

23rd MARCH 2025 – 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



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: Tues 25<sup>th</sup> The Annunciation of the Lord*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Lord God, help us be attentive to the power of your word; shape our thoughts and values in accordance with the gospel. Send the fire of your Spirit into our lives so that we may follow your call and share your life.*

*Thought for the Week*

*“The Lord never tires of forgiving.  
It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness.”*

*Pope Francis*

**PRAYER PEOPLE**

**Intention for Parish Community Year 12**  
**Week 18**

*We pray for the members of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee that they will serve the parish community well*

Offertory Collection: £3,744.00

*Thank you to all who contributed.*

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

**Recently Deceased:** Bridie Clarke

**Month's Mind:** Eileen Lowry

**1<sup>st</sup> Anniv:** Philomena Jennings, Margaret Fitzsimmons

**Anniversaries:** Gail Fitzpatrick, James McAteer, James Quinn Snr., Henry Letters, John Quinn, Martha McVeigh, Catherine Monaghan, Christy Quigg, Declan Campbell, Thomas Dobbin, Christina Bowen, Christina Bowen, Mary Maguire, Barney Heffron,

**LENTEN PROGRAMME 2025**  
**WAYS YOU CAN GIVE 30 MINUTES TO GOD**

**Mondays: 7 - 7.30pm in St. Comgall's Church**

**PRAY WITH ME**

**Wednesdays: 7.00pm in St Joseph's Church**

**SHARE THE CROSS**

**Fridays: Praying before the Blessed Sacrament –**

**30 minutes Adoration in St Comgall's Church from 10 -12 noon and St Joseph's Church from 6 – 7pm**

*The Commissioning of Pastoral Council and Finance Committee by Bishop Alan McGuckin will take place at 12noon mass this Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> of March. All are welcome.*

**Pilgrims of Hope - 24 Hours for the Lord**

A key moment in this Jubilee Year 2025 is the celebration of "24 hours for the Lord". This is an initiative of Pope Francis who writes, "special care should be taken to prepare priests and faithful to celebrate the sacrament of Confession and to make it readily available in its individual form"

**In Down and Connor "24 Hours for the Lord" will be celebrated on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> March, in three centres:**

**St Mary's Church, Belfast, from 11.00am until 5.30pm;**

**All Saints Church, Ballymena, from 12 noon until 5.30pm;**

**St Patrick's, Church Downpatrick. 10.30am until 4.00pm.**

**Priests will be available for confession throughout those times indicated.**

**Tea & Coffee Morning** will take place after 12noon Mass this Sunday in St. Joseph's. Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Come along and enjoy a cuppa and a chat with your fellow parishioners.  
All welcome

**FIRST PENANCE**

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

**Pray For Our Children** will take place every Tuesday during Lent (11th March - 14th April) 9.05 -9.20 AM in St Comgall's Church.

**Foodbank Appeal** Fionnuala O'Donnell representing Antrim Foodbank will be speaking at masses this weekend.

**Call for Gardening Volunteer**

Do you, or someone you know (parent, grandparent or friend of St. Comgall's) have green fingers, and a little free time to assist our Eco Team in maintaining aspects of our school grounds? **Maintaining pots and planters, Overseeing our vegetable planting area etc.** If you, or someone you know, would like to volunteer to help, please contact Mrs Cunningham at school on 02894428837. Kind regards, The St Comgall's Team

**Easter Flower Arrangement Workshop By Nua Flowers** in St. Comgall's Youth Centre Weds 16th April 7—9pm Cost £35 per head (includes all sundries and fresh materials) Raffle with all proceeds in aid of Parish Funds. Tea/Coffee & Festive Snacks provided. Please leave your name with Nuala 07742788940

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**Priest:** The Lord is the saviour of all people and so we present our prayers before him confident that we shall be heard.

For persecuted Christians and the Church throughout the world may be kept safe from harm and find strength and encouragement in times of trial.

*Let us pray to the Lord.*

That governments and authorities may work for peace and harmony between people and have great care for the environment which is home for all.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

That during this season of reconciliation and forgiveness we may offer and seek forgiveness for ourselves as the Lord has forgiven us.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

That children and young people in our families and community may find inspiration and example through the gospel message and our faithful witness as Christ's followers.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

That God's healing touch may bring peace and wholeness to all those who are suffering illness, disease or mental distress.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

We pray for those who, having lived in this world, have been born into eternity. We pray especially for...

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**All those named in the bulletin.**

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**Priest:** God of love and gentleness, hear our prayers and grant them according to your will that we might live in union with you and at peace with one another. Through Christ our Lord. Amen