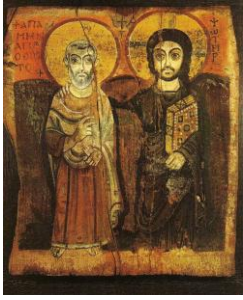


1st MARCH 2026 – 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT



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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 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

Adoration: Fri 10.30 – 12 noon St. Comgall's
Every 1st Fri. @ 6pm St. Joseph's

Prayer Group – Every Wed 7pm in Sr.
Catherine's Room
St. Comgall's

**Readings: Sunday Cycle A 2nd Sunday
of Lent. Weekday Cycle 2**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*O God you ask us to listen to Jesus.
Listening sounds so easy and yet is
such hard work. Guide us as we listen
to your Son, whose word is alive, who
is himself the Way, the Truth and the
Life. In your goodness help us to
become the kind of person you wish us
to be.*

Thought for the Week

*“Lent comes providentially to
reawaken us,
to shaken us from our lethargy.”*

Pope Francis

PRAYER PEOPLE

Intention for Parish Community Year 13
Week 14

*We pray for all parishioners that
they will have the commitment to
turn away from sin and be
faithful to the Gospel.*

Offertory Collection: £3,214.00
Thank you to all who contributed.

Recently Deceased: Frank Fitzsimons, Paul Donnelly
Anniversaries: Sean Martin, Sean Adams, Margaret Matthews, Harry Morgan,
James & Elizabeth McLaughlin, Anthony & Paul Monaghan, Danny McCloskey,
Bernard Totten Jnr., Neil & Sadie McIlmunn, Rosemary Wilson, Carol McCaughley,

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to all the young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this week in our parish .

Lent 2026

Monday evenings beginning Monday 16th Feb. 7.00pm **Stations of the Cross**

Lenten Fridays On Fridays, parishioners are encouraged to observe the Lenten fast of one full meal and two smaller meals (which together do not equal a full meal).

Through almsgiving, even a small donation can make a real difference, particularly in supporting the work of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) and Trócaire. Each Friday in Lent at St Comgall's Church: **7.00am – Morning Prayer, Exposition from 7.15am until 12 Noon**
10.00am – Mass (as usual)

All are welcome to join us in prayer as we journey through Lent together.

Trocaire Boxes will be available in the Churches – please take one.

Alpha Course Antrim Parish invites you to explore the Alpha Programme. Meet new people, explore questions of faith, with no pressure. Commencing Thursday 5th March for 12 weeks in St. Joseph's Hall from 7 – 9pm. Registration leaflets are available in the churches and online.

St Joseph's Liturgy Team require additional volunteers to read at the 5.30pm Mass on Saturdays and at the 12 o'clock Mass on Sundays. Members of the Liturgy team take turns at reading the liturgy throughout the year. Contact the parish office if interested. 94428016

Apostolic Bingo Tea

The next Bingo Tea is Sunday 8 March at 8 pm in St Joseph's Hall. Books £5. Everyone welcome for a good nights craic, while also helping raise much needed funds for the Missions.

The Legion of Mary. Need new members to help us with our work of bringing souls closer To God. We meet every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in St MacNissis Parish Centre, Randalstown. Please help Come and see Tel: 07798865887

Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, 9th/10th May, Coach will leave from Ballymena, Randalstown & Antrim. Cost £175 Sharing, Single £200. This includes Coach, B/b, Saturday Breakfast & Dinner, Evening meal Sunday. Contact Vera 07540134325

Women's World Day of Prayer 2026

The World day of Prayer will take place on **Friday 6th March at 8.00pm** in St Patrick's Church Parkhall. It is prepared this year by people in Nigeria.

Easter Flower Basket Workshop By Nua Flowers in **St. Comgall's** Youth Centre Wednesday 1st April 7—9pm Cost £40 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 before 25th April. An ideal Mother's Day present.

Down & Connor Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026: 8th/9th – 14th/15th July. 5 & 7 Night options available. Please visit www.downandconnor.org/lourdes for more information or call the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162 or email lourdes@downandconnor.org Youth Team (10-17th July): applications now open (see website for details)

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Priest: Inspired by the magnificence of the transfiguration of Christ, let us open up our hearts in prayer to his loving Father and with confidence seek His ever generous assistance.

We pray for our Church, that it be a holy place where the spirit of Christ is always with us, and that all his people are joyful in his presence as were the apostles at His Transfiguration.
Let us pray to the Lord

We pray that during this Lenten season, we commit to support the poor, the abandoned and the marginalised in our society.
Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the people of the third world where extreme weather and storms destroy crops and homes and leave families in situations of extreme hunger and need. May we listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.
Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for greater care on our roads so that all who travel may return safely on every occasion to their loved ones.
Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for those recently bereaved that they be comforted with the assurance that their loved ones are in the presence of the Christ who showed the infinite joy of his glorious presence to the apostles in his transfiguration.
Let us pray to the Lord

For the faithful departed: We pray especially for...

Recently Deceased: Frank Fitzsimons, Paul Donnelly
All those named in the bulletin.

That they may rejoice in the eternal light of God's presence, and that we may be comforted with the hope of his coming.
Let us pray to the Lord

Priest: Lord, we ask that you hear our prayers and grant us new life and hope through faith in your infinite love and generosity. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

