

Church of St. MacNissi

SUNDAY 13th December



SUNDAY MASS Saturday 6pm Vigil & 10.00am

DAILY MASS Tues 7.00pm Wed to Friday 9.30am

ADORATION 10am -12 -National Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration recommends Adoration, prayer.

PRAYER FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE AND VOCATIONS Sunday 13th December

Continuous Prayer for Marriage, Family Life and Vocations. This is a reminder to those who have committed to a period of prayer for Marriage, Family Life and Vocations. Please contact Terry or Anne Marie on ☐ 9447 9239

FEAST DAYS

St John of the Cross Monday 14th December
St Flannan (Killaloe) Friday 18th December

RECENTLY DECEASED

Nuncianila da Conceicao (Portugal)
Sean Devlin (Cargin)
Isobel O'Reilly (nee McCavanna)

ANNIVERSARIES

Bridget McMullan, Fergus Gribben, John McCoy
Margaret Martin, Tillie Kelly, Colette McLaverty,
Joe McCaughan, Ann Marie Harry (Nee McCoy),
Margaret McAndrews, (Nee McCoy), Mary Geddis,
Patrick Hamilton, Frank McAteer, Mary McKillen,
Anne McDonnell, Sr. Joan Sawyer, James O'Neill,
Mary McCormack, Bennie Hamilton, Annie Magill,
John Joe Carty, Dr Bernard Cosgrove, Mary Preston,
Mary Madden, Henry Magee, Mary McCorry

INTENTIONS

John McCoy Tuesday 15th December 7.00pm
Paul Trainor Friday 18th December 9.30am
Mary Totten Saturday 19th Dec **1st Anniv** 6.00pm
Imelda McTeague Sun 20th Dec **Months Mind** 10.am

BAPTISM

To arrange **Baptism** please contact
Parish 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.

COVID-19 UPDATE

An urgent message from the Diocese.

Christmas 2020 will be very different for everyone. Families and parishes across the diocese will not be able to celebrate in the normal way. 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. As Christmas Masses will be broadcast live 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** to accommodate the usual **increased congregation** that attends **at 6.00pm** This 6pm 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 was necessary to put in place a **BOOKING SYSTEM**.

8pm Eve is now at capacity/**FULL**

10pm Eve is approaching capacity nearly Full
9am and **11am** Morning are already 50% Full

If you wish to attend **ONE** of these **MASSES** it will be necessary to urgently contact the Parish

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

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

S.V.P. PARISH HELPLINE
0750 854 9606

OUR CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

Week commencing 13 December: Team 4
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 **£1477.96** we thank the counting team for their continued support

If you wish to set up a direct debit or make a donation please use the below details or contact the parish office for more information;

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'

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. On behalf of the Food Bank, Rev Trevor McNeill made a generous donation towards our "Home Alone" Thank You



12 Days of Christmas

A resource for praying at home through the 12 days of Christmas. We can e-mail this to you, we have made the links available on our website and social media or we can print a copy and make it available for those who don't have access to online facilities. The links are below;

<https://www.northernpastoral.network/news--resources/12-days-of-christmas>

MUSIC: <https://www.northernpastoral.network/news--resources/12daysmusic>

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**

TIR Na NOG LOTTERY

TUES 08/12/2020

WINNING NUMBERS 17 20 21 22

£25 WINNERS Gráinne Duffin, Sheila Toal, Aoran Scott, Maggie Ward

JACKPOT NEXT WEEK - £4500

KICKHAMS LOTTERY

WED 09/2/2020

WINNING LETTERS B D N Y

£25 WINNERS; Marie Mackle & Paul McLarnon

JACKPOT NEXT WEEK - £1300

LIFE IS WORTH LIVING

We are a newly formed initiative to bring hope at this time. Join us on the Sunday 20th December at 6pm in St Joseph's Church, Antrim for our first ever event. The event will begin with Mass, a powerful testimony and your questions about the meaning of life answered! We hope to see you there!

YOUTH 2000

The Youth 2000 Christmas E-Retreat will take place from the 18th - 20th of December. Registration is free on www.youth2000.ie