

# Church of St. MacNissi

ANTRIM PASTORAL COMMUNITY

Good Shepherd Sunday

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020

During the present quarantine you might find it helpful to access some of our parish liturgical moments on the web cam [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv) go to 'Northern Ireland' - Antrim-Randalstown'

## WEBCAM STREAMED SERVICES THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY MASS

Saturday 6pm Vigil & 10.00am

### DAILY MASS

Tuesday 7pm

Monday, Wednesday to Friday 9.30am



### ADORATION

Daily 10.00am - 12 noon

### 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.** (Sorry Edwin, Nice try)



### RECENTLY DECEASED

Alex McVeigh, Randalstown,  
Michael Walls (Newbridge) Brian Wilson (Scotland)

**MONTHS MIND** Denise Sawyer 6.00pm (Sat)

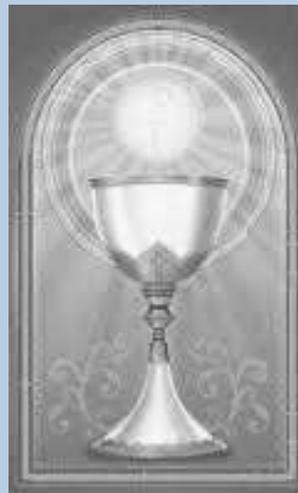
### ANNIVERSARIES; Mary Cosgrove 10.00am Sun

Catherine Kerr, Anne Kelly, Jerome Madden,  
Margaret Tiernan, James & Rosena Mullan,  
Mary Cosgrove, Sandra Murray, Danny Martin,  
Brigid McGrath, Harry Robb, Bobby Pettigrew,  
Rose Kelly, Joe Martin, Gerard Graham,  
Vera McCann, Terence Robb, Vincent Dobbin,  
Jimmy Magill, Ciaran Heffron, Josephine Harkin

### INTENTIONS

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May Months Mind  
Kieran McMullan

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv)  
Jim Wilson



### Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament, I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### GRAVEYARDS AND CEMETERIES: FROM THE DIOCESE OF D & C

In the absence of further guidance from the Executive, we make the following recommendations:

**While visiting this Cemetery please protect yourself and others**

**OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING**

**During funerals, access is restricted to the funeral party only**

**Please respect grieving families by not visiting at these times**

**Just a thought for this week...** In

Pope Francis' message, for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, he speaks of the risks involved in every vocation, the gratitude we owe to the Lord for His call and the courage that is needed to live it. Pope Francis says: "Whenever fatigue or fear make us start to sink, Jesus holds out His hand to us. He gives us the enthusiasm we need to live our vocation with joy and fervour." These are timely words; they are certainly words of assurance and comfort as we strive to serve the People of God in these very challenging and uncertain times.



The Pope concludes by calling on our Church to continue to promote vocations, to "touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God's call in their lives, to find courage to say 'yes' to God, to overcome all weariness through faith in Christ, and to make of their lives a song of praise for God, for their brothers and sisters, and for the whole world."

Let us [#PrayTogether](https://twitter.com/PrayTogether) today for those who have died because of the pandemic, and in a special way for the "anonymous" dead.

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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

Danske Bank  
42 High Street,  
Antrim  
BT41 4AP  
Account name  
Church of St MacNissis  
Sort Code 95-04-31  
A/c number 11000861

**S.V.P.**  
**PARISH HELPLINE**

**☎ 0750 854 9606**

**HELP IN TIME OF NEED GAA CLUBS**

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.

**The JAM Store Foodbank** supported by our parish along with the other churches operates out of 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian church, New Street

**Down and Connor Diocesan Novena**  
**Apr 29– May 7**  
**@ 7:00 pm**



My dear people,  
Traditionally, the Easter season is an opportunity to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and anticipate the Feast of Pentecost and the Descent of the Holy Spirit. Yet, in this Sacred Season, we are still living through extra-ordinary and challenging days of self-distancing measures and public closure of places of worship resulting from the coronavirus pandemic.

While our churches remain closed, as the Body of Christ, as the Church, we remain united in prayer. I am grateful to our clergy, religious and laity in finding innovative ways to pray together.

A novena (nine successive days of prayer) is an ancient tradition of the Christian Church which draws us closer to Christ and to one another. I invite you to join me online each evening at 7pm from Wednesday 29th April to Thursday 7th May in offering a Diocesan Novena of Prayer. Each evening, the novena prayers will be offered in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast and [accessible via webcam](#).

Each day of the Diocesan Novena, those who are suffering from the coronavirus, those who have died, their loved ones and those who care for them will be remembered in the prayers. If you would like to include a special intention for this novena, please send an email to [novena@downandconnor.org](mailto:novena@downandconnor.org) and your intention will be placed before the Altar in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast.

I assure you of my continued prayers and again express my gratitude to all those who are caring for our loved ones during this pandemic.

May the Risen Lord give us all His grace and peace.

+Noel Treanor

Bishop of Down and Connor