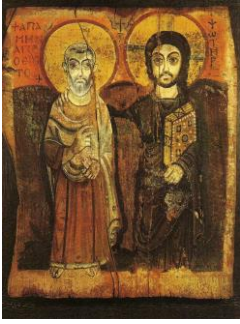


5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023 – 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT



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: Tues 7th Sts Perpetua & Felicity – Martyrs, Wed 8th St John of God – Religious  
Thurs 9th St Frances of Rome - Religious

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*O God you ask us to listen to Jesus. Listening sounds so easy and yet is such hard work. Guide us as we listen to your Son, whose word is alive, who is himself the Way, the Truth and the Life. In your goodness help us to become the kind of person you wish us to be.*

*Thought for the Week*

*The whole of your life should be a season of prayer."*

*St Basil the Great*

PRAYER PEOPLE

Intention for Parish Community Year 11  
Week 15

*We pray for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage that God will bless them in their time of preparation.*

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

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

**Recently Deceased:** Maud Law, John O'Carroll, Sheila Taylor, Sheila Glenn

**1<sup>st</sup> Anniv:** Eugene Creane,

**Anniversaries:** James Monaghan, Harry Morgan, Michael Dowd, Eilish O'Kane, Sadie O'Neill, James & Elizabeth McLoughlin, Kay Butcher, Danny McCloskey, Pat Clarke, Thomas Allen Mary Jefferies, Deirdre Doole, Charlie & Marie Sweeney, Peter & Peggy McCorry

**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**

**PRO-LIFE RALLY** - Be a voice for unborn babies at the **Rally for Life in Belfast on Saturday 11th March 2023** gathering in **Custom House Square at 2pm** A special **Mass for Life** will be offered in **St Patrick's Church, Donegall Street at 12.30pm**. Buses to the Rally leaving from various locations. For further information please contact Precious Life on 07592280522/02890278484 / email [info@preciouslife.com](mailto:info@preciouslife.com)

**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.

**5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Priest:** During these days of Lent, let us bring our prayers fervently before God with confidence in his great love and mercy.

We pray for the whole Christian people, that during this sacred time they may find nourishment from every word that comes from the mouth of God.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

We pray for the whole world, that lasting peace and swift justice may come for those who long for an end to war and oppression,

*Let us pray to the Lord*

We pray for those preparing for baptism and for parents and godparents that they may joyfully pass on the message of salvation.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

We pray for ourselves that we may grow in faith, hope and love as we faithfully persevere in our Lenten penance.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

We pray for the sick and infirm that their burden of suffering may be eased by the loving care of those around them.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

We pray for the faithful departed that they may receive a merciful judgement from God and enter with joy into the heavenly kingdom.

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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 whatever they ask in prayer they may receive by your great mercy, Through Christ our Lord. Amen.