

Church of St. MacNissi

ANTRIM PASTORAL COMMUNITY

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 6th September 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

Then click '**Northern Ireland**'

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

RECENTLY DECEASED;

Mary Madden Creggan, Christopher McCavana R'town
Teresa Johnston Cargin, Teresa Close Gilnahirk

ANNIVERSARIES;

Gerry Murray (10th Anni) **Sat 5th Sept 6.pm**

Seamus Gribben (1st Anni) **Sun 6th Sept 10.00am**

Mary Devlin, Sheena McGarry, James Nevin,

Jack Martin, John Martin, Mary O'Kane,

Mary Keenan, Seamus Keenan, Sally Keenan,

Patrick McCann, Pat Fitzpatrick, Margaret McNally,

John & Veronica McCausland, Dolores Martin

Elizabeth Cormican, John McCollum, Belle Hempsey,

INTENTIONS;

Frank Snr & Frank Jnr McGrath

Tuesday 8th September 7.00pm

Darryl Heatley

Saturday 12th September 6.00pm

MONTHS MIND

Sunday 13th September 10.00am

Kevin McLarnon

FEASTS

Birth of Mary Tuesday 8th September

St. Ciaran (Clonmacnois) Wednesday 9th September

St. Ailbe (Cashel & Emly) Saturday 10th September



BAPTISMS Please contact Office 028 94472103

We welcome into our Catholic family

Sophia Ann Laura Allen

Pádraigh Joseph Wasson

Eunan Gerard Graham

who were baptized last weekend



After a long and patient wait the children of Creggan & Maine Integrated made their First Holy Communion on Saturday Sat 5th Sept. It was a beautiful ceremony

and the children were excellent and excited about taking this next step on their journey of faith. I am not sure but I think I heard one of them remark "This is not an EVENT, Father, it is an *ongoing process* in the development of the rich tapestry of our faith journey"

Anyway **CONGRATULATIONS** to them and their families at this rich spiritual moment.

FIRST COMMUNION

Mt St Michael's classes will have their

Sacrament administered **in two sessions** on Sat 3rd October. The current restrictions on social distancing direct that our church in each 'sitting' can accommodate 1st communicants accompanied by **FOUR** others. The service will be streamed and can be accessed through mediamcn.tv and follow the links to our church.

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 feet) and all requirements in relation to hygiene and sanitising.

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

Please remember in your prayers at this time the following:

ORDINATIONS

Reverend Aidan O'Kane, of Cushendall Parish, was ordained to the Priesthood for the Passionist Community on Saturday, 5th September in Holy Cross Church Ardoyne, Belfast.

Reverend Eamon Manning, of Portaferry Parish, will be ordained to the Priesthood for the Oratorian Fathers on Saturday, 12th September in Oxford, England.

MASS OF INITIATION

Your prayers are also asked for all those RCIA (Rite of the **Christian Initiation of Adults**) candidates who will be taking part in the **Mass of Initiation** on Sunday, 6th September in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast.

PARISH DRAW

We are pleased to advise that having had to 'pause' after the March draw - due to the COVID lockdown, we are planning to restart it and so complete the remaining two months - but now in October and November, This will include the special **Gold Members** draw for **£2,500** in November.

If your Direct Debit was cancelled, or you need to 'top up' your payments please contact the Parish Office.

Parishioners have been generous to the Parish over the last year and we hope that by holding the draw at this time we can help boost the finances of some lucky families coming up to the Christmas season....

OUR CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

Week commencing

AUGUST: 6th Sept: Team 2

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 present access to our church is limited please contact the parish office to ensure the building is open.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES

We are grateful to all who continue to support the parish. The Collection last week amounted to **£1400** 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 **1100 0861**

Growth in Prayer And Reflective Living Course 2020-2021 Drumalis

Begins- Monday, 14 September (by Zoom)

7 pm - 9:30 pm

Due to the success of last year's course, applications are now being accepted for the new intake of this one-year programme for those who want a closer relationship with God.

Please note that it will also be possible to attend the whole series by Zoom if this is your preference.

For further information, please contact 028 28276455/28272196 during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am - 5 pm) or **email**

maura@drumalis.co.uk

Details are also available on the Drumalis website

<http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

[Watch now...](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I3JY2IChUU4>

Covid-19

it is NOT a time to let down our guard



Thank you to all our Parishioners who continue to observe the social distancing rules and for mask - wearing **as often** as possible.

I am delighted that most of our parishioners have "joined in" our suggestion to cheerfully share the load and cooperate with the tidying up after Masses.

Again there is 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.

CONTACTS

WEBSITE: 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

Emergency mobile; 074 9690 5262

Post to; Fr John Forsythe PP

Parochial House, 1 Craigstown Road, Randalstown, BT41 2AF

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OFFICE HRS;

Mon - Thurs 9.00am - 5.00pm. Fr 9-2.00pm

Office is closed daily from 1.00 - 1.30pm

TIR NA NOG LOTTERY

WINNING NUMBERS

TUES 02/09/2020

6 7 14 21

JACKPOT NOT WON

£25 WINNERS

Ethna Smyth P G Neeson

Lisa McKay Sinead Dickson

Jackpot Next Week - £3100

KICKHAMS LOTTERY

WED 03/09/2020

WINNING LETTERS D R T W

JACKPOT NOT WON

£25 WINNERS

Anne Maguire Damien Graham

Jackpot Next Week - £5000

Draw -Wednesday in Creggan Clubrooms 8.30pm