

Church of St. MacNissi
ANTRIM PASTORAL COMMUNITY
 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Sunday 28th June

During the present quarantine you might find it helpful to continue accessing some of our parish liturgical moments on the web cam www.mcnmedia.tv go to 'Northern Ireland' - Antrim-Randalstown

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday 6pm Vigil & 10.00am
DAILY MASS Tuesday 7pm
 Wednesday to Friday 9.30am

ADORATION Daily 10.00am - 12 noon

RECENTLY DECEASED 23/06/2020

10.00AM Mass on Sunday 28th June
 Fr Jim Gavigan (Columban missionary priest)

ANNIVERSARIES; John Harkin Damian Carroll, Thomas O'Boyle, Sam Bonnes, Lily Wilson Jack, Kathleen and James Canavan, William & Patrick Padden, Hugh & Ellen Nelson, Rev William McKeever, James McNally

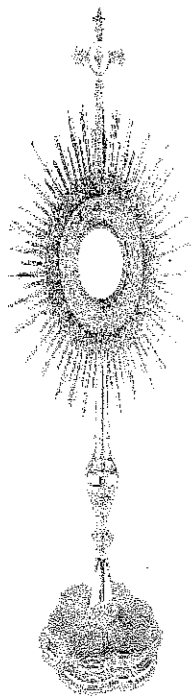
INTENTIONS;

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus I believe

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



Here ... but not quite yet

The Executive did state that *churches could open now for worship*. However, our Diocese takes the view that this need to happen on a graduated and managed basis as the virus 'has not gone away'.

"The current circumstances do not permit for any return to 'normal practice' at this time and parishes have an obligation to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all people. The advice, guidance and measures put in place are to mitigate against the transmission of the virus which is still present in the community and will continue to be so for some time to come. This justifies and necessitates the significant restrictions to the liturgical life of our community"

So that means, for the meantime, we cannot resume 'normal services' fully - as protective measures need to be established eg. social distancing, hand sanitising, care for hygiene, signposting, regular cleaning.

The wearing of protective face masks or some sort of mouth covering is recommended.

Due to necessary spacing there shall be designated seating areas but in our 850 seater church we should still manage to accommodate the numbers who regularly attend our two existing Sunday Masses.

While the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended -and parishioners can still access Mass via various media outlets

next weekend we will commence with the availability of Sunday Mass at the usual times of 6pm and 10am. Please co-operate with the stewards who act in the safety for all.

Our daily Masses for this week will continue, but **accessible only by web-cam** while we commence a thorough cleaning of the church.

We remain grateful to the small but dedicated team who give more than generously of their time to **supervise/ facilitate** the present opening times.

Some safety guidelines for re-opening

1. In common with other northern Dioceses, a social distancing measure of 2 metres should be observed for the time being. There are Star symbols suggestive of where people can sit

2. Members of the same household are permitted to sit together without the need to observe 2 metre distancing.

3. The Sacred Host is to be received **on the hand only**.

4. As it is not possible to keep 2 metres distance at Communion time, face coverings will be worn by priests, and extraordinary ministers while distributing Holy Communion.

5. Only one Child should be Baptised at any one ceremony.

6. Devotional practices such as communal recitation of the Divine Office, Rosary, Divine Mercy devotion should be scheduled during the published opening times of the Church

6. The social distancing and other hygiene guidance should be applied to all liturgical/prayer gatherings

7. Further guidance regarding 'First Friday' visits, routine pastoral visits and weekly visits by extraordinary ministers will be issued in due course. Until then, house visits should be restricted to cases of urgency only.



The Lord always watches over us with mercy. Let us not be afraid of approaching him. He has a merciful heart!

If we show him our inner wounds, our inner sins, he will always forgive us.

It is pure mercy! Let us go to Jesus

Schools closing for Summer

Our schools are closing down for the Summer. We thank our Principals - Mrs Catriona McAteer, Mrs Geraldine Carville, and Mr Michael Boyd for their dedication to all engaged in our schools We wish them a restful break before what will be an 'Interesting year'.

S.V.P.
PARISH HELPLINE
0750 854 9606

We are grateful to parishioners who continue to support the parish. The Collection last week amounted to **£1306**.

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**

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.

Tir na nOg lottery will restart on Tuesday 7th July. The Jackpot is £2,200 and tickets are available at the usua

