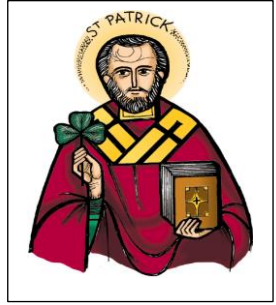


17th MARCH 2024 – SAINT PATRICK'S DAY



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:

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord, be my strength as I continue to move into Lent. Be at my side in my desire to do your will. In your goodness help me to become the kind of person you wish me to be. Guide me throughout this week that I may respond to your love.

Thought for the Week

The drudgery of the life of a slave boy was not the totality of Patrick's experience during his time in Ireland. During the six years he spent 'herding flock... in the woods and on the mountain' (Confession 16), exposed to the elements night and day, he turned to God with all his heart and soul. God was with him. 'God watched over me before I knew him' (Confession, 33). The frightened youth became a man of profound prayer. He learned to know God and experience his fatherly care and protection, 'God kept me safe and comforted me as a father would his son' (Confession, 2). He was graced with the intimate consolations of the Holy Spirit and filled with the love of Christ who, as he tells us, helped him, especially when, on one occasion, he was harassed by Satan.

PRAYER PEOPLE

Intention for Parish Community Year 11
Week 16

We pray for all parishioners who are struggling with their faith in God.

Offertory Collection: £2,895.00
Thank you to all who contributed.

Recently Deceased: John Toner, Geraldine Carlin (Australia)

1st Anniv: Jack McKittrick, Michelle O'Hare,

Anniversaries: Ann McBride, James Quinn Snr., Harry Letters, Daniel Allen, Mary Maguire, Joe Boyle, Margaret McKendry, James McAteer, Tommy Duffy, Bobby Robb, Francis Flynn, Terence Smith, Margaret McShane, Desmond Leslie, James, John & Paul Mathews, Annie Allen, Kathleen McKee, Margaret Walsh, Declan Campbell

Bishop Alan will take up his ministry and mission as Bishop of Down and Connor on Tuesday 19th March. O God bless your servant Alan whom you have chosen as shepherd of the church of Down & Connor. St. Malachy and St. MacNissi, pray for him.

***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 18th March - Week 5

***“During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty and in silent tears”
Hebrews 5:7***

PENITENTIAL AND HEALING SERVICE – SUNDAY 24TH MARCH

We would like to invite you to our next healing night which will be held on Sunday 24th March in St Joseph’s Church. Take some quiet time to sit before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament experiencing his grace and peace, receive healing through the Sacrament of Penance as this is the Parish Lenten Penitential Service and several priests will be available to hear Confessions. The service starts at 6pm and will run to 8pm and you can come for all or part of the time. Take the opportunity to receive the forgiveness of God. Everyone is welcome.

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 .

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.

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

Divine Mercy Sunday – Parish of LarneExposition of the Blessed Sacrament 2-3pm.. Confessions 2pm onwards. Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3pm. Mass begins at approximately 3-15pm.Music provided by Megan Mooney and Richard Barnes.

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 5th Sunday of Lent St Patrick's Day
17th March 2024

Priest: As the Solemnity of Easter approaches, dear friends, let our prayer to the Lord be all the more insistent, trusting as St. Patrick did in the Lord's great mercy.

We pray for our Holy Father Francis, that he may have continued good health to proclaim the merciful love of God.

Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for peace with justice in our troubled world that hatred and violence may turn to reconciliation and love and the suffering of the innocent may be eased.

Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for all who will be initiated into the Church this Easter that the seeds of the Gospel within them may yield a rich harvest of prayer, faith and service.

Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for all Irish people at home and abroad that this day of celebration of our national saint may unite hearts and minds and inspire us to remain faithful to the Gospel he served.

Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for all who are sick or housebound that they may know the gentle touch of God's healing love.

Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for those that have gone before us marked with the sign of faith that they may have received the gift of eternal life promised and received in baptism

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All those named in the bulletin.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: Father of love, through St. Patrick and the saints you have planted in our hearts the hope of eternal life. Hear our prayers and bring us and all of our loved ones to the joys of the kingdom of heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen