

**Church of St. MacNissi
ANTRIM PASTORAL COMMUNITY
ASCENSION SUNDAY**

Sunday 24th 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

Ruth O'Hanlon, Ballymena

Bobby McGuigan, Birmingham, formerly
Edenduff Cottages

Saturday 23th May John + Patrick Daly.

Sunday 24th May Thomas Totton

ANNIVERSARIES; Daniel McCausland,
Lucy Draine, Andrew McKay, Joe Donnelly,
Doreen Neeson, John Mulholland,
Mary McAteer, Irene Gallagher,
Kathleen McKeown, Joseph Bateson,
Lizzie McGowan, Patrick Cooley,
Bridget McGill, Pat Waring, Letty O'Kane,
Gerry McKeever, Thomas Totton,
Charity Leonard, Justin Millar,
Mary P, Barney and Lawrence McKay,
Hannah, James and John Kenyon,
Susan O'Connor, Anne Marie Dallas

**Opening of our church for private
prayer**

This week it was agreed that there would
be opportunities for churches to be open
for private prayer.

Nevertheless we are still required to be
vigilant and that necessitates careful
sanitation and respecting 'social
distancing'.

From Monday 25th May our opening
times for private prayer are

10.00am -2pm 6.30pm -8pm (except Tues)

It is a great privilege to get back into our
church – even if it is limited for private prayer.

To extend access times – and to be
professional we are in urgent need for more
parishioners to **supervise/ facilitate** the
present opening times.

If you would like to help we would be grateful if
you would indicate your possible availability
and call the co-ordinator **Margaret** on **078
4530 2062**

Diocesan Triduum

Following on from the successful
Diocesan Novena earlier this month,
the Diocese will close the month of May
with a **Triduum of Prayer** to celebrate
the Feast of Pentecost.

In the Christian tradition Pentecost is
known as the *Birthday of the Church*.
In these 3 days, prayers will be offered
for the Family (the Domestic Church),
our local Parishes and Pastoral
Communities (the Local Church),
and for the mission of all Christians in
the world (the Universal Church).

The Triduum will run from **Friday 29th
May until Sunday 31st May.**

Bishop Noel Treanor warmly invites
everyone to join with him as he leads the
prayers on-line via the webcam
(www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral)
from St Peter's Cathedral in Belfast.
Each evening will begin at 7.00 pm and
will last approximately 15 minutes.

Intentions may be sent by email to
novena@downandconnor.org and they
will be placed in front of the altar and
included in the prayers each evening.

A booklet of the prayers being used in
the Triduum can be requested using
email address above.

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We are very grateful to all who in the midst of this pandemic have continue to support our parish. 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/debit to the parish account, details are as follows

Danske Bank 42 High Street, Antrim BT414AP
Account name **Church of St MacNissis**
Sort Code **95-04-31** A/c number **11000861**

Trocaire - the Irish Church's agency for promoting World Justice in the poorest and most vulnerable countries of the World has been severely hit by the Covid-19 virus. The traditional Church returns which usually come in during Holy Week have been severely hit.

If your Trocaire box is sitting at home you are asked to bring it to the parish office or to the church at our prayer times and we will forward it immediately to the local Trocaire office

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

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 16th May. These will be carried on our new dedicated website. They look forward to welcoming pilgrims back to the island.

"On-Line" Retreat Days
Join the Lough Derg Team during
May Sunday 24th Wednesday 27th

A Guide to your on-line Retreat

10.30am Go to www.loughderg.live

10.45am Welcome from the Prior Msgr La Flynn

11.05am The Word of God-
"Reflections on the Good Samaritan" by Mary

11.30am Prayer of Intercession with the Rosary
12noon 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 for Contemplation
2.40pm Closing Prayer

A Prayer for these times

Lord,
In our isolation remind us of Your nearness

In our anxiety remind us of Your peace

In our anger remind us of Your kindness

In our confusion remind us of Your promises

In our fear remind us of Your Presence

In our prayers remind us that You listen

In our pain remind us of Your comfort

In our loss remind us of Your understanding

We ask for the gifts of faith, hope and love