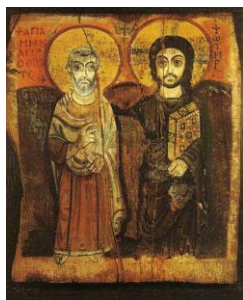
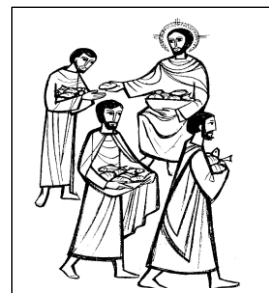


28<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024 – 17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR -  
World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly



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: Wed 31st St Ignatius of Loyola – Priest, Wed 1st St Alphonsus Ligouri – Bishop & Doctor,

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Lord, giver of life, your Son shared with us the bread of life. Give us the grace to play our part in sharing that bread to meet the needs of the hungry and thirsty, both spiritually and materially by listening, responding, encouraging and above all by praying for others.*

PRAYER PEOPLE

Intention for Parish Community Year 11  
Week 35

*We pray for grandparents and thank God for the love they share or shared with us.*

*Thought for the Week*

*“Grandparents bestow upon their grandchildren the strength and wisdom that time and experience has given them.*

*Grandchildren bless their grandparents with youthful vitality and innocence that help them stay young forever.*

*Together they create a chain of love linking the past with the future. The chain may lengthen but it will never part.”*

Offertory Collection: £2,733.00  
*Thank you to all who contributed.*

**Recently Deceased:** Ben Holyoake (Germany), Margaret Murphy (nee Rushe) Eng..  
Katelynn Lyttle

**Anniversaries:** Raymond McNeilly, Mary Blue, Rose & Archie Black, Francis Campbell  
Elizabeth Avington, David Stewart

### *Prayer to SS Joachim & Anne, Parents of the BVM*

*Dear Lord, we thank you for giving us Ss Joachim & Anne as examples of holiness. Help us to imitate the devotion to you they showed throughout their sufferings of infertility. Ss Joachim & Anne you were eager to live out your vocation as a married couple fully. You longed for a child but suffered from infertility for many years. Despite this suffering, you continued to serve God faithfully. Please continue to bring my petitions before the throne of God! God saw your sufferings, and He heard your prayers for a child. He answered your prayers after many years, and you became the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pray for me that I may never grow discouraged when I face sufferings. Pray that I may remain faithful no matter what difficulties or trials I might face.*

*Ss Joachim and Anne, pray for us.*

### **1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month**

There will be Adoration and Confessions in St. Joseph's on Friday 2nd August 2024 from 6pm – 7pm. This will take place on every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month.

### **Parish Gift Aid Scheme**

Parishioners will be aware that our Parish is funded primarily through donations and we remain extremely grateful for the sustained generosity of our parishioners at a time when the cost of living presents significant challenges. If you are an eligible UK taxpayer, you can increase the value of your donation by 25%, at no extra cost to yourself, simply by completing a Gift Aid declaration. So, for example, if you donate £100 in a year, the Parish can reclaim £25 in tax from HMRC through the Gift Aid Scheme.

If you receive a box of envelopes, or contribute by standing order you can find a Gift Aid Declaration card in the box or you can pick one up at the back of the chapel or the Parish Office at 5, Oriel Road. Completed Gift Aid Declarations can be returned to the Parish Office or in the collection basket.

**Our faith is your hands** - so please come along to a day's *Light the Fire* pilgrimage with singer Dana, Bishop Francis Duffy and other Catholics from across Ireland at beautiful Ballintubber Abbey, Mayo, where St Patrick baptised first Irish Christians. Mass, rosary, praise, adoration & healing service. Luxury coach departs St Michael the Archangel, Finaghy, at 7:30am Sunday Aug 4 returns 9pm approx. Bring packed lunch. Led by St Patrick's Pilgrim Guides Martina Purdy & Elaine Kelly. Limited numbers £25 adult & £10 for under 18's. Snacks included. To book contact Catherine 02895904304 or email [stmichaels@downandconnor.org](mailto:stmichaels@downandconnor.org) Come & Light the Fire of faith, hope & love!

### **VACANCY - CLERGY HEALTH & WELLBEING OFFICER**

An exciting opportunity has arisen within Down and Connor Diocesan Trust, where we seek to recruit into the role of **Clergy Health & Wellbeing Officer**. More details available on the Parish Website and facebook page.

*Marie Curie's Twilight Walk is back for 2024! Join us on Friday 27th September for a very special event in support of Marie Curie at Barnett Demesne, Belfast. Sign up by 4<sup>th</sup> August for 50% off registration [www.mariecurie.org.uk/twilightwalk](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/twilightwalk)*

**28th JULY 2024**  
**16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**  
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**Priest:** The Lord listens to those who call upon him so let us present our needs before him with confidence.

We pray that the leaders of our Church that they may have the wisdom and vision to lead us in the footsteps of Christ who has given us the message of eternal life.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

We pray for world leaders that they may have the guidance of God's Holy Spirit with courage and right judgment as they serve their people.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

We pray for each of us gathered here that having listened to God's word we may put into practice the things we have been taught.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

We pray for married couples and all who share a family home that they may live together in the peace and harmony that is built on patience and forgiveness.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

We pray for all who are sick that they may know the Lord's healing touch and have the support of their family and community in their suffering.

*Let us pray to the Lord*

We pray for the faithful departed and all those who have died that the Lord may gather them into his glorious kingdom where every tear is wiped away.

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**All those named in the bulletin.**

*Let us pray to the Lord.*

**Priest:** God our Father, with you at our side we want for nothing. Hear our prayers and guide and protect us always. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.