

# Church of St MacNissi

## ANTRIM PASTORAL COMMUNITY

Weekend 24 & 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
Parish Office; Tel. 9447 2103

We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's offering of **£2133.72**

**YOUR PARISH ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION** - If **YOU** pay **income tax**, as a registered charity our parish can claim back an additional **+25%** from HMRC on contributions **that are made through the envelope system**. Please check the label on the back of your box. This will indicate the information our records hold for you concerning Gift Aid. If you do not have a box yet, and want to get one, contact the parish office at or call 9447 2103. [randalstown@downandconnor.org](mailto:randalstown@downandconnor.org) Information on setting up a Standing Order OR Gift Aid is also available.

### RECENTLY DECEASED;

Kevin Kelly, Ballylurgan Rd Eileen Bridget Curran  
**MONTH'S MIND;**

Pauline McKeown, Patsy Dornan, Adrian Brady  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** James McKeown, Tony McCollum, Joseph McKeown, Mary Hurrell, Mary McCann, Peter Diamond, Elizabeth Kerr, Barney Kerr, Mary Loughran, Robert McIlroy, Sarah Robb, John Robb, Mary Gilmore, Terry McNally, J.P. Weir, Mattie Dowd, Joe Allen, John O'Hara, John Nelson, Patsy McCormack

**Bethany Bereavement Support** 07517820129

### Intention requested for next week Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

John & Josephine Quinn Vigil 6.00pm



**BAPTISM PREPARATION** for first-time parents. To confirm attendance contact Parish Office 9447 2103 (9am-2pm)

### Ministers of the Word 4/03/2018 New rota available this weekend

<b>Vigil 6pm</b>	Ellen Kerr	Odhran McQuillan
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Lawrence Purdy	Hannah Gately

### Ministers of the Eucharist 4/03/2018

**Vigil 6pm** Mary Savage, Frances McKay, Kieran McCann, James Dowd, Ciara McIlwee

**Sunday 10.00am** Michael Lynn, Nicola Murray. John Carmody, Dolores McGuigan, Gerard McBride

### CLEANING TEAM – Team 2 from Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Parish GIFT 2 (Growing in Faith Together) programme** continues this week for the Year 9 children The Programme is designed to support the children in their teenage years to develop their faith. This Sunday's session will be held in the Parish Centre 6-8pm For further information please contact Margaret Kerr 07842 168054

### During Lent daily Masses are as follows

**EACH TUESDAY** 6.30am 9.30am & 7pm  
**WEDNESDAY – FRIDAY** 6.30am & 9.30am

**Weekend Masses** Vigil 6.00pm / Sunday 10.00am

### LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

As a Lenten exercise – through an adult way of learning - attend a set of inspirational talks– **'Understanding the Mass'**. –presented by Fr John - commencing **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March in the church** and ending just one week before **the** original Mass – Holy Thursday.

**Exposition** Wednesday 7am

**Rosary group** – Friday 6pm

**TROCAIRE** During Lent it has become traditional for our country to reach out to the poorest of the World. The main thrust of the Irish Church's overseas aid is through the very professional work done by TROCAIRE. As in previous years you are asked to **take home a box** that you keep in the family room to focus our minds on fellow human being in great need. 'I was hungry and you gave me to eat...' Jesus

During Lent it has been customary for some people to take a **temporary pledge** to abstain from alcohol. Register your pledge with the local Pioneers and say the daily prayer

All Saints Pastoral Centre, Ballymena invites you to take part in **"3 Conversations on Marriage & Family Life"** Tuesdays 27 Feb, 13<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm. Based on 'Pope Francis' 'The Joy of Love'

### Mount St Michael P.S. ANNIVERSARY

To celebrate, the school is presenting a Gala Ball in the Tullyglass House hotel on 27<sup>th</sup> April. Tickets available directly at the school office or may be requested by e-mail [msmgala@yahoo.com](mailto:msmgala@yahoo.com)

### DO THIS IN MEMORY SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 10.00AM

**Entrance Procession:**

Grace & Karen Simpson

**Offertory Procession:**

Freddie Williams/ Nola Brady

Katie Hughes / James Murray



### The Sick and Housebound will be attended in March as follows

**Tues:** Beechmount, Magheralane, Grant Ave, Neillsbrook Nursing Homes: Drummaul, Glenkeen & Maine.

**Thurs:** Clonboy, Craigstown, Station Rd Ballygrooby, Whelans, Barnish, The Meadows

**Fri:** Blackrock, Creggan, Staffordstown, Cranfield, Thornleigh, Shanes St, Castle Rd.

## PARISH CENTRE EVENTS



Luncheon Club  
**DATE FOR DIARY**  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
Thank you to everyone who is helping to reopen this much appreciated community club!

### Maine Bowling Club

Mon and Thurs from 7.30pm

### Parent and Toddler

Tuesday 9.30am – in the Parish Centre

### MillMount Craft Group

Wed. 10.00am in the Parish Centre.

**Ardàn** present Joseph & the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, in the Parish Centre Friday 2nd, Sat 3rd March at 7.30pm & Sun 4th March at 3pm. Booking available on 94472853.

### 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Apparitions at Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage

Full board 3\* hotel 7 nights 10-17 July £725, 5 nights 11-16 July £590. All flights from Aldergrove, Forms available at parish office. For inquiries contact Carmel Kealey 9447 2823 or Pilgrimage Office 9064 6040

**"LOVE BOTH"** - rally in defence of unborn babies will be held in Dublin on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March. For people who have always believed in the sanctity of each human life this initiative is worthy of your support. Coaches will converge from all across Ireland. For further details contact **Rally for Life** 9027 8484 It is hoped to arrange a coach from this area. Please sign up in the Foyer or contact the Parish Office 028 9447 2103 if you are interested.

### St MacNissi Pre-school Playgroup

Enrolment forms available entering their pre-school year in 2018/19. Open 5 days each week 9.15-12.15 ☎ 9447 2109 e-mail

[stmacnissipreschool@gmail.com](mailto:stmacnissipreschool@gmail.com)

### CONTACT DETAILS

Fr John Forsythe on 028 9447 2640

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### OFFICE OPEN

Tuesday, Thursday Friday 9AM -2PM



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**Ironing not your favourite chore? If so please contact 07312 889411 for more details.**



### World Meeting of Families

As you are aware it is expected that Pope Francis will attend the World Meeting of Families in Dublin in August.

World Meeting of Families Registration for all WMOF2018 events is open via [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie). Individual pilgrims and families can now register for the main three-day WMOF2018 Congress from August 22nd – 24th, guaranteeing your ticket(s) for the Festival of Families on Saturday 25th August and for the Closing Mass on Sunday, 26th August. Don't miss out on these once in a generation events. REGISTER NOW! [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

**COLLECTION** A special collection is taken up in every church throughout Ireland today to defray incurred in preparation for the W.M.O.F. congress.

**POPE FRANCIS** "I wish you all a fruitful Lenten journey, and I ask you to pray for me and my collaborators as we begin our week of Spiritual Exercises."



**A.O.H**  
**ST PATRICK'S DAY**  
Main Parade in Cookstown commencing 2.30pm

### GAA activities

**Tir-na-nOg** are hosting a lip-sync (!!!!!!!)

Competition on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March Junior age 8-16 and Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> for Adults

**Club registration** will take place this Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February in the committee room from 1pm - 3pm. Due to changes in data protection law we require all members (including gold card members) to fill out a membership form.

Please be aware that unregistered players, should they suffer an injury, will not be able to make a claim under the player injury fund.

### Lottery 20/02/2018

WINNING NUMBERS **13/16/23/24**

JACKPOT **NOT WON NEXT WEEK - £800**

**£25 WINNERS**

M. REDMOND / N MITCHELL / G&K DEVLIN / S LETTERS

### Kickhams GAC Creggan Lottery 21/02/2018

Jackpot £2300 **not won NEXT WEEK £2500**

Winning Letters **AFHP**

**£25 winners** Marian Devlin & Anne Marie Hayes