

# Church of St. MacNissi

ANTRIM PASTORAL COMMUNITY  
CORPUS CHRISTI;  
THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June



## WEBCAM STREAMED SERVICES THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY MASS

Saturday 6pm Vigil & 10.00am

### DAILY MASS

Tuesday 7pm Wednesday to Friday 9.30am

### ADORATION

Daily 10.00am - 12 noon

In 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**

### ANNIVERSARIES;

Billy McIlwee 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 6.00pm  
Owen O' Boyle, John Hurrell, Philomena McKeown,  
Brendan McCann, Fred Butler, Henry Murphy,  
Sadie Gilmore,

### INTENTIONS;

Tony Martin - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 7.00pm  
George McCann 1<sup>st</sup> Anni - Sun 21<sup>st</sup> June 10.00am

### Church access for private prayer

Parishioners continue to avail of the opportunity to visit our church for private prayer. We need to be most grateful for the volunteers who freely (and very generously) give of their time to facilitate stewarding and safety regulations. It is due to their thoughtfulness that we have been enabled to maintain the opening times. More helpers make it easier. Hopefully the lock-down will end soon.

If you feel inspired to help please call "either"  
**Margaret** on **07999 567036** or **07842 168054**

## Prayer for a 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**

Our opening times for private prayer are **10am -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**

### And OUR CEMETERY:

While visiting please protect yourself and others  
OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING

During actual burials access to the graveside is restricted to the funeral party - a maximum of 10 family members

It would help to give 'space' to grieving families if you could avoid visiting the cemetery at these precise and highly sensitive times.

On this feast of *Corpus Christi* we traditionally observe *Cemetery Sunday* but it will not be possible to do that just yet – due to social distancing norms.

In the meantime be assured that every single grave has been visited, blessed, sprinkled, and those interred there have been prayed for prayed for.

*Requiescant in pace*



Parishioners are welcome – as always- to come and repect their deceased relatives.  
*"It is a good and wholesome honourable thing to pray for the dead"* 2 Maccabees 12.46

APOLOGIES THAT OUR WEBCAM WAS NOT WORKING LAST WEEKEND DUE TO **UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES** WITH *MCNMEDIA*

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#### **HELP IN TIME OF NEED - OUR GAA 'HEROES'**

If you need help during the current emergency – our GAA clubs have been helping 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.

While we are grateful to our clubs for their thoughtfulness this service is primarily intended with help in **shopping** – it was never intended to include house re-decoration and landscaping !!!!

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

## **S.V.P. PARISH HELPLINE 0750 854 9606**

We are grateful to parishioners who have continue to support the parish. The Parish Collection last week amounted to **£1050**.

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**

#### **Until LOVE conquers FEAR**

**Outstanding Trocaire boxes** can be left in the church at the Private Prayer opening times,  
or dropped off at the Parochial house at any time.

## **Coming back Home**

The most gratifying aspect of the week was undoubtedly the return to our parish of **Gerard McLarnon** who had been extremely ill with the Covid-19, and for whom the whole community had been united in prayer. Hundreds of people lined the streets to applaud his arrival and the "Creggan Wheelers" rolled up to escort him into Roseville. As a gesture of appreciation Gerard gave a very forthright speech exhorting all young people to take care of their health. He related that he had been 58 days in hospital and could not remember half of them – he did not even recall leaving his home. He was most appreciative of the prayers of the parish, the rosaries that were said, and for the absolute professional dedication of the medical team.

Without doubt - the most gratifying aspect was that smile of deep satisfaction on the face of his wife, Kathleen. All through the ordeal of her constant vigil, she kept a journal of his treatment but not ever once – even on the darkest days when things seemed to be going from bad to hopeless - did she ever submit to any feelings of resignation. She never let go. She watched and prayed for the day he would come home and that warm victorious smile was because her loyal faithful prayers were answered. She is so proud to have her husband at home – because faith kept hope alive.

The words 'pussycat' and 'cream' come very close together.



We all wish Gerard a speedy and full recovery and we thank our good God for His providence.