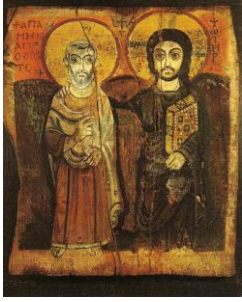


1<sup>st</sup> December 2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



PARISH OF ANTRIM  
St Comgall, St Joseph, St MacNissius

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STAY  
AWAKE

**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: Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> St Francis Xavier – Priest, Sat 7<sup>th</sup> St Ambrose – Bishop & Doctor

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Come Lord Jesus, and rouse us from the slumber of the everyday that we may recognize you in every moment and in every person each day of our lives. May your birth encourage us to true repentance and genuine conversion of heart.*

**Thought for the Week**

*Keep your hearts in peace;  
let nothing in the world  
disturb it,  
everything has an end.”*

*St John Of the Cross*

**PRAYER PEOPLE**

**Intention for Parish Community Year 11  
Week 1**

*We pray for all parishioners that they may live in hope because of their trust in God.*

Offertory Collection: £2,705.00  
*Thank you to all who contributed.*

*If you would like to set up a standing order please call or email the parish office to arrange this.*

**Recently Deceased:** Ann Doole, Harry Horan

**Month's Mind:** Margaret Braiden, Ronnie McCready

**1<sup>st</sup> Anniv:** Susan King, Mary Kerr

**Anniversaries:** Brigid Totten, Brigid Magee, Hugh & Sarah Doyle, James Canavan, Margaret McNally, Brian Donnelly Catherine and Denis O'Sullivan, Daniel & Roseann Johnston, Margaret Maguire, Gerald Hamilton, Joe Murray, Paul Lennon, Mary Lindsay Bridget Phillips, Alan Doole, George Jefferies (Jnr.), Francis P & Imelda Mulholland Angela Gray, Anthony Monaghan,

**Advent Prayer Services** will be held each Monday evening during Advent, starting from Monday 2nd December @ 7pm – 7.30pm in St Comgall's Church. There will be exposition, reflection, silent time of prayer and benediction. This week's *Theme: Give Thanks to God*

**The Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December and is a Holy Day of Obligation;**

**Mass Times**

**St. Joseph's 9.30am**

**St. Comgall's 10.00am & 7.00pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month**

**There will be Adoration and Confessions in St. Joseph's on Friday 6<sup>h</sup> December 2024 from 6pm – 7pm. This will take place on every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month.**

**The next Bingo Tea** is on Sunday 8 December at 8 pm in St Joseph's Hall. Books are £5. Everyone is welcome to come along for a good night's craic while helping to raise much needed funds for missionary work in the Developing World.

**St. Comgall's Choir** Wish to appeal for singers to give the choir some support for Christmas services, just come up the stairs!! Our numbers are dwindling and we really need new members.

**Mums n Tots**, Every Thursday 9.30 to 11.30am in St. Joseph's Hall. All welcome

**St Benedict's College Randalstown are hosting their annual Christmas Fayre on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024, from 6:30 to 9:30pm.** We have a great variety of stalls, food vendors, stories with Mrs Claus and Santa will be waiting in his grotto! Prizes to be won at the tombola, or get a ticket for our grand Christmas\_Draw. We look forward to seeing you there.

**The Down and Connor Lourdes Youth Team** would like to invite you to a Christmas quiz in aid of the youth team. Friday 6th December 7pm to around 9:30/10pm in St Bridget's parish hall, Belfast. Raffle prizes to be won as well.

**NI Cancer Pilgrimage To Lourdes. Sat 10 May To Thurs 15 May 2025**

The price of £859 (with price reduction for Cancer Patients) includes: Return flights from Belfast International Airport, facilitated by Joe Walsh Tours. Full board at the Hotel Agena in Lourdes for five nights based on twin/double/triple rooms. The party will consist of patients, ex-patients, relatives and friends accompanied by medical, nursing and other staff. To enquire or to obtain a booking form please contact:-Mrs Jean Clarke, Hon. Secretary, NI Cancer Pilgrimage, 67 Ballynahinch Road, Carryduff, Belfast, BT8 8DL, or speak to us on Tel. **078746 88388**, or e-mail at:- [mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk](mailto:mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk)

**1st December, 2024**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

**Priest:** God reveals his love and friendship for his faithful ones and so we bring our prayers and needs before him in trust and confidence.

We pray for the Church that this season of Advent may bring renewed hope in each believer's heart as we wait once more for the birth of Christ in our lives.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

We pray for our suffering and divided world of rich and poor, powerful and oppressed that all people of goodwill may work towards peace and justice.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

We pray for ourselves that the light of Christ will shine brightly for all of us gathered to celebrate the Eucharist today that we may enjoy fullness of life.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

We pray for a true spirit of preparation for Christ's coming that we may show generosity and forgiveness and care for those who are in need.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

We pray for the sick and housebound and those feeling lonely or isolated that they may have the Lord's healing touch and the comfort of our prayers.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

We pray for all who have died and those who have gone home to God since this time last year that they may rejoice in heaven's light

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**All those named in the bulletin.**

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**Priest:** Father in heaven hear our prayers as we seek your saving help during these Advent days as we try to grow in holiness and faith in the light of Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.