

Church of St. MacNissi

ANTRIM PASTORAL COMMUNITY

Good Shepherd Sunday

Sunday 10th May 2020

**WEBCAM SERVICES STREAMED THIS WEEK
SUNDAY MASS**

Saturday Vigil 6pm and 10.00am

Monday, Wednesday to Friday 9.30am

Tuesday 7.00pm



ADORATION

Daily 10.00am - 12 noon

RECENTLY DECEASED

Donna McCoy, *The Meadows*

MONTHS MIND

Saturday 9th May **Kieran McMullan** 6.00pm

ANNIVERSARIES;

Sunday 10th May 10.00am (2nd Anniv) **Jim Wilson**

INTENTIONS

Rose Dougan, Grace McQuillan, Paddy McLoughlin,
Francie Scullion, Michael McCormick, Eddie McKeever,
Bernard and Ellen Geddis, Olive McKeown

CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 VIRUS Preventative Measures & Update

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'**

To save the lives of the innocent and the vulnerable, substantial gatherings of people, including in-church activities, are curtailed.

We have **been required, and directed** to close until this crisis passes.



GRAVEYARDS AND CEMETERIES:

In the absence of further guidance from the Executive, we offer the following

- **While visiting our Cemetery please protect yourself and others OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING**
- **During funerals, access to the actual is reserved to the funeral party only**
- **If an actual burial is taking place please respect grieving relatives by keeping this a sacred time.**

Unpicking this week's Gospel

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament.

**I love you above all things,
and I long for you in my soul.**

**Since I can't 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**

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled
or afraid. In my Father's house
there are many rooms"*



.....but what does that mean?

It is a quote that is often re-visited at funerals to give comfort. However, it does not mean that Heaven is like some sort of motel in which we turn up and are allocated our eternal accommodation.

The original context for this re-assurance comes from a long and friendly sharing Jesus had with his disciples on the night before his passion and death. It looks beyond his death and resurrection to the growth of the Church under their leadership.

So it refers to a time when he would no longer be with them to guide them, but had given his re-assurance that they would feel his presence.

John, *the beloved disciple* remembered these words and he could see them coming to fruition as the Church experienced growth. Forget any description like *'and they all lived happily ever after'* such saccharine lines more properly belong to fairy stories for children and not for a real and living Church. He foresaw things that - in any human dynamic - are bound to happen. People differ, see - and hear- things in a different way, but that is OK

Do not let your hearts be troubled

There is room for everybody of good will, who shows love, compassion, gentleness, those who have nothing - but need nothing, the sensitive, meek, merciful, pure in heart, peacemakers, maligned for their faith.

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We are most appreciative of the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have maintained their support by dropping their offerings in at the Parish Office.

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 MacNissi
Sort Code 95-04-31 A/c number 11000861

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

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 1st Presbyterian church, New Street

Diocesan Students to the Priesthood

This week-end there is an annual collection. It is to support the training and education of our students who are preparing for service in our Diocesan Priesthood. We also ask you to remember prayerfully **John, David, John and Robert** who are exploring their commitment to follow Christ as a priest in the pastoral and spiritual service of our people.

We commend our own parish *St Joseph's Young Priests Society* for their support and prayers.

On **Thursday 14th May** Pope Francis asks us to join with other religious denominations in adding this prayer to our Rosary to end Covid-19.

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the foot of the Cross were united with Jesus' suffering and persevered in your faith.

Protectress of our people, you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial

Help us Mother of Divine Love to conform ourselves to the love of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us through the Cross to his Resurrection

On this **Friday, 15th May**, we commemorate the anniversary of the Episcopal ordinations of **Bishops Patrick Walsh** and **Anthony Farquhar** and thank them for their nearly four decades of dedicated service to our Diocese.



Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

For Pilgrims who **would have been** going to Knock this weekend Sat 9th/ Sun10th May,

"Mass will be on Knock Shrine website or YouTube on Sunday 10th May starting at 2.30 pm and we will be included in this Mass".

You can send petitions by e mail, on line or post to Knock Shrine to be included in this Mass. We will send a petition and a candle will be lit for all who had intended to travel. It is hoped that we will be able to undertake our Pilgrimage in September