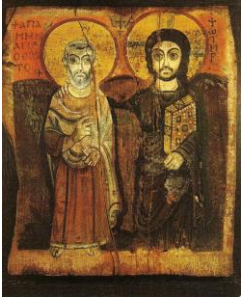


10th MARCH 2024 – 4th SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)



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:

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord, be our strength as we continue our Lenten journey. We ask you to bless us with the joy of your presence. In your goodness help us to become more aware of and to trust your love for us. Grant us a steadfast spirit as we seek to share your love in a caring and compassionate way.

Thought for the Week

“Don't try to reach God with your understanding; that is impossible. Rather reach him in love; that is possible.”

Carlo Carretto

PRAYER PEOPLE

Intention for Parish Community Year 11
Week 15

We pray for each other that we will make lent a time of prayer fasting and almsgiving for everyone.

Offertory Collection: £3,040.00
Thank you to all who contributed.

Recently Deceased: Mary Travers

1st Anniv: Eileen Keaney

Anniversaries: Eileen Walker, Thomas Allen, Bernadette Graffin, Martin Lavery, John O'Neill Sadie O'Neill, Annie McDonald, Patrick Toner, Francis O'Hagan, Bridget McKernon

St Patrick, Principal Patron Saint of Ireland Solemnity will be celebrated next Sunday. Mass times will be as usual for a Sunday.

Lenten Prayer Services will take place each Monday evening during Lent @ 7pm in St Comgalls Church and will last about 30 mins the theme for this time is:

REPENT AND BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS

Monday 11th March - Week 4

“It is by grace that you have been saved, through faith, not by anything of your own.” Eph. 2:7

FIRST PENANCE

Congratulations to the young people who received the sacrament of Penance for the first time. May they always enjoy God’s forgiveness.

PARISH ENVELOPES – New parish envelopes are being prepared for the coming year. If you wish to have an envelope or a standing order form from 7th April, 2024 please contact the parish office.

Parish Rosary and Night Prayer Every Tuesday @ 8pm in St Joseph’s Church. All welcome.

The Rosary You are invited to join in praying the Rosary for peace in the world, in our communities and in our homes. The Rosary will take place in Sister Catherine’s office (beside the Parochial House) each Sunday & Thursday evenings at 7PM. if you are not able to make it, please join us from wherever you are .

Apostolic Bingo Tea

The next Bingo Tea is on Sunday 10 March at 8 pm in St Joseph’s Hall. Books are £5 and everyone is welcome to come along for a good night’s craic while helping to raise much needed funds for the Developing World.

Antrim & Randalstown Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine Knock

Week/end, 11th/12th May 2024, Cost:- Sharing £150 Single Room £165. Includes Coach, B/breakfast & 2 Evening Meals. Contact Vera 07540134325 Catherine 028 94465021

A ST PATRICK'S WAY pilgrimage experience in Downpatrick on March 16, led by pilgrim guides Martina Purdy and Elaine Kelly. Visit The Saint Patrick Centre, see IMAX film, & receive passport to walk with guides to Inch Abbey and Saul Church & St Patrick's grave. Lunch and bus transfers inc £35 pp. 9am-3pm More info contact the Centre 02844 619000 (The walk is approx 6 miles)

Right to Life Support an amendment to reduce our abortion law from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Babies born prematurely at 22 weeks are thriving and there is a contradiction in our abortion law. Collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP in support of this amendment.

The 4th Sunday of Lent (LAETARE SUNDAY)
10th March 2024

Priest: God's generous mercy is open to his people at all times and so we bring our prayers and petitions before him with confidence.

We pray that the Church may joyfully proclaim the truth of the Gospel and that the call to repentance and transformation of our lives and our world may be heard.

Let us pray to the Lord

We pray that God may guide those in authority to care for the world in all its wonder and for those who are suffering from poverty, war and oppression.

Let us pray to the Lord

We pray that mothers and all who have a mother's role everywhere may be blessed for their generosity and love.

Let us pray to the Lord

For those attending the Diocesan Vocation Retreat this weekend. That Jesus, the Light of the World, may guide them in their discernment and give them the courage to respond to His call,

Let us pray to the Lord

We pray that the Lord may grant healing, patience and comfort to all who call upon him in pain or distress.

Let us pray to the Lord

We pray that our deceased loved ones and all of the faithful departed may be welcomed into the light of God's face.

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All those named in the bulletin.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: Loving god, who has taught us how to love through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus your son, hear our prayers and answer them according to your will and our good, Through Christ our Lord. Amen.