Everyone is welcome

This year's service has been written by the Christian women of Taiwan and is entitled "I have heard about your faith"

Pioneer Temporary Pledge information for parishioners wishing to take this temporary pledge for Lent can be found on website www.pioneers.ie.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023 Full board in hotel: 5 nights (11th – 17th July) for £769. Application forms only available from Pilgrimage office on 02890770162 email: Lourdes@downandconnor.org/Lourdes

POETRY AND PRAYERS – A MONASTIC TRAIL AROUND LOUGH NEAGH

We are pleased to announce that we have two tours available for this new spiritual tour, led by Jim Deeds and Christine Doherty. The dates are **March 4th 2023 and March 25th 2023**. Cost per person is £80, tea/coffee at the Lock Keeper's Cottage in Toomebridge, evening meal in Benburb Priory, historic information and spiritual guidance. **Coach pickup is at Castle Mall car park, Antrim at 10am, returning by 6pm on Saturday March 4th and 25th 2023.**

Email poetryandprayers@hotmail.com to book a place,

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Priest: During these day of Lent, we watch and walk more closely with Christ as we present to God the Father our prayers and petitions

We pray for the whole Christian people, that in this sacred time they may be more abundantly nourished by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for the whole world, that we may bear the fruits of repentance through seeking justice for the oppressed, compassion for the poor and caring for the earth our common home.

Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for ourselves that we may use this time of grace to become fully reconciled to God that we may live according to his commands.

Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for those preparing for baptism that they may grow in wisdom and love and knowledge of the Lord all the day of their lives. May their sponsors be worthy examples of Christian faith.

Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for those who are sick or tempted to despair that they may know the healing presence of Christ in their pain and loneliness.

Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for all who have died that they may receive a merciful judgement and enter into the kingdom prepared for them since the foundation of the world

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All those named in the bulletin

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Priest: Grant, we pray O Lord, that your people may turn to you with all their heart, so that what they dare to ask in prayer they may receive by your mercy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen