

Church of St. MacNissi
SUNDAY 6TH December

COVID-19 UPDATE

Following regulations directed by the Executive all churches are required to close until **11th Dec.** During that period **all** our regular services will continue and can be accessed through **streaming** www.mcnmedia.tv

"Drive-in services are permitted !!!"



11am this Sunday 6th December there shall be another "Drive-in" Mass on our extensive car park.

We thank the generosity of our parish council, volunteers, local GAA and traders who have helped us to make this unique service available. To facilitate parking you are asked to comply with our car park marshals under their direction.

ENTRY will be **ONLY** by the top gate at **Craigstown Road**, opposite the school,
EXIT by the main gate on to **Station Road**. Please remain in your vehicles at all times. Eucharistic ministers will bring the Blessed Sacrament to you in your 'seats'

WEEKDAY MASSES;

Tuesday (Immaculate Conception - a Holy Day of obligation but Mass is streamed)) 7.00pm
Wednesday - Friday 9.30am

MASS SHOULD RESUME AS NORMAL FROM Saturday 12TH December
CHECK GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES WEEKEND

MASSES; Sat 6.00pm Mary Dowds
Sun 10.00am For those undergoing surgery

RECENTLY DECEASED MONTHS MIND Joan Shore (Randalstown)

Michael Callaghan Sunday 6th Dec 11am
ANNIVERSARIES Sarah Keenan, Sean McKeown Eamonn & Catherine McCormick, Madeline McKay Joe Kelly, Margaret Rice, Mary Hurrell, Terry Robb Tommy Magill, John Magill, Margaret McPeake, Roseleen & Emmet McGarry, Mary Jane McPeake,

INTENTIONS
Thursday 11th December 9.30am Terry Robb

Second Advent Sunday



To arrange **Baptism** please contact Office 028 94472103

FUNERALS may proceed as arranged but the numbers attending are **restricted to a total of 25** persons. Organisers will be requested to submit in advance a contact list of the guests they have invited. During actual burials - graveside access is **restricted to the funeral party**—maximum of 10 family members.

RANDALSTOWN APOSTOLIC

Apostolic Work thank all who raised **£3520** on w/e 22nd November. Tickets for their Christmas Raffle are available from all Apostolic Members — draw on Sunday 20th Dec. Sincere thanks for your ongoing support, Margaret Kerr President (07842 168054)

Trocaire

Christmas Appeal. For many families throughout the developing world, life is a daily struggle and COVID-19 has made their plight even worse. So this year your help is needed more than ever. Trocaire **Gifts of Love** cards will be available in the church foyer after the weekend Masses on 12/13 & 19/20 December.

Alternatively, you can phone **James** at 028 9447 2603 (after 6pm please) to request a **Gifts of Love** brochure or to order cards. These can be delivered to your home right up to Christmas Day. Or you can order **by phone**. Call 0800 912 1200 or **on line** at : www.trocaire.org/gifts



A booklet has been specifically compiled with families in mind. The Gospel for each Sunday of Advent is accompanied by a family activity, prayers and a reflection.

As we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. May it be an opportunity for families to intentionally enter into Advent. This can be found on our parish website www.stmacnissirandalstown.com then go to ADVENT2020, e-mailed to parishioners on request or printed and distributed especially for those who have limited access to the internet.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE; due to Covid restrictions it will **not be possible** this year to have this service. Individual confessions will be available each day after Mass.

S.V.P. PARISH HELPLINE
0750 854 9606

OUR CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

Week commencing 06 December : Team 3
Thank you to new team members.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES -We are grateful to all who continue to support our parish. The Collection last week amounted to **£697.95** We thank the counting team for their continued support

DIRECT DEBITS /DONATIONS for November amounted to **£3871**

ENVELOPES during the LOCKDOWN

Over the next two weeks we would be grateful if you could drop your envelopes into the post box at the parochial house, **OR** if there are collectors at the gates at the "Drive in"

Danske Bank 42 High Street, Antrim BT41 4AP

Account name **Church of St MacNissi**

Sort Code **95-04-31** A/c number **1100 0861**

PARISH OFFICE Please contact 028 9447 2103

Email; randalstown@downandconnor.org

Emergency mobile; 078343 83314;

Fr John PP 07834383314

Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/SaintMacNissi>

Twitter Follow us @StMacNissi

During the present restrictions you might find it helpful to access our parish liturgical moments on web cam

www.mcnmedia.tv go to 'Northern Ireland'—Antrim-Randalstown'

TIR Na NOG LOTTERY

TUES 01/12/2020

WINNING NUMBERS 2, 19, 24, 26

£25 WINNERS Denis McVeigh, Jim McCormick, Colm Martin, Brenda Donnelly

JACKPOT NEXT WEEK - £4400

KICKHAMS LOTTERY

WED 02/2/2020

WINNING LETTERS B I O X

£25 WINNERS;

Catherine Maguire & Brian McKenna

JACKPOT NEXT WEEK - £1200

The JAM Store Foodbank

is supported by the churches and community of Randalstown. It operates from the 1st Randalstown Presbyterian Church Hall on New Street and is open on the 3rd Thursday of the month, from 10.00 – 12.00noon. Anyone who wishes to contribute food for the 3rd Thursday of December i.e. 17th Dec) may bring those items to our Church main porch next weekend, 12th 13th December . Thank you.

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CHRISTMAS LUNCH A group of our parishioners – supported by SVdP –is organising to deliver to households within the Randalstown parish – a Christmas dinner – this is in particular for people who live alone, are unable to cook, or need help at this time. Entirely confidential, delivery to your door, please contact Ms O'Boyle 07761 226892. Booking date ends **20th December**

An urgent message from the Diocese Christmas 2020 will be very different for everyone. Families and parishes across the diocese will not be available to celebrate in the normal way. The season of Christmas is a season of celebration, but this year it is essential that we celebrate safely. Normally at this time large numbers of people wish to attend Mass.

This year however, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our churches simply cannot accommodate such crowds if we are to ensure the health and safety of all and conform to PHA guidance and Executive legislation.

It is our intention to have Christmas Masses that are open to the public but only for as many as our church can **legally** accommodate. Our parish church has a maximum safety capacity of **140**. In order to avoid the real possibility of increased transmission it is important to remember

1. the obligation to attend Mass is suspended
2. Christmas Masses will be broadcast live so people are encouraged to participate in a streamed Mass.
3. People could also choose to attend Mass on one day over the Christmas season – Epiphany 6th Jan.

The Chief Medical Officer, in his most recent engagement stresses the following:

Social distancing and the **wearing of face-coverings** remain the key measures to prevent the spread of virus **in enclosed spaces**

For OUR parish Christmas Eve 24th Dec
Due to Covid advice, and public safety it will **not be possible** this year to accommodate the usual *increased congregation* that attends the **6.00pm**

This Mass shall **only be accessible** through our web cam www.mcnmedia.tv go to 'Northern Ireland'—Antrim-Randalstown'

There shall be 4 later Masses all also **streamed**
Christmas Eve 8pm and 10pm
Christmas Day 9am and 11am

To retain **safety distancing** the **maximum number** we are permitted to admit to each service is **140 people**.

To avoid disappointment it is necessary to put in place a **BOOKING SYSTEM**. If you wish to attend **ONE** of these MASSES it will be necessary to contact the Parish

TEXT Fr John on 078 343 833 14,
or **E-MAIL** lesnamoe@gmail.com leaving your Name, Contact details, Mass of preference, and the number of seats required.