

The Church of St. MacNissi

18 & 19 September 2021
25 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 7.00pm Wednesday – Friday 9.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon – Fri 10.00am – 12noon

Weekend Masses Sat Vigil 6pm Sun 10.00am

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 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'

FEASTS

Mon 20th Sept St Andrew Kim & Companions
Tues 21st Sept St Matthew Apostle
Thurs 23rd Sept St Pius Pietrelcina Padre Pio

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

26/09/2021	Mary Gately Vincent O'Connell Brian Fitzsimons	Peter Boyle Gerard Dougan John Carmody
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MINISTERS OF THE WORD

26/09/2021	Julian McGale	Lucia Hurrell
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ANNIVERSARIES

Jack Russell Saturday 18th 6.00pm
Patrick Joseph McKeown Sunday 19th 10.00am
Markievicz Higgins, Seamus O'Kane, Johnny McKay,
Margaret Tiernan. Anna McMullan, Harry Toal,
Anastasia Magill

INTENTION;

Margaret O'Neill Saturday 25th September

If you wish to set up a standing order for the parish account our details are;

Danske Bank - 42 High Street, Antrim BT41 4AP

PARISH COLLECTION

Last week's collection was **£1610**

Account name Church of St MacNissi

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

If you wish the Parish to claim gift aid please quote your name. Thank you.

S.V.P. PARISH HELPLINE ☎ 0750 8549606

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

Week beginning 19th Sept - Team 3

Volunteers please contact Anne McKee 07811361110

PRIESTS WELFARE FUND COLLECTION This WEEKEND 18TH- 19TH SEPTEMBER

The Priests' Welfare Fund exists to ensure that every priest in active ministry in the diocese has an **equal stipend**.

In parishes where there is a surplus - each month the balance goes to support priests in poorer parishes - that all are treated equally. In parishes like our own the priest is well supported but in parishes where practice is very low - our brother priests who work there need support. Given this past year when churches were often forced to close offerings dropped on average to 50%. So, this year the Bishop has made an appeal to support this Annual Priest's Welfare Fund. There is a special envelope or you can donate directly.

SOCIAL DISTANCING AND WEARING OF FACEMASKS

...in the **interests of the common good and for everyone's well-being** Bishop Noel asks that *Face coverings continue still to be worn when in the Church.*

NEW PARISH DRAW

The Parish Finance Committee would like to thank everyone who attended the meeting on Wednesday evening and also parishioners who communicated their interest in support for a new Parish Draw. The meeting was successful and has given the committee confidence that we have enough interest and support to start to plan for a new draw in 2022. Many thanks to the Parish Draw promoters for their dedicated support as their work will make this draw possible.

If you missed the meeting or would like to express an interest in volunteering to promote the draw please give your name to Fr. John, email randalstown@downandconnor.org or phone the Parish Office on 02894 472 103

The project for **this** Parish Draw is to help raise funds for **extending our cemetery** into land purchased for that purpose some years ago. More details will follow.

Understanding the Mass Zoom Talks
"From the Eucharist comes strength to live the Christian life and Zeal to share that life with others."

We invite you to join Fr Tony each Tuesday night starting from **28th September at 8pm** when we, as a Christian community, will engage with our faith and try and deepen our understanding of The Mass. Email to register:

lententalks@downandconnor.org

BAPTISM is celebrated each weekend. Call the parish office to make arrangements. Babies are usually baptised in the parish community in which they are growing up. If you wish to have your baby baptised in a parish other than where you live, it is an act of courtesy to get a note from your own parish priest. God-parents need to be (1) at least 16 yrs, and (2) practicing Catholics. It is also possible to nominate a friend from another Christian denomination and they are included in the parish register with the note *Christian Witness*.



We congratulate the parents of baby **Órfhalaith Rose Owens** who was baptised in our parish last week.

BAPTISM, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS AND ANNIVERSARY bookings contact; PARISH OFFICE; Mon - Fri 028 9447 2103 EMAIL; randalstown@downandconnor.org WEBSITE; www.stmacnissirandalstown.com

PAROCHIAL HOUSE 028 9447 2640
IN ANY EMERGENCY Fr John 078343 83314

TIR NA NOG G.A.C. DRAW RESULTS

The results of the lotto draw for Tuesday 14th September 2021 were:

WINNING NUMBERS 1 2 24 26

There were no jackpot Winners

Jackpot Next Week - **£2,500**

£25 Winners

Damian Dowd. Cliona McKay Anna Heffron Mary Robb

KICKHAMS G.A.C. CREGGAN LOTTO

The results of the lotto draw for Wednesday 15th September 2021 were:

WINNING LETTERS; D, K, N, X

There were no jackpot winners.

Next week's jackpot is **£3,300**.

£25 draw winners

Colm McLarnon & Terry Graham

Tickets are available online at kickhamscreggangac.com, at local outlets or usual ticket sellers.

The next draw is Wednesday 22nd September 2021.

PART TIME REGISTERED CHILDMINDER

required for 3 yr old boy Contact 07860 805310

SEASON OF CREATION

"Restoring our Common Home".

TIME TO HEAL THE WORLD

*It must be said that some committed and prayerful Christians, tend to ridicule expressions of concern for the environment. Others are passive; they choose not to change their habits and thus become inconsistent. So what they all need is an "ecological conversion", whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them. **Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience. (LS 217)** Last week were given tips told on how to save Fuel This week*

THINGS YOU CAN DO TO SAVE WATER

- *Don't leave taps running when not in use. For every minute water is running you are wasting at least two gallons of water.*
- *If your tap water is safe to drink, drink it instead of bottled water, which needs huge resources to extract, package and transport.*
- *Do you know how to turn off your domestic water supply? If there is a leak, save many gallons of water and safeguard your home.*
- *Always turn taps off fully. Just one drop per second wastes 1,200 litres per month!*
- *Invest in a water butt to harvest rainwater.*
- *Washing your car? Consider using buckets of water instead of a hose.*

PROTECT OUR COMMON HOME PLEASE SIGN THE PETITION

At the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15) in October, world leaders can set meaningful targets to protect creation. In November, at the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26), countries will announce their plans to meet the goals of the Paris agreement.

Ahead of those meetings, **it is our responsibility as Catholics to speak up for those brothers and sisters who are the poorest people in the world** and advocate on their behalf. We must act now. Please sign the on-line *Healthy People Healthy Planet* petition by going to:

www.thecatholicpetition.org

**2 people signed it last week,
Show that you care**

Let's aim for 200 this week