

9th MARCH 2025 – 1st 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:

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord, be my strength as I enter the journey of Lent. Guide me in my thoughts, words, and actions. I ask you to bless me and be my support. Grant me a readiness to forgive as you forgive me, to be considerate to others and generous to the poor and the needy of our world.

Thought for the Week

*“The three temptations of Christ, temptations which the Christian is faced with daily.
Three temptations which seek to corrode, destroy and extinguish the joy and freshness of the Gospel.
Three temptations which lock us into a cycle of destruction and sin.”*

Pope Francis

PRAYER PEOPLE

Intention for Parish Community Year 12
Week 16

We pray for all parishioners that they will resist all temptations that distract them from living the Gospel.

Offertory Collection: £4,056.00

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:

1st Anniv: John Toner

Anniversaries: May Corr, Eileen Walker, James Hill, Annie Duffin, Bridget Mulqueeney Sadie & Sean O'Neill, Annie McDonald, Martha Lavery, Bernard Totten, Maud Law, Bridget McKernan, Peter & Peggy McCorry, Eileen Keaney, Kay Butcher, Francis O'Hagan

LENTEN PROGRAMME 2025
WAYS YOU CAN GIVE 30 MINUTES TO GOD

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

PRAY WITH ME

Gospel Reading, Reflection. Time of quiet and benediction

Tuesdays: 9.05—9.20am in St Comgall's Church

PRAYER OF WOMEN FOR CHILDREN

Scripture reading, prayer and lighting of Candles.

*"And he took the children in his arms,
placed his hands on them and blessed them".*

Wednesdays: 7.00pm in St Joseph's Church

SHARE THE CROSS

Reflections on the Stations of the Cross

Thursdays: 7.30—8.30pm in St Comgalls Minor Hall

VISIO DIVINA

How a certain painting can invite us to pray.

**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

FASTING for a period of time on a day each week

ALMSGIVING remember Trocaire during Lent

"Visio Divina - Picture your faith"

Open to all, a prayer evening welcoming everybody, wherever you are in your faith journey.

Visio Divina is a beautiful evening of praying through art, history and scripture, following Christ's journey through his passion, death and resurrection.

Enjoy a chat & cuppa afterwards and get to know your community

Dates: 13th, 20th, 27th March & 3rd April

Venue: Minor Hall at St Comgall's Time: 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Pray For Our Children

Parents do a great job. This Lent we pray with them for their children. This invitation is open to everyone in the parish to join in prayer: grandparents, friends, neighbours, schools, the housebound.

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.

Join in:

1. By saying the prayer each day at home (attached to the bulletin and on Antrim Parish Facebook page).
2. Pray with us in St Comgall's for 10 mins any Tuesday in Lent. Call into the Church after the school drop off.
3. Light a candle in the Church.

We are all part of this parish family and we encourage you to come together to pray for the children in a world that is full of goodness, with its difficulties and challenges for the children/young people to negotiate.

Bingo Tea is this Sunday 9th March at 8 pm in St Joseph's Hall. Books are £5.

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Priest: St. Paul says, ‘The faith we proclaim is very near to you; it is on your lips and in your heart’. In that faith, we bring our prayers

For the Church: that we may have a true spirit of self-denial during this Lenten season and be content with less so that others may have more.

Let us pray to the Lord.

For world leaders. May they be guided in their decision making by wisdom, compassion and the common good. May they not succumb to the temptations of the prince of this world.

Let us pray to the Lord

‘Man does not live on bread alone’. We pray that we do not allow the pursuit of material goods come between us and God.

Let us pray to the Lord

For those who are sick: that they may be comforted, strengthened and protected by the Holy Spirit who brings God’s love and healing to all who suffer.

Let us pray to the Lord

For the faithful departed: may they enter into the promised land ‘where milk and honey flow’, and find rest in the presence of God.

We pray especially for...

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All those named in the bulletin.

Let us pray to the Lord

Priest: Heavenly Father, as we arm ourselves with weapons of self-denial during this sacred period of Lent, may we be strong against the attacks of the enemy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.