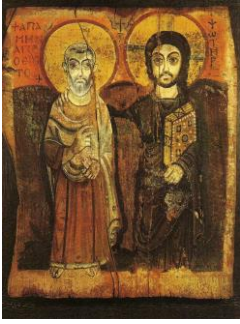


12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023 – 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



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

Feasts:

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Lord, in the midst of the ordinary things you call us to the deeper realities. Help us to shape our thoughts and values in accordance with your word. Never let us be satisfied, until we come to you, the spring of living water, welling up for eternal life.*

***Thought for the Week***

***Close your ears if anyone starts preaching to you without speaking of Jesus Christ.***

***St Ignatius of Antioch***

**PRAYER PEOPLE**

**Intention for Parish Community Year 11**  
**Week 16**

*We pray with thanksgiving for the gift of faith that we have received from God and remember those who have influenced that faith.*

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

Offertory Collection: £3,058.00  
***Thank you to all who contributed.***

**Recently Deceased:**

**Month's Mind:** Mary Conn

**Anniversaries:** Annie McDonald, Bernadette Graffin, Bridget McKernon, Annie Duffin, Lisa Magill, Patsy Clarke, Margaret McKendry, Sarah Trainor, Niall Davies, Frank O'Hagan, Francis Flynn, Terry Smith, Rose Smith

**ST PATRICK, BISHOP, PRINCIPAL PATRON OF IRELAND**

Mass times:

<i>St Comgall's Church</i>	<i>Vigil Thurs 7pm &amp; 10am</i>
<i>St Joseph's Church</i>	<i>11am &amp; 7.00pm</i>
<i>St MacNissius' Church</i>	<i>9.30am</i>

**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.

**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**

**Antrim/ Randalstown Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine Knock,** Week-end 13th /14th May 2023, Total Cost £150, which includes Coach, Bed/Breakfast, 2 Evening Meals. Deposit £50, All bookings to be made before 25th March.  
Contact Vera 07540134325 or Catherine 028 94 46501

**Pioneer Temporary Pledge** information for parishioners wishing to take this temporary pledge for Lent can be found on website [www.pioneers.ie](http://www.pioneers.ie).

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

**Glenavy - Vacancy:**

Sacristan in Glenavy Parish 16 hrs per week. Salary £9.50 per hr.

Closing date for applications Thursday 16th March 12 noon Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website: [www.downandconnor.org](http://www.downandconnor.org) and on community NI website. Application packs can be obtained from Glenavy Parish Office.

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**Priest:** The father seeks our worship in spirit and in truth and so with faithful and sincere hearts we bring our prayers before him.

We pray that our Holy Father Pope Francis, who celebrates the tenth anniversary of his election as Supreme Pastor of the Church, may be blessed with health and wisdom for his task of leadership and service to the Church and the world

*Let us pray to the Lord*

We pray that governments may work tirelessly to safeguard the earth our common home and the precious resource of water so vital for life on earth.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

We pray that those who have suffered harm from the members of the church may find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

We pray that those who work the land may do so in safety and be rewarded with a bountiful harvest for the work of their hands.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

We pray that the sick may draw strength and comfort from the sufferings of Christ who is close to us in all our trials.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

We pray that all those who have died may rise to a new life in the eternal kingdom prepared for them before the foundation of the world.

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**All those named in the bulletin**

*Let us pray to the Lord*

**Priest:** Have mercy O Lord, on the prayers of your people and turn with compassion towards those who seek your help. In the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.