

Church of St. MacNissi

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
01 & 02 January

SUNDAY MASS Saturday 6pm Vigil & 10.00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7.00pm
Wednesday & Friday 9.30am

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Wednesday 5th Vigil 7.00pm
Thursday 6th 9.30am



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon – Fri 10.00am -12noon

To access our parish liturgical services on web cam www.mcnmedia.tv go to 'Northern Ireland' – Antrim-Randalstown'

Months Mind

Sunday 2nd January 10am Martin McCoy
1st Anniversary
Tuesday 4th January 7pm Colette McAnee

Recently deceased:

Eugene Allen 26 Dec Drummaul Pk
Eileen McGrogan 28 Dec Neillsbrook Pk
Teresa Mackle 1 Jan Beechmount.

Anniversaries;

Marie Kennedy, Henry Hurrell

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5 th Jan Epiphany	Ciara McIlwee Catherine Purdy Brenda Corr	Anne Rooney Fiona McKeown Peter Boyle
8 th Jan	Ciara McIlwee James Dowds Anne Rooney	John Heffron Claire Hamilton Grainne Toal

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Epiphany	Volunteers please	Volunteers please
8-9 th Jan	Liz Carey	Frank Devenny



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 20th 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 20th 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 5th January at 7:00 pm and Sunday 9th 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.

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. 20th Jan) may bring items to our church main porch next weekend, 15th & 16th Jan

S.V.P. PARISH HELPLINE 0750 854 9606

First Friday Week

The Sick and Housebound will be attended in January FROM Wednesday 6th January

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***

BAPTISM, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS AND ANNIVERSARY bookings contact;
PARISH OFFICE; Mon – Fri 028 9447 2103
EMAIL; randalstown@downandconnor.org

PARISH COLLECTION £ N Y C

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 03/01/2022 Team 2

Volunteers Please contact Anne 07811 361110

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TIR NA NOG Christmas Draw 18th December

1 Darren McAtamney 2 Kathleen McLarnon
3 McGarry family 4 Enya McAuley
5 Kevin Kerr 6 Veronica Kelly
7 Sean Duffin 8 Alison McDowell
9 Noel Magee 10 Annette Sheerin

Next draw **Tues 11th January**

KICKHAMS LOTTO RESULTS

Thursday 30th December 2021

WINNING LETTERS C F O V

£25 WINNERS Gerard Bateson Noleen Small

Jackpot not won

Next Week's Jackpot £1900

Tickets available online Kichamscreggangac.com

Message from Fr John

HAPPY NEW YEAR

According to Charles Dickens'- Ebenezer Scrooge was so miserable that he described Christmas festivities as "BAH HUMBUG"

My personal 'bah-humbug' moment is a delayed action device - it doesn't happen at Christmas which I savour **thoroughly**.

I reserve the grumble session for New Year's eve night in particular. When the predictable countdown from December into January begins I always know exactly where I shall be. If the past is anything to go by I shall be into page 2 of a technicolour dream, snug beneath my new duvet cover I got from Santa.

I will embrace January 1st with the same resignation as hitting 96 in *Snakes and Ladders* and landing down to 4. For there is something in a January. Even the very look of **DECEMBER** has that round, plump prosperous aura about it. While (to paraphrase Shakespeare) *yon January has a lean and hungry look about it*.

A former bishop of our diocese in a book of poetry wrote observes 'that every man over 40 years welcomes each new birthday with a little less glee'

Whatever; the future is in God's hands - as is the future of our Church. Pope Francis has initiated a **synodal process** - a period of learning and discerning how to proclaim the message of Jesus in a world that has radically changed.

Pope Francis says the Church has to be *a field hospital for sinners,*

not a museum of memories

In his mind the Church is not just the clergy but all the People of God.

He wants all faithful to be involved in this process and for most of us that will be attentive that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide our Church and help it to speak to a new and changing world.

In the Christian message there are perennial truths. Fundamental in these is a lived experience of belief in a loving God - a Father who loves us beyond anything we could ever imagine and to bring that love into a world in which love has grown cold or has been cheapened.

So as we step into a New Year let us not be afraid or pessimistic. God is in the Church and will not abandon us - if we can listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and have the courage to go wherever (s)he takes us.

At this time people traditionally have good intentions. May God strengthen us to bring more love, more compassion into our relationships. May those who are poor, the sick, people who feel lost, the bereaved always find in us compassionate witnesses to God's love.

