

Church of St. MacNissi

ANTRIM PASTORAL COMMUNITY

Sunday 26th April 2020

Recently Deceased,

Gerard McNally, Whelans Pk
Vincent Press, brother of Veenie Totton.
Fr Frances Keenan SJ (Dublin)

ANNIVERSARIES;

George McCann, Johnny Letters, Thomas Martin
Brendan Devlin, James Liddy, John Mulholland
Declan McLaughlin, Margaret Redmond,
Bernadette Orr, Joanne McConville, John Dougan
Tommy Scullion, Sam McKeown, Anne Kelly.

CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 VIRUS Preventative Measures & Update

To save the lives of the innocent and vulnerable,
substantial gatherings of people,
including in-church activities are
curtailed. We have **been required
and directed to CLOSE totally.**
This has had an impact on our regular
Church services.



Common sense breaks out!!!

Thankfully those absurd **restrictions** on the gentle
therapeutic healing moment of re-visiting the grave
of a beloved friend have at last been lifted.
One of the most uplifting aspects of our parish is the
regular tender and loving care by which our graves
are attended. Relatives come frequently to arrange
flowers, clean headstones or just sit and talk awhile
close to the earthly remains of those they have
loved in life.

“Webcam Streamed services this week”

**Adoration daily 10.00am - 12 noon
Sunday Mass 6pm Vigil & 10.00am**

**Daily Mass Tuesday 7pm
Monday, Wednesday to Friday 9.30am**

*During the present quarantine you might
find it helpful to access some of our parish
liturgical moments on the web cam
www.mcnmedia.tv go to 'Northern
Ireland'–Antrim-Randalstown'*

Help in time of need

If you need help during the current emergency – our
GAA clubs will help with shopping and prescriptions
please call **Tir na nOg @ 07706 847102** or
Kickhams Creggan @ 07799 718716
We commend both teams for their community
responsibility and solidarity.

Prayer of St Alphonsus Ligouri for time in
which we cannot sacramentally receive the
Eucharist.

***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 as if You were already
there and unite myself to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You***



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Acts of the Apostles Lectionary readings this week describe the bush-fire spread of the early Church

Monday Acts 6:8-15 One of the first deacons, **Stephen**, begins to speak out boldly about Jesus and gets arrested

Tuesday Acts 7:51-8:1 Stephen enrages a mob by his defence of Jesus, is hustled out and stoned to death. Saul, another young man of about the same age supervises and witnesses the killing but begins ... to wonder???

Wednesday Catherine of Siena - a 14th teenage girl challenged the Pope for his moral cowardice. He listened, and did what she told him. She has her eye on him yet.



Saint Catherine of Siena, statue, outside Castel sant'Angelo, Rome,

Thursday Acts 8:26-40 Deacons active again. Deacon, **Philip**, baptises an Ethiopian finance minister.

Friday St Joseph the Worker.

Saul, out bounty-hunting Christians -begins a momentous U-turn.

Coronavirus

Jesus was always appalled by human suffering – knew it was never part of His Father’s original plan for Creation. Whenever confronted by human suffering He always tried to bring healing.

At this time we pray earnestly that this pernicious virus will be defeated - by God’s grace- working through our own discipline, and by the skill of our doctors and scientists.

We pray especially for our parishioners who are very ill with this virus, and also for those who have other worrying illnesses that cause them, not only pain, but are a great burden weighing upon their spirit.

In God’s mercy may they all feel His loving hand to re-assure them and bring them relief from suffering.

May God bless all the work of all our NHS workers who are fighting to save lives every day.

Today’s gospel (a puzzle for Sunday pm)

The gospel today tells the story of two disheartened followers slinking home from Jerusalem after Jesus had been crucified. They had come up to the city with the Messiah thinking this was the ‘big one’ – a revolutionary march. Then it had all gone wrong. A stranger met these two on their way home and changed everything. The gospel today is a very powerful story. You might be getting bored these days with nothing to do. So here is a puzzle. What could possibly be a better exercise for you and your family. Read the gospel again, on the other side of this page, and find out **how many similarities** with our usual **Mass** you can find in the story.

The Gathering _____

Confession of Sins _____

Scriptures _____

Homily _____

Offertory Prayer _____

Offertory Gifts _____

Consecration _____

Communion _____

“Go out to live the Gospel” _____

Can you see what is left out? _____

You can find that ok at Acts 4: 34-37 and a real **grim warning** (!!!) at Acts 5: 1-11

Parish envelopes available at the office!

With Mass being presently ‘streamed’ some parishioners have left in their regular envelopes for the weekly and monthly collections at the parochial house, along with some **Trocaire** boxes. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

We are also mindful that at this unprecedented time some parishioners may themselves be in difficulties.

If you wish to make a direct payment/debits to the parish account the details are as follows

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