



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 2nd Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen – Bishops & Doctors

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving Father, embrace our family in your loving providence. In times of crisis and tension, bless our families with the hope of your consolation and forgiveness; in times of joy and growth, instil in us a spirit of thankfulness, never letting us forget that you are father of us all.

Thought for the Week

Let us draw from the crib the joy and peace that Jesus comes to bring to the world.

*Pope Francis
Christmas 2022*

PRAYER PEOPLE

**Intention for Parish Community Year 11
Week 5**

We pray for all those we know who are experiencing the pain and difficulties of problems in their married life and in family life.

Offertory Collection: £3,841.00
Thank you to all who contributed.

Recently Deceased: Vera Drain, Annie Gillen, Michael McCollum, Nora Brady(Ahoghill)
Bishop Patrick Walsh DD

Month's Mind: Agnes Corcoran

1st Anniv: Joe Maguire

Anniversaries: Jeff Burton, Margaret Murray, Imelda Hurrell, Terence Shields, Terry Maguire, Patrick Duffin, Nan & Pat Bradley, Seamus Graffin, Declan Henry, Marty McLaughlin

New Year's Day is World Day of Prayer for Peace and the solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God. There will be mass in the Parish at 12noon in St. Comgall's Church.

The feast of the Epiphany of the Lord is on Saturday 6th January and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times:

St Joseph's Church	7pm Vigil Friday & 11am Saturday
St Comgall's Church	10am Saturday
St McNissius' Church	9.15am Saturday

FAMILY DAY OF PRAYER – 6TH JANUARY AT ST COMGALL'S CHURCH, ANTRIM

We would like to invite everyone to our 'Prayer for the Family' event on 6th January starting at 12pm and finishing with Vigil Mass at 4.30pm.

Let's encourage you all to take some time out after the busy Christmas season to pause, reflect and give thanks to God for our Parish families.

There will be children's activities provided by the Children's liturgy team and parents will have the opportunity to pray for their families.

We are all part of God's family, so all are very welcome, young and old, grandparents, aunts, uncles and other members of your family.

A free lunch will be provided at 1.15pm on the day.

We look forward to seeing you there. Participation is free to all. If you wish to attend, please complete the registration form at the following link

<https://t.ly/Sa7Ma>.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible Course includes 8 weekly sessions. Course participants will receive a resource pack. The programme requires one hour of study per week. Venue: **Online via zoom** Beginning **Wednesday 17th January @7pm online for 8 weeks.**

The program will conclude with a Retreat Day on **Saturday 23rd March 2024 Venue: Holy Rosary Parish Centre, Belfast** Facilitators: Fr Paul Byrne & Aishling Steen. Cost is £30

To book your place click on the registration link: <https://forms.office.com/e/HTLtfTXUaD>

Places are limited. Booking early is advised.

Applications to Pre-school and Primary school:

EA Connect will open for applications to Pre-school and Primary school for the school year beginning September 2024 to June 2025 on Tuesday 9 January 2024 at 12 noon. To register for EA Connect @ <https://connect.eani.org.uk/parent>

The Admissions Helpdesk is available from Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm by telephone on 028 9598 5595 or email: digital@eani.org.uk.

31st DECEMBER 2023
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Priest: In this time of joy let us pray to God the Father, Son and Spirit, from whom every family on earth takes its name.

We pray for the family of the Church that she may live like Jesus, Mary and Joseph, united in love and with faith and trust in God.

Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for the nations on earth that they may see themselves as one family under God, live in peace and be ready to help one another in times of crisis and need.

Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for parents and all who care for the young that God may strengthen them in faith and grant them patience as they try to guide their children in the right path.

Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for family members, and parishioners who are sick or in any difficulty. May they be granted healing and find hope for the future.

Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for older family members, grandparents, aunts and uncles and all who have sacrificed and given generously to the younger generation. May God grant them the reward of their goodness.

Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for those who have died and now belong to our family in heaven that we may be united with them through prayer and the celebration of the Eucharist.

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All those named in the bulletin

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Priest: Lord God, as we celebrate with joy the birth of your Son help us to live like the Holy Family who shared each other's burdens and trusted you in all things. We make these and all our prayers in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. God forever and ever. Amen