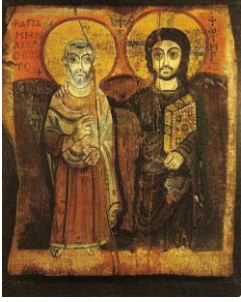
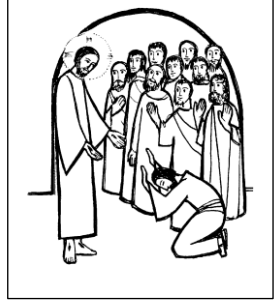


7<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024 – 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



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: Mon 8<sup>th</sup> The Annunciation of the Lord

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*O God, you know our hearts. Through the resurrection of Jesus, call us to new growth; strengthen our weakness and direct our strength, that transformed in Christ, we may bring this healing and forgiving word to those whose lives we touch.*

*Thought for the Week*

*“To the preacher who kept saying,  
“We must put God in our lives”  
The master said,  
“God is already there.  
“Our business is to recognize this.”*

*Anthony de Mello S.J.*

PRAYER PEOPLE

Intention for Parish Community Year 11  
Week 19

*We pray that parishioners who care for the sick and vulnerable that God will bless them in this important and demanding work.*

Offertory Collection: £2,770.00  
*Thank you to all who contributed.*

**Recently Deceased:** Robbie Robinson

**1<sup>st</sup> Anniv:** Marie McErlean

**Anniversaries:** Josie Bean, Mario Pandolfi, Peter Rafferty, Bobby & Kathleen Robb, Laura Simpson(baby), Kate McCusker, Margaret Taggart, Kieran McCloskey, Mary Drain, Julieann Graffin, James & Sarah Trainor, Patricia Flynn, Anne McAllister, Hugh McCavana, Cathal O'Hare

**TROCAIRE LENTEN APPEAL 2024**

*Returns for this appeal should be made as soon as possible.*

*Remember to Gift Aid if you are paying income tax.*

**Parish Rosary and Night Prayer** every Tuesday @ 8pm in St Joseph's Church. All welcome.

**PARISH ENVELOPES** – New parish envelopes have been prepared for the coming year. If you wish to have an envelope or a standing order form from 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 please contact the parish office. Envelopes will be available for collection in the church porches.

If you are not able to find your envelopes, please contact the parish office.

**Apostolic Bingo Tea**

The next Bingo Tea is on Sunday 14 April 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.

**Fun Bowls**

Fun Bowls start Tuesday 9 April in St Joseph's Hall from 7.30- 9.30 pm. Cost £2 (inc light refreshments). All ages and abilities welcome. Equipment provided.

**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 Larne 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024** Exposition 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** Join the Catholic Bishops in supporting an amendment to reduce our abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks, and opposing an amendment that would introduce abortion up to birth. These amendments may be voted on in the next few weeks. **Take action:** Collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP in support of the 22-week amendment. To oppose the abortion up to birth amendment, email your MP via this link: [www.righttolife.org.uk/johnsonabortionamendment](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/johnsonabortionamendment)

**Anam Cara Belfast**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday 8th April at 7:30pm in the Balmoral Hotel, Belfast, BT10 ND. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online meeting which takes place 2nd Thursday To join please contact us on 028 95213120.

**Have an electric night out at “Young Frankenstein” by St Agnes' Choral Society**

One of Belfast's biggest and best musical societies is back on stage with "Young Frankenstein" - the hilarious Mel Brooks Musical Comedy. St Agnes' Choral Society will be performing this monstrous hit at The MAC, Belfast from Tuesday 23rd to Saturday 27th April. "Walk this way" and get your tickets at [themaclive.com](http://themaclive.com). *We will also be fundraising for The Welcome Organisation at the shows.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
**7<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024**

**Priest:** Dear brothers and sisters, united in the paschal joy, let us pray to God the source of all happiness for our needs and those of the church and the world.

We pray for Pope Francis and the shepherds of our souls that they may have the strength and wisdom to care for God's people who have been entrusted to them.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

We pray for the whole world that it may truly know the peace given by Christ.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

We pray for ourselves and our parish community that we may bear witness with great confidence to our faith and joy in the Risen Christ.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

We pray for the Holy Father's intention for the month of April that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

We pray for our brothers and sisters who suffer from illness, grief or anxiety that they may have healing and their sorrow turned to gladness which no one can ever take from them.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

We pray for our deceased brothers and sisters that the Lord in his Divine Mercy may gather into his glorious kingdom all who have loved him with faith and devotion.

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**All those named in the bulletin.**

*Let us pray to the Lord.*

**Priest:** O God, who know that our life in this present age is subject to suffering and need, hear the desires of those who call upon you and receive the prayers of those who have not seen yet believe in you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.