

# Church of St. MacNissi

ANTRIM PASTORAL COMMUNITY

Good Shepherd Sunday

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 – 11am

### RECENTLY DECEASED

**Frank McAleese** formerly of Beechmount

**Alex McDonnell**, Largey, was teacher at St Louis,

### MONTHS MIND

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May **Gerry McNally (Months Mind)**

### ANNIVERSARIES; Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am

#### (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv) John McCann

Ronnie Histon, Gerry McKeever, Anne McKay, Mary O'Neill, Dymna Hughes, Frances and Sarah O'Hagan, Barney Totten, Annie Dowd, Joseph O'Neill Rosetta+Brenda McKay, John+Maura Convery, Sr Joan Kavanagh, Sammy Heffron, Joseph Bateson Sarah and Letty O'Kane

### 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](http://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.

### Opening of our church for private prayer

*There is speculation that our church will not be open for larger gathering of people eg for Mass until some time in July (hopefully sooner).*

*However, there has been movement on visiting the cemetery and it is anticipated that next week there may be some clarification on visiting the church itself for private prayer.*

*If this comes about it is likely that it will also require 'social distancing'.*

*We are blessed with a spacious church so it should be possible to accommodate those who may come. You are kindly requested to follow any safety precautions and directions.*



### *unpicking this week's Gospel*

This is a continuation of Jesus' farewell talk with his apostles. It is a very warm and intimate time with those who were closest to him on his ministry. He is being re-assuring and telling them that he will be leaving them. He has instituted the Eucharist, ordained them as those who will continue his work, and now he reassures them for a time he will no longer be with them.

In response to his re-assurance Thomas, Philip and (another good) Judas ask questions that are like what little children would ask parents who were getting up to go out.

- 1 Where are you going?
- 2 Can we come too?
- 3 Who will look after us?



Jesus promises to send the Paraclete Holy Spirit the Advocate hard to encapsulate the Spirit in a single word. Jesus last words are 'if you love me, you will keep my commandments'

Words that have re-echoed down the centuries

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## WEBSITE:

[www.stmacnissirandalstown.com](http://www.stmacnissirandalstown.com)

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078 343 83314

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Envelopes may be returned to the Parish Office.

We are 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 Tina 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

### **Prayer for Our Lady's protection in time of Covid-19 virus**

*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*

### **Lough Derg Pilgrimage Season 2020**

*Due to the virus Lough Derg has delayed the opening of the island for the 2020 Pilgrimage Session. We hope to open for the latter weeks of the three day pilgrimage season.*

*There will not be any One Day Retreats on the island in May but we will offer a **One-Day retreat in an online Format** on selected days beginning Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May. These will be carried on our new dedicated website [loughderg.live](http://loughderg.live). We look forward to welcoming pilgrims back to the island.*

**ONLINE RETREAT DAYS**

JOIN THE LOUGH DERG TEAM DURING MAY

● Saturday 16th May	● Tuesday 19th May
● Sunday 24th May	● Wednesday 27th May

go to [www.loughderg.live](http://www.loughderg.live)  
'sign-up or subscription' is not required

### **A GUIDE TO YOUR ONLINE RETREAT**

- 10:30am** Go to [www.loughderg.live](http://www.loughderg.live)
- 10:45am** Welcome from the Prior, Msgr La Flynn
- 11:05am** The Word of God - Reflection on the Good Samaritan with Mary
- 11:30am** Prayer of Intercession with Rosary
- 12 noon** Angelus followed by Way of the Cross
- 1:45pm** Jesus the Healer with Deacon Martin
- 2:00pm** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 2:20pm** Time of Contemplation
- 2:40pm** Closing Prayer