

# Church of St. MacNissi

ANTRIM PASTORAL COMMUNITY

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

28<sup>TH</sup> & 29<sup>TH</sup> March 2020



## Web

[www.stmacnissirandalstown.com](http://www.stmacnissirandalstown.com)

### WEB CAM MASS TIMES DURING THIS WEEK

Monday	9.30am
Tuesday	7.00pm
Wednesday - Friday	9.30am
Saturday	6.00pm
Sunday	10.00am

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAY 7.00PM

#### WEBCAM;

Go to [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv)  
then 'Northern Ireland' then 'Antrim'  
then 'Randalstown'

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

#### Recently Deceased

Johnnie Letters Whitehill

Annie Bateson, Neillsbrook, Anne McNally

#### ANNIVERSARIES;

Denise Carter, Catherine McKeown, Mary McKeague

Piera Forte, Jeannie Scullion, Augusta Carey

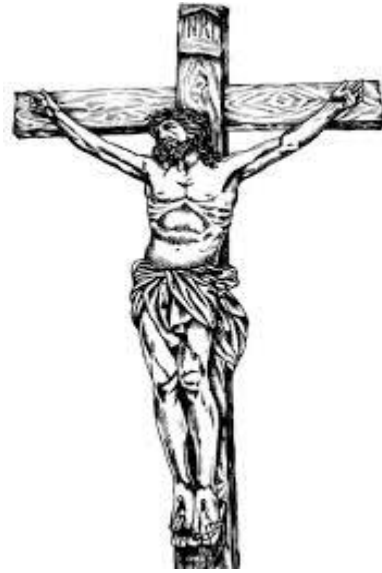
#### INTENTIONS

1<sup>ST</sup> Anniversary

Christopher Letters 6pm Sat 4<sup>th</sup> April

**BAPTISM** For enquiries contact

Fr John 07834 383314



## LENTEN PROGRAMME

**No Greater Love .....concludes**

### WEEK 5

### 7 words from the Cross

Thursday night 7.30pm on the Parish Webcam

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'Northern Ireland' - Antrim - Randalstown

Lord Jesus, help us to carry the weight of the Cross as you carried it abandoned into the hands of your Father. Help us to remain connected with you, help us to live suffering as you have lived it, with faith, hope and love. Give us the inner strength to overcome the pain with a peaceful trust of abandonment knowing that suffering is not wasted if it is united to the Cross; sign of your total love for all people. Amen.

### An Act of Spiritual Communion

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

## Preventative Measures & Update CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 VIRUS

You will have heard during the week of increasing restrictions in community and throughout our country to try to arrest the spread of this dangerous virus.

All gatherings of people in large numbers have been restricted and this has meant that in-Church activities have been curtailed, Until recently it was permitted for churches to be left open for private prayer but in an attempt to further restrict the virus we have been directed to close completely.

This also affects Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals. During the present emergency – in the case of a funeral the remains of the deceased will come from the home directly to the cemetery where there will be a short service of committal at the burial. The deceased will be remembered in the daily Mass which is accessible on our webcam.

It is a historic and unprecedented event that there are no Masses in which the people can personally attend - anywhere.

However, it is for public safety and civic responsibility that our Church had already made the prudent decision that faithful Catholics are dispensed from the Sunday obligation at this time.

The Mass is accessible on our webcam. The recent Diocese of Down and Connor COV-19 directives is on our website Please see below note for all contacts.

### CARE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Many of you have thoughtfully expressed concern as to the general welfare of our Parish during the current crisis. With our schools closed this will be a particularly difficult time for families who have to care for small children, perhaps resulting in a loss of income. With restrictions on the economy some businesses may have had to close resulting in job losses, and creating greater hardships.

The very necessary precaution of 'social distancing' shall impose difficulties in visiting the sick and elderly. We need to be aware of the needs of people who need help.

Our two GAA clubs have reached out if anyone needs help with shopping or collecting prescriptions please call **Tir na nOg @ 07706 847102** or **Kickhams Creggan @ 07799718716**

We commend both our teams for their community responsibility.

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

**The JAM Store Foodbank** supported by the Churches and community of Randalstown. It operates from the 1<sup>st</sup> Randalstown Presbyterian Church New Street opens Thursday from 10.00am



**Pope Francis** ✓

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Let us [#PrayTogether](#) for the many people who are concerned for others - families that don't have enough to eat, elderly people who are alone, the sick in hospital - and who pray and seek to help them. We thank the Lord for stirring these sentiments in the hearts of the faithful.



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If you find it hard to pray, don't give up. Be still; make space for God to come in; let Him look at you, and He will fill you with His peace. [#Lent](#)

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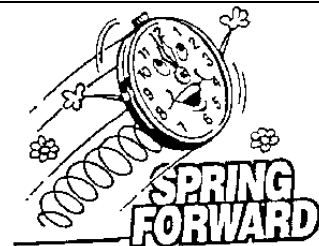
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There will be a Bulletin put on the website each week.



THIS WEEKEND CLOCKS GO  
FORWARD FROM 2AM  
SUNDAY MORNING