

2nd MARCH 2025 – 8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



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**

*Bountiful God, we are filled with wonder and gratitude as we strive to realize our calling to tell the message of the gospel with our lives. Give us the courage and peace of heart that comes from confidence in your care. Dispel the darkness of our lives with healing truth and make us ready for the new wine of the future.*

*Thought for the Week*

*“The deep meaning of the cross of Christ is that there is no suffering on earth That is not borne by God”  
Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

**PRAYER PEOPLE**

**Intention for Parish Community Year 12  
Week 15**

*We pray for all parishioners that this Lent will be an opportunity to turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel in 2025*

Offertory Collection: £4,492.00  
*Thank you to all who contributed.  
If you would like to set up a standing order please call or email the parish*

**Recently Deceased:** Gerry McGuinness (Belfast)

**1<sup>st</sup> Anniv:** Ethel McLaverty,

**Anniversaries:** John Borelan, John O'Carroll, Danny McCloskey, Harry Morgan, Sheila Glenn, Kathlee Moore, Terry Shields, Terry Maguire, Rosemary Wilson, Eugene Creane, Harry Morgan, James & Elizabeth McLoughlin,

## **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March and is not a Holy Day of Obligation but marks the beginning of Lent 2025. Parishioners are encouraged to go to Mass and to receive their ashes. Mass times are as follows:

St Comgall's Church	10am & 7pm
St MacNissius' Church	9.15am
St Joseph's Church	11.00am

***Congratulations to all the young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this week .***

## **"Hope" – A Retreat for Those Discerning the Priesthood**

Are you considering the call to the priesthood? Join us for a Vocation to the Priesthood Retreat from 7<sup>th</sup>–9<sup>th</sup> March at Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne. This year's theme, "Priests as Men of Hope," invites us to reflect on the joy and strength that come from trusting in God's plan. To book a place or for more information, contact the Vocations Director: Fr Conor McGrath at [c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org](mailto:c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org).

## **Sisters of St Louis Ghana 2025**

The pupils of St. Louis Grammer School would like to thank the parishioners of the parish for their magnificent support of their church door collection last weekend. The total amount raised was £4,250.00. Many thanks.

**The next Bingo Tea** is on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 8 pm in St Joseph's Hall. Books are £5. Everyone is welcome to come along for a good night's craic while helping to raise much needed funds for missionary work in the Developing World.

**We, The Parish Social Committee,** would love you to join us in The Parish Hall, St Josephs, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, after 12pm mass for an informal get together simply to enjoy a cup of tea/ coffee together and have a good old chit chat. This invitation is open to all parishioners and if you have a friend or neighbour who you think would enjoy please bring them along, we would love to see you all.

## **Women's World Day of Prayer 2025**

For the first time in many years, St. Comgall's Parish Church will host the Women's World Day of Prayer 2025 on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 8:00pm. The service will celebrate the women of the Cook Islands. Light refreshments will be served after the service in the Parish Centre. We would be delighted to see you there. Everyone welcome!

## **"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

**Easter Flower Arrangement Workshop By Nua Flowers** in St. Comgall's Youth Centre Weds 16<sup>th</sup> April 7—9pm Cost £35 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

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**Priest:** As faithful and fruitful followers of Christ, we now present our needs and the needs of the world in prayer..

For the Church: as stewards entrusted with your mysteries, may its members persevere in the proclamation of the Good News and bear good fruit.

Lord, hear us

*Let us pray to the Lord.*

For Pope Francis: grant him renewed strength, restore his health and guide the doctors and nurses charged with his care.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

For world leaders and nations: help them to work together to forge the conditions necessary to lay the foundations of lasting peace.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

On this Temperance Sunday, we pray for moderation in our eating and in our drinking. Help us to realise that our deepest hungers are satisfied by you alone.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

For the young people who have been Confirmed last week: nourish and strengthen them with your Spirit, so that they may confess your name in both word and deed.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

For those who are sick: may they know the healing love of Christ your Son.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

For those who have died: may they dwell forever and ‘flourish in the courts of our God’.

We pray especially for...

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**All those named in the bulletin.**

*Let us pray to the Lord*

**Priest:** Heavenly Father, our strength and protection. In your great compassion and love, hear the prayers we bring before you this day, through Christ our Lord.