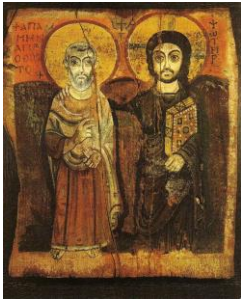


24<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



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**

*Into your hands O'Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them enter eternal rest. The old order has passed away: welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen*

**PRAYER PEOPLE**

Intention for Parish Community Year 11  
Week 52

*We pray for those who are widowed and suffer loss and absence as they try to get used to life without their partner. May God give them the grace to persevere and endure.*

***Thought for the Week***

*It's important to note that the Church has never insisted on using extraordinary means to prolong life, nor does it require patients to accept unduly burdensome treatment. Yet deliberately ending life prematurely eliminates any possibility of growth or healing and represents a failure of hope. As life draws to a close, spiritual care becomes paramount – which is why assisted suicide can never be the answer and must be firmly rejected by all God's people.*

Offertory Collection: £2,875.00  
*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:** Charlie Anna Ramsey, Helen McKinless

**Month's Mind:** Paschal Benson

**Anniversaries:** Eilish Agnew, James Hannan, Liam McCabe, Kathleen O'Neill, Desmond & James Logue, Donna Stewart, Kevin Gallagher, Tommy Adams, John & Rose O'Hagan, Pat Diamond, Archie Henry

**Advent Prayer Services** will be held each Monday evening during Advent, starting from Monday 2nd December @ 7pm – 7.30pm in St Comgall's Church. There will be exposition, reflection, silent time of prayer and benediction. A time to prepare and reflect on the Birth of Christ.

**Thank You from Apostolic Work** The Antrim Branch of Apostolic Work would like to sincerely thank those who recently contributed to our church door collection. The amount raised to date is £1885.00. This money will go a long way to helping those less fortunate than ourselves in the developing world. All those who donated are prayed for daily.

**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.

**Mums n Tots**, Every Thursday 9.30 to 11.30am in St. Joseph's Hall. All welcome

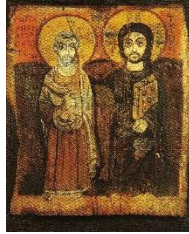
**St. Joseph's Primary School PTA** are hosting a Christmas craft fair on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 6-9pm at St. Joseph's parish hall. An evening of music, entertainment for family, Santa, beautiful craft stalls, games, refreshment and a raffle. Funds to support our local primary school.

**Antrim Community Choir** Fundraising event to support All Inclusive Antrim Community Choir on Saturday night 23rd November 2024, at 7.30pm in All Saints Parish Church, Church Street, Antrim " **Light Up Winter Candlelit Concert,**" with special guests. We wish every single person from all corners of our community and beyond to be able to enjoy and be part of this musical, magical uplifting experience, Entrance by Donations at the door. Light refreshments available afterwards in All Saints Parish Hall.

**NI Cancer Pilgrimage To Lourdes. Sat 10 May To Thurs 15 May 2025**

The price of £859 (with price reduction for Cancer Patients) includes: Return flights from Belfast International Airport, facilitated by Joe Walsh Tours. Full board at the Hotel Agena in Lourdes for five nights based on twin/double/triple rooms. The party will consist of patients, ex-patients, relatives and friends accompanied by medical, nursing and other staff. To enquire or to obtain a booking form please contact:-Mrs Jean Clarke, Hon. Secretary, NI Cancer Pilgrimage, 67 Ballynahinch Road, Carryduff, Belfast, BT8 8DL, or speak to us on Tel. **078746 88388**, or e-mail at:- [mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk](mailto:mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk)

**ANTRIM FOODBANK** Volunteer Drivers needed to assist with bringing donations from Tesco to the Foodbank warehouse on a weekly basis.  
Centre Volunteers needed for our weekly Monday night outreach at Farranshane House 5pm – 7pm. Contact: Fionnuala O'Donnell on 07515813374 for more details.



Dear Parishioner

I commend to you the Parish of Antrim Financial Report for 2023. The report is available on the Parish website on the bulletin page. A few hard copies are available from the Sacristy or can be requested from the Parish office.

It makes good reading and highlights the generosity of those parishioners who give and support the parish. There are positives, in the number of parishioners with Gift Aid returns. Most of all the parish managed to broadly balance the books

However, with the rising cost of living, the Committee have advised that we need to raise more money for the balance to prevail.

I ask parishioners who do not contribute to please do so. I am not asking those parishioners who cannot afford to contribute, but those who can afford and choose not to do so. Often, I suspect through lack of thought and action.

I ask you to make a Standing Order for £10 per month and if you Gift Aid it will realise £12.50 and make a difference to the Parish.

I thank you for your generosity and consideration.

Yours sincerely

Very Rev Sean Emerson  
Parish Priest

**24<sup>th</sup> November, 2024**  
**Thirty Third Sunday of the Year**

***Priest:*** With confidence in Christ as Lord of all we bring our prayers and needs before his throne of grace.

We pray that the Church may listen to the voice of Christ who calls us to value the things of God's kingdom more than the things of this world.

***Let us pray to the Lord***

We pray that those in power and government in our world today may work to extend God's kingdom of justice and peace for the poor and oppressed and for all who need help for their lives and families.

***Let us pray to the Lord***

We pray that we may be people of the truth who listen to Christ's voice and who bear witness to his kingship of our lives by the way that we live.

***Let us pray to the Lord***

We pray that our parish community may follow Christ's example and reach out to those among us who need a helping hand or special care.

***Let us pray to the Lord***

We pray that those who are suffering pain or anxiety may entrust their trials to the Lord trusting in his power to heal and save.

***Let us pray to the Lord***

We pray that Christ our King may welcome into his heavenly kingdom all those who have died in the hope of the resurrection.

***Let us pray to the Lord***

**Recently Deceased:** Charlie Anna Ramsay, Helen McKinless

**Month's Mind:** Paschal Benson

**All those named in the bulletin.**

***Let us pray to the Lord***

***Priest:*** Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, hear the prayers of those who cry out to you in our need. Strengthen the faith within us and make us always proud to profess it. You who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.