

Church of St. MacNissi

The Baptism of the Lord
9th & 10th January 2021



The **Obligation** to attend Sunday Mass is suspended until 7th February. Mass shall still be celebrated at all the usual times and streamed through our webcam will be on our website

WEEKDAYS; TUES – 7PM WED – FRI 9.30AM
WEEKEND SAT 6PM / SUN 10.00AM

To view Mass on our webcam;
Go to www.mcnmedia.tv Then click 'Northern Ireland' click 'Antrim' click 'Randalstown'

CONTINUOUS PRAYER FOR MARRIAGE, FAMILY LIFE & VOCATIONS:

Wednesday 13th January

A reminder to those who have committed to a period of prayer. Contact Terry & Anne Marie on 9447 9239

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday –Friday 10am -12

FEASTS

St Hilary Wednesday 13th January
St Ita Friday 15th January
St Fursa Saturday 16th January

RECENTLY DECEASED

Maurice Hughes Cranfield
Colette McAnee (nee McCormack)

ANNIVERSARIES;

Kathleen & Charlie O'Hagan Sat 9th January 6pm
Oliver Redmond (1st Anniversary) Patsy Redmond,
John, Tom & James Mackle, Margaret Rose Johnson,
Rose McMullan, Arthur McCann, James Martin,
Louis Martin, Catherine McNally, Rose McNaughton,
Patsy McCavana, Francis O'Hara, Danny Madden,
Mary McCavana, Jane Mulholland, Sarah McLaughlin

MONTHS MIND;

Dan Madden Tuesday 12th January 7.00pm

INTENTIONS;

Pauline McKeown Thursday 14th January 9.30am
Danny McManus Friday 15th January 9.30am

BAPTISM

To arrange Baptism contact the Parish Office
9447 2103 (1 month notice is requested).

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar.
I love You above all things and I desire to
receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You - already there
and unite myself to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You*

St Alphonsus Ligouri (1696-1787)

*An age-old tradition of our Church re-assures us that
if the faithful are deprived of the Eucharist for a
protracted time eg. war, **pestilence**, or no priest
available, they may receive 'spiritually'.*



COVID-19

7 January 2021

Full Statement from the Catholic Bishops of Northern Ireland "As many people as possible stay at home for the sake of health, life and the Common Good"
Please see full copy on our website
www.stmacnissirandalstown.com IN DOWNLOADS

MARRIAGES and FUNERALS

In accordance with civic regulations we are not permitted to have more than 25 guests.
During actual burials - *graveside access is restricted to the funeral party*—maximum of 10 family members.

Baptisms may take place but attendance is to be kept to the strict minimum Baby, two parents, two Godparents and the Celebrant.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES -We are grateful to all who continue to support our parish.
The Collection last week amounted to **£1872**
Thanks to the counting team for your continued support
STANDING ORDERS & DONATIONS –
DECEMBER
£3521 Thank you for your continued support

PARISH ENVELOPES 2021

If you or a family member does not have envelopes and would like to register for the coming year from
1st MARCH 2021 please contact the parish office.
We can provide a box of envelopes now for use on the first week of the financial New Year.

If you wish to make a direct payment/debit to the parish account the details are;

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'

ROSARY GROUP Friday evenings 6pm

The JAM Store Foodbank is supported by the Churches and community of Randalstown.
It operates out of 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 this **3rd Thursday of January (i.e. 21st Jan)** may bring items to our church main porch ?? next weekend, **10th & 11th Jan**

S.V.P. PARISH HELPLINE
☎ 0750 854 9606

Tir Na nÓg C.L.G draw is currently 'paused'.

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Covid-19

It is evident that 2020 was a 'lost year' which upset the lives of us all – more particularly those families that have been so bereaved.

Just when 'fatigue' was beginning to overtake vigilance, and when news of new vaccines were giving us hope, - we are now faced with a double (or triple) "wammy". There has come a new variant expression of the virus that is deadlier than the first strain.

We are all being advised to take this very seriously and the advice writ large is **STAY AT HOME**

The British PM has set a target of 2million vaccines a week, but that is most likely to be unachievable. Even if it did happen, it would take until next October to reach everyone in UK.

Things had been improving in the Republic. We were all familiar with the infection rate being suppressed below ONE as long as it stayed below that we were heading in the right direction Last week it was **above THREE** – an alarming increase.

SO THIS IS SERIOUS

The plea from the governments is to **STAY AT HOME.**

Whenever we do that the infection rate drops fast, any 'let-up' and it rises. It will take discipline and commitment but it will be worth it.

It is in such spirit that the Irish Catholic bishops have given leadership in following the gospel example of the Good Samaritan – gone the extra mile - and for the sake of society and the community have asked that we **take the most effective action** we can to contain this epidemic by only leaving our homes if it is absolutely necessary.

We are back into LOCK DOWN for church **services** again. They will continue as usual but can only be accessed through our web-cam. For **weddings** and **funerals** the numbers are restricted to the immediate family; for Baptisms parents, baby God-parents and the Priest. **Max. 6**

Our hospital workers are run off their feet. Depleted numbers due to cut-backs means that existing staff have to work harder, longer.

Let each of us so conduct ourselves that we do not make their work any harder

In our Council area

Number of cases: 6,061

Number of deaths: 141

Cases in last 7 days: 886

Last 7 day rate per 100k: 621