

21st MAY 2023 – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - World Communications Day



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 10am 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: Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> St Rita of Cascia – Religious, Wed 25<sup>th</sup> St Bede the Venerable – Doctor & Priest, Fri 26<sup>th</sup> St Philip Neri - Priest

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Emmanuel, God with us, we thank you that you are always with us. Help us to find and recognize you in all the events of our lives. Strengthen our faith, hope and love so that the presence of your Spirit may be manifested in our thoughts, words, and actions.*

**Thought for the Week**

*“Human beings judge one another by their external actions. God judges them by their moral choice.”*

*C.S.Lewis*

**PRAYER PEOPLE**

**Intention for Parish Community Year 11**  
**Week 26**

*God of Love, you are with us in every transition and change. As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us.*

*We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. We ask this in your Holy Name.*

Offertory Collection: £2550.00  
*Thank you to all who contributed.*

**Recently Deceased:** Barry Lynch, Kathleen Macauley

**Month's Mind:** Edward D'Costa,

**1st Anniversary:** Neil Foster

**Anniversaries:** Eddie McKernon, Molly Donnelly, Anne Blackwell, Fred Kift, George Hart, Andrew McAnespie, Maria Nesbitt, Anna & Ronnie Wright, Sheila & Patrick Shannon, James Begley, Marie Robinson

**Paediatric Memorial Prayer Service will be held in St Joseph's Church @ 3pm on Sunday 21st May. All are welcome.**

**PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE**

In the Gospel this Sunday we hear the mission that Jesus gives his Church - "Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations." And that is still our mission today. Here in Down and Connor, our Pathways to the Future programme has been set up to help us go out, make disciples and share the love of Christ more effectively in the coming years.

One initial task is the count of Mass attendance which is happening across the diocese this weekend. On a practical level this helps us to get an accurate snapshot of who is connecting with our local parishes at this time. But it also encourages us to reflect about who isn't coming and how we might go out and share the Gospel with them.

That might seem a daunting task and it will mean doing some things differently in the future. But if we work together as a whole Church - lay people, religious and clergy, guided by the Holy Spirit - God promises that our efforts will be fruitful. Let's pray for the courage and imagination to go out and make disciples here in Down and Connor.

**Jesuit Centre: 193 – 195 Donegal St. Belfast** are holding the following events:

**St. Ignatius of Loyola – A Saint for troubled times** – a 2 hr talk and open forum José María Rodríguez Olaizola SJ. Saturday 20th May 2023 2pm-4pm.

**Encountering the Holy Spirit in our Lives: A Pentecost Retreat:** a time of discovery, re-creation, and deepening of our relationship with God. A Weekend (non-residential) retreat with Tom Cashman, an Ignatian Spiritual Guide from Tucson, Arizona

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm – 9.00pm, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am – 5pm (lunch included)

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am – ends with Pentecost Mass at 12.00midday.

Register by email [belfastjesuitcentre@gmail.com](mailto:belfastjesuitcentre@gmail.com)



**PENTECOST IRELAND: 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY – ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH**

**BEHOLD BEHOLD**

**27 MAY**

**JOIN US! REGISTER ONLINE!**

**ALL DAY EVENT 10AM - 10PM**

<b>THE TWELVE</b> MARIA DOHERTY ROISIN DOHERTY LIZ WHYTE @ RADIO MARIA	 CONNECTION WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT	 OF ANTRIM PARISH	 INTIMACY WITH GOD	 GOD'S HEART FOR IRELAND	<b>CENACLE LONDON WORSHIP &amp; MINISTRY</b> ANGELA MCMORROW AND MANY MORE TO BE CONFIRMED!
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**! ONLINE REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL FOR ENTRY!**  
**MASS - ADORATION - CONFESSION - FELLOWSHIP**

**St Joseph's Catholic Church**  
56 Greystone Road, Antrim, BT41 1JZ

**PENTECOST IRELAND**

**FREE ENTRY | FREE PRAYER | FREE HOLY SPIRIT**

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**Priest:** The Lord has promised to be with us till the end of time. With joy let us bring our needs and those of the church and the world before him.

We pray that the Church may faithfully communicate Christ's saving message to all creation in accordance with his command to make disciples of all nations.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

We pray that political leaders may work for peace and justice among their peoples with special regard for the poorest and most vulnerable in society.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

We pray that those who work in communications and all who use social media may reflect the values of truth and be guided by compassion for the good of all.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

We pray for our diocese, that we will all have the courage to live as missionary disciples of Christ. May the power of the Gospel shine forth in our daily social and family life.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

We pray that the sick and those who care for them may be supported by our prayers for their healing and encouragement.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

We pray that the faithful departed may follow the ascended Lord to new life in the eternal kingdom.

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**All those named in the bulletin**

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**Priest:** Heavenly Father, with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who waited in prayer with the apostle for the coming of the Holy Spirit, may our prayers find favour with you 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