



**Church  
Of  
St. MacNissi**  
26<sup>TH</sup> December

Feast of the Holy Family 26<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.00am

**TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER MASSES:**

Feast of the Holy innocents 7.00pm

Wednesday – Friday 9.30am

**NEW YEAR:**

Saturday World day of peace 6.00pm

Sunday- Mary, The Holy Mother of God 10.00am

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

To access our parish liturgical services on web cam [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv) go to 'Northern Ireland' – Antrim-Randalstown'

**RECENTLY DECEASED;**

Bernadette Walsh (nee Duffin) Sister of Imedia McTeague R.I.P.

**ANNIVERSARIES;**

**SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 10.00AM**

**1<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARIES**

Neilus McKillen & James McVeigh

Tony O'Shea, Cecelia Graham, Michael McVeigh, Mary McCashin, Jimmy Letters, Harry Slowey, Noel and Gussie Buggy, Tilly McCudden, Robert Hutchinson, Neil and Elizabeth Fergus, Noel, Arthur and Norah Lyness, Sarah Magill, Mary Skelton, Teresa Drain, Seamus O'Boyle, Margaret Shannon, Hugh Robb, Mary Madden Lena and Margaret McNeilly, Maggie and Harry Dowd, Frances McCann, Vincent and James O'Neill, Felix O'Boyle, Philomena Scullion, Ellen Quigley, Francis Logan, William Wallace

**INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> January 10.00AM**

**MONTHS MIND;** Martin McCoy

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Jan**

Mary Gately/ Vincent O'Connell /Brian Fitzsimons

**2<sup>nd</sup> Jan**

Peter Boyle /Gerard Dougan /John Carmody

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

**1<sup>st</sup> Jan** Julian McGale **2<sup>nd</sup> Jan** Lucia Hurrell

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

**SOCIAL DISTANCING**

**AND**

**WEARING OF FACEMASKS**

*...in the interests of the common good and for thoughtfulness towards everyone's well-being*

*Bishop Noel asks that*

*the wearing of Face coverings*

*while in the Church **be maintained***

**There will be Mass as usual this week on Tuesday 7pm, Wednesday – Friday 9.30pm**

**In the case of any emergency ring Fr John on 07834383314**

**Christmas Message from Fr John**

While we celebrate the in-breaking of this Christ-child into our world it is better to reflect increasingly on the potential He brings to our lives. His Gospel of deep and committed love, for God and our sisters and brothers is the best gift we could wish for – a gift that does not fade nor whose batteries ever wear out.

A time of letting go of the gnawing cancer of resentment - that does us more harm than the people we oppose.

In our parish we celebrate the **62 babies** who were **baptised**, the **13 couples** who enriched their relationships in **Matrimony**.

We also recall in prayer the **33 families bereaved** this year that their loved ones may be sharing the joy of eternal love.

This coming year we pray that we will emerge from this dreadful pandemic that brought such heartache, that we may rebuild relationships and we pray that we may continue to bring Christ's love into this community and into our own lives.

I appreciate the dedication of Jeanette, parish secretary, our parish committees - Pastoral and Finance, our Sacristans who prepare the altar, our 2 Choirs, Eucharistic Ministers, prayer groups, those who prepare the sacred linens and floral displays, our cleaners and outreach teams in St VdP and the Food bank.

I thank all of you for your encouragement, support and generosity. We pray especially for those who are carrying a heavy burden, those who are ill, and those who have been bereaved since last Christmas.

May the blessings of the Holy Family be with you all, and I ask that you may bless me that I may be worthy to serve such a faith filled people.

Thank you. **Fr John**



### A PARISH DRAW TICKET THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING!

We are pleased to announce the launch of the New Parish Draw. The previous parish draw generated a great sense of community and excitement with over 125 prize winners and almost £30,000 in prizes over the 12 months of the draw. It was also very successful in raising the funds required to maintain, update and repaint the church in readiness for the church's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. **The funds raised from this New Parish Draw will go towards developing the church graveyard including extending it into the new ground to the rear of the old church.**

The draw format and the £30,000 prize fund are being maintained with 10 prizes including a **£1,000 prize every month** and two special **£2,500** prize draws at the **Christmas 2022** and the **March 2023** draws. **The first draw will take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022** and draws will take place every month until March 2023.

**The "Official Parish Draw Launch will be in January" with tickets being distributed to promoters at meetings on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 7:00 pm and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 6:00 pm in the Parish Centre Main Hall.**

**Now we need YOUR support.** We need you, the parish community to do what you did for the last draw and that is buy lots of tickets, encourage your family and friends to do likewise and make this Parish Draw another great community event and a big fund raiser for the development of the church graveyard and the Parish. Thank you for your support. Mark Sweeney, Chair of the Parish Finance Committee.

**Randalstown Apostolic Work** - Thanks to everyone who bought tickets for our recent Christmas Raffle and we raised £1700 Wishing you and your families every blessing over Christmas and in the 2022

**Randalstown St Vincent De Paul Conference**  
The conference wish to express their sincere thanks for the generosity of this Parish Community towards their Annual Collection The amount donated was £7,445 which will be utilized and distributed to the needy in our Parish during the incoming months. We would like to express sincere gratitude for donations of vouchers from local shops  
Wishing everyone every blessing over Christmas and in 2022. Sincere thanks Johnny O Boyle President.



### Prayer for the forthcoming Synod ADSUMUS SANCTE SPIRITUS

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

### BAPTISM, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS AND ANNIVERSARY bookings contact;

**PARISH OFFICE;** Mon – Fri 028 9447 2103

**EMAIL;** [randalstown@downandconnor.org](mailto:randalstown@downandconnor.org)

### PARISH COLLECTION £1490

Thank you for your continued generosity.

To set up a Standing Order

Account name **Church of St MacNissi**

Sort Code **95-04-31**

A/c number **1100 0861** your name.

Current envelope no. if you have one

### CHURCH CLEANING TEAM 26/12/2021 Team 1

Volunteers Please contact Anne 07811 361110

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### TIR NA NOG G.A.C. DRAW

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Dec

**WINNING NUMBERS; 1 7 12 16**

**£25 WINNERS**

D. Cassidy, M Robb, J. Martin, S Graham,

D Drain, P Adams, T Gilmore, M McAuley

Next draw **Tues 29<sup>th</sup> December Prize- £1000**

### KICKHAMS LOTTO RESULTS\_Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec

**WINNING LETTERS B L Q U**

**£25 WINNERS;**

Seamus McAteer, Catherine Maguire Gabriel Sargent & Veronica Cunningham

**£50 WINNERS;** Shauna Butler & Jackie Larkin

**£100 WINNER;** Brendan McLarnon

Tickets available online [Kichamscreggangac.com](http://Kichamscreggangac.com)

Next draw Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Creggan CLG are hosting a **Boxing Day Walk** in Randalstown Forest @ 11am.

All proceeds to Apostolic Work