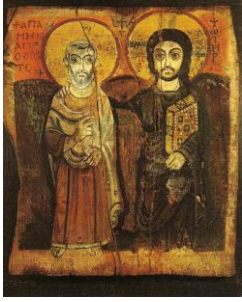


15th December 2024 – 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY



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

Feasts:

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, we come before you in the darkness of our lives, aware of our need of Christ, the light of the world. May we receive him in faith so that we may become, like John the Baptist, witnesses to that light which has come into the world.

Thought for the Week

“For those who love nothing is more difficult especially when it is done for the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

St Ignatius

PRAYER PEOPLE

Intention for Parish Community Year 12
Week 4

We pray for all single parents that they will be conscious of the support and grace of God being with them this Christmas.

Offertory Collection: £3,178.00
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: John Dennison, Jack Marks, Una Blenner Hassit (Eng)
Claire McShane

Month's Mind: William McIlwrath, Helen McKinless

Anniversaries: John Bradin, John Lewis, William McAteer, Don Boyle, William Magee, Bridget McAlinden, John Edwards Jnr., Bartholomew McDonald, William & Mary Allen Sarah, Rita & Dan Allen, Barney McKendry, Daniel McShane, Philip Monaghan, Marie Butler,

CHRISTMAS MASS ARRANGEMENTS

Christmas Masses

Vigils:

St. Comgall's	6pm & 9pm
St. Joseph's	6pm
St. MacNissius	9pm
Syro Malabar rite	9.30pm in St Joseph's

Christmas Morning

St Comgall's	9am & 11am
St MacNissius	10am
St Joseph's	12 Noon

Advent Prayer Services will be held each Monday evening during Advent, from @ 7pm – 7.30pm in St Comgall's Church.
Monday 16th there will be exposition, silent time of prayer.

PENITENTIAL SERVICES IN THE PASTORAL COMMUNITY

St. Joseph's Antrim - Sunday 15th @ 6.30pm – 8pm
Sacred Heart Cargin - Monday 16th @ 7pm
St MacNissi's Randalstown - Tuesday 17th @ 7pm

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.

Legion of Mary - Weekly Meetings in the Parish Centre in Randalstown every Tuesday @ 7.30pm www.legionofmarydc.co.uk All welcome.

Invitation to Opening of Jubilee Year – 29th December

On Christmas Eve 2024, Pope Francis will open the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica and the Jubilee of Hope will begin in Rome. The theme the Holy Father has chosen for this year of special graces is 'Pilgrims of Hope' and he invites the whole People of God – clergy and laity – to celebrate God's Gift of Grace through their expressions of Deep Faith, Lively Hope and Active Charity. The Holy Year in the Diocese will begin on the Feast of the Holy Family.

All parishioners are warmly invited to join Bishop Alan McGuckian at the Solemn Opening Mass of the Jubilee Year of Hope on Sunday, 29th December at 3pm in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast. We encourage everyone to attend and be part of this celebration for the Jubilee Year. The webcam will allow for people to view the Mass from home: www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral

15th December, 2024
3rd Sunday of Advent

Priest: St. Paul encourages us to pray for what we need, ‘asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving’. With trust and confidence we bring our prayers before the Lord.

For the Church: may we grow in our faith, hope and love as we prepare for the coming of the Lord.

Let us pray to the Lord.

For peace in our world: where there is war, hatred, conflict or violence, send people of good will to bring news of justice and lasting peace.

Let us pray to the Lord

For those who live their lives in fear and anxiety. Give them courage and strength to trust that You are near. May their hearts be filled with the joy that only you can give.

Let us pray to the Lord

‘Let your tolerance be evident to everyone’. During this busy time of preparation, may we bring peace and gentleness to those whom we meet.

Let us pray to the Lord

For all who have gone before us marked with the sign of the cross. May their sins be forgiven and the gates of heaven opened to them. We pray especially for...

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Claire McShane

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All those named in the bulletin.

Let us pray to the Lord

Priest: Heavenly Father, teach us always to be patient in our waiting. Fill our hearts with hope, that persevering in faith to the end, we may experience the joy of seeing you face to face. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.