

# Church of St. MacNissi

ANTRIM PASTORAL COMMUNITY

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020

## SUNDAY MASS

Saturday 6pm Vigil & 10.00am

**DAILY MASS** Tuesday 7pm

Wednesday to Friday 9.30am

## ADORATION 10am -12noon

The **Obligation** to attend Sunday Mass remains **suspended –although a very sizeable number**

are back already. To manage the numbers it is also possible to attend mid-week

**To view Mass on our webcam;**

**Go to [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv)**

Then click '**Northern Ireland**'

click '**Antrim**' click '**Randalstown**'

## CONTACTS

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

**FR JOHN:** 078 343 83314 at any time.

**PAROCHIAL HOUSE:** 028 9447 2103

**PARISH OFFICE** - is currently closed **to the public**

due to the Covid pandemic. However the office staff are back to work. If you require any information, need to make an urgent appointment, or have a general query please do not hesitate to contact the secretary. We will respond to all enquiries promptly.

Parish Office; 028 94472103 or

Email; [randalstown@downandconnor.org](mailto:randalstown@downandconnor.org)

Emergency mobile; 074 9690 5262 or 07834383314

Post to; Fr John Forsythe PP

Parochial House, 1 Craigstown Road,

Randalstown, BT41 2AF

### Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/SaintMacNissi>

**Twitter** Follow us @StMacNissi us

Office hrs;

Mon – Thurs 9.00am – 4.00pm. Fri CLOSED

We are closed daily from 1.00 – 1.30pm

## ANNIVERSARIES;

Harry Toal 6pm Anniversary

Kathleen Leonard (nee O'Kane) Sat 6pm (30<sup>th</sup> Ann)

Maureen Hargy (nee Grimmes) 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Terry McLaughlin, Michael O'Lenny, Una McCurdy,

Billy McCurdy, Barney Toal, Martha Canavan, Veronica

Armstrong, Patricia McTeague, Stella McCloskey,

Brendan Magennis, Martin Devlin

## INTENTIONS;

**Eithne Coogan** Fri 7<sup>th</sup> August 10.00am

**Sean McGrath** (1<sup>st</sup> Anni) Sat 8<sup>th</sup> August 6.00pm

## Covid-19

We are keenly aware of the effect of the virus in our parish. However, although the furlough scheme is being wound down, and it is planned to re-open schools, and restart public events in bars and in sport **it is not a time to let down our guard.**

The reality of a 2<sup>nd</sup> Wave is no longer speculation. Hong Kong is now experiencing a 3<sup>rd</sup> wave.

While holiday seekers in Spain had to suddenly cancel/ or endure quarantine the UK has already seen a steep rise

Out of 31 countries in Europe, as of last Friday mid-day, UK has the highest number of virus related deaths at **46,000**, Spain is immediately behind at **28,500** and Ireland is in 12<sup>th</sup> place at **1763**.

### To mask or not to mask

Whatever the arguments, for or against - the hard evidence is that **it helps to prevent us from infecting or affecting another human being.**

So out of social concern for others maybe we should surrender some of our freedom or personal comfort for the sake of others, particularly the vulnerable.

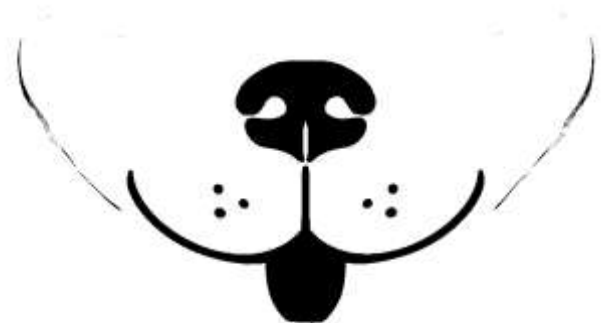
In Donegal last week it was embarrassing to walk into a shop and discover that everybody, without exception, was wearing a face mask.

A mask would have concealed **one** red face!!!

Our parish church has re-opened but we should not take for granted that **it sanitises itself**. It nearly does!

At present, about **four** selfless and highly dedicated people take time after every Mass, Baptism or private visit to wipe clean every seat that has been used.

This week we are making available an adequate supply of cloths and sanitisers and we invite you to take a few moments after Mass to make safe the place where you have been sitting



## WEEKLY ENVELOPES

We are grateful to all who continue to support the parish. The Collection last week amounted to

**STANDING ORDER FOR JULY** £2452 Thank you

If you wish to make a direct payment/debit to the parish account the details are

**Danske Bank**  
**42 High Street,**  
**Antrim**  
**BT41 4AP**

Account name **Church of St MacNissis**  
Sort Code **95-04-31**  
A/c number **11000861**

**CEMETERY:** While visiting please protect yourself and others **OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING**

**FUNERALS;** During actual burials - graveside access is restricted to the funeral party - a maximum of 10 family members. If an actual interment is taking place, kindly respect grieving families by not visiting at these times.

**BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES;** Can now be celebrated **within** the church. In each case we are still required to observe norms in respect of 'social gathering' (which our Diocese still interprets as 6 metres) and all requirements in relation to hygiene and sanitising.



We welcome into our Catholic family babies

**Mairead Slevin**  
**Ella Smith**  
**Danaan Bradley**  
**Cáin Loughran**  
**Tommy O'Reilly**  
**Eoin Magee**  
**Jorgia McKeown**

who have been baptized since last weekend

## BAPTISMS

Please contact Office 028 94472103 to book.

**MARRIAGES** can now take place **inside** the church and with Mass. During the emergency 'lock-down' several couples had to re-schedule their weddings- either because the restrictions seemed too severe, or their venue could no longer accommodate their reception. The number of persons attending the Sacrament is permitted up to the capacity for the celebration of Mass - respecting the requirements of hygiene and sanitising.



**OUR CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS** - The ongoing rota from now until September is **set out below.**

Week commencing

## AUGUST

3rd Aug: Team 1 10th Aug: Team 2  
17th Aug: Team 3 24th Aug: Team 4  
31st Aug: Team 1

## SEPTEMBER

7th Sept: Team 2 14th Sept: Team 3  
21st Sept: Team 4 28th Sept: Team 1

**Thank you to any new team members.**

**There's always room for more.....😊**

We would be grateful if you could commit to ONE hour each month.

Contact Anne McKee **0781 1361 110.**

As access to our church is limited at present could you please contact the parish office to make arrangements for access.

**TIR NA NOG LOTTERY TUESDAY 28 July**

**LOTTO NUMBERS 2 9 10 11**

**JACKPOT NOT WON**

**£25WINNERS** Mary Close / Daiva Budrikieme  
Mary Weir / Maureen McVeigh

**JACKPOT NEXT WEEK - £2600**

Many thanks to all for joining us again for the lotto and a big welcome to newcomers

**KICKHAMS LOTTERY WEDNESDAY 22 July**

**WINNING LETTERS B J U Z**

**JACKPOT NOT WON**

**£25 WINNERS**

Eimear McCann & Bernadene Maguire

**JACKPOT NEXT WEEK - £4,900**

Draw -Wednesday in Creggan Clubrooms 8.30pm

**"MARY'S MEALS"** The charity *Mary's Meals* provides daily meals to chronically hungry children in their place of education and are currently feeding over 1.6 million children in 19 countries.

They have shared a new film,

**#LoveReachesEverywhere.** Watch for free and join Hollywood actor, Gerard Butler, as he meets some of the children and communities they are helping around the world:

[www.marysmeals.org.uk/lovereacheseverywhere](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/lovereacheseverywhere)