

Church of St. MacNissi

SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER
1st Sunday of Advent



COVID-19 UPDATE

Following regulations directed by the executive all churches are required to be closed from **27th November -11th December.** During that period our regular services will continue and can still be accessed through streaming www.mcnmedia.tv



Amid the restrictions coming from the Executive there is one chink of light for us

"Drive-in services are permitted !!!"

For the next **two** Sundays, Mass as usual will be "streamed" on Saturday Vigil @ 6pm , and Sunday 10am.

Then immediately after, at 11am, there shall be a "Drive-in" Mass on our extensive car park.

The support of parish volunteers, local GAA and traders have facilitated us in making this unique service available. To facilitate parking you are asked to comply with our car park marshals under their direction.

Please remain in your vehicles at all times. Eucharistic ministers will bring the Blessed Sacrament to you in your 'seats' **carpark** marshal's to help with the traffic direction. The gate will be locked and entry will be by the only



PENITENTIAL SERVICE; due to Covid restrictions it will **not be possible** this year to have this service. Individual confessions will be available each day after Mass.

OUR CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

Week commencing 29th November: Team 2
Thank you to new team members.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Margaret McClenaghan (Randalstown)
Annette (nee Sweeney) Wilson, Kilmacrennan

ANNIVERSARIES

Tir Na nOg G.A.C Deceased members
Sat 28th @ 6pm **this Mass will be streamed on**
www.mcnmedia.tv

Margaret McCann, Michael & Paddy McCormack,
Jane McDonnell, John McLarnon, Rosie Murphy,
Stephen Murray, Catherine Robb, Fr John Cosgrove,
Peggy Bradley, Vera Magee, Brigid Totten,
Margaret McCann, Sheila Reynolds

INTENTIONS

Tuesday 1st December

Terry Robb 60th Anniversary



BAPTISMS

We are pleased to welcome
Caoibhe Grace Devlin
into our Catholic family.
To arrange future Baptisms please
contact Office 028 94472103

Also, MARRIAGES and FUNERALS may proceed as arranged but in each case the numbers attending are restricted to a total of 25 persons. Organisers will be requested to submit in advance a contact list of the guests they have invited. During actual burials - *graveside access is restricted to the funeral party*—maximum of 10 family members.

S.V.P. PARISH HELPLINE

0750 854 9606

RANDALSTOWN APOSTOLIC

Apostolic Work thank everyone who contributed to their annual collection last weekend. A vryer generous **£3520** was raised including Honorary Membership, cash donations, and standing orders . Tickets for our Christmas Raffle are available from all Apostolic Members — draw on Sunday 20th December. Sincere thanks and every Blessing for your ongoing support, Margaret Kerr President (07842 168054)

Trocaire

Christmas Appeal. For many families throughout the developing world, life is a daily struggle and COVID-19 has made their plight even worse. So this year your help is needed more than ever. Trocaire **Gifts of Love** cards will be available in the church foyer after the weekend Masses on 12/13 & 19/20 December.

Alternatively, you can phone James at 028 9447 2603 (after 6pm please) to request a **Gifts of Love** brochure or to order cards. These can be delivered to your home right up to Christmas Day.

Or you can order **by phone.** Call 0800 912 1200 or **on line** at : www.trocaire.org/gifts

WEEKLY ENVELOPES -We are grateful to all who continue to support our parish.

The Collection last week amounted to **£1616.25**

Thanks to the counting team for your continued support

ENVELOPES during the **LOCKDOWN** over the next two weeks we would be grateful if you could drop your envelopes into the post box at the parochial house, or the Sacristy after morning Mass, or if there are collectors at the gates during the Drive in

Danske Bank

42 High Street, Antrim BT41 4AP

Account name **Church of St MacNissi**

Sort Code **95-04-31** A/c number **1100 0861**

PARISH OFFICE Please contact 028 9447 2103

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Fr John PP 07834383314

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

Twitter Follow us @StMacNissi

During the present restrictions you might find it helpful to access our parish liturgical moments on web cam

www.mcnmedia.tv go to 'Northern Ireland'–Antrim-Randalstown'

TIR Na NOG LOTTERY

TUES 24/11/2020

WINNING NUMBERS 2 15 21 24

£25 WINNERS

Ciaran O'Neill, Eddie O'Donnell

Tiernan McLaughlin, McCullough

JACKPOT NEXT WEEK - £4300

KICKHAMS LOTTERY

WED 25/11/2020

WINNING LETTERS E T Y Z

£25 WINNERS;

Fionnuala McAteer Bridie Quinn

JACKPOT NEXT WEEK - £1100

Advent
A Season of Hope
& Expectation

A booklet has been specifically compiled with families in mind. The Gospel for each Sunday of Advent is accompanied by a family activity, prayers and a reflection.

As we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. May it be an opportunity for families to intentionally enter into Advent. This can be found on our parish website www.stmacnissirandalstown.com then go to ADVENT2020,

e-mailed to parishioners on request or printed and distributed especially for those who have limited access to the internet.

CHRISTMAS MASSES;

Christmas Eve 24th Dec

Due to Covid restrictions it will not be possible this year to accommodate the usual increased congregation that attends the early evening Mass.

The 6.00pm Mass is still available on our *web cam* www.mcnmedia.tv go to 'Northern Ireland'–Antrim-

Randalstown' We recommend parents with small children to take this option

During the season bring them to the crib to explain its meaning to them .

There shall be 4 later Masses

8pm and 10pm **Christmas Eve**

9am and 11am **Christmas Day**

This is to try to even out the numbers attending

Please check nearer the dates that the times have not changed.

We recommend parents with small children to take this option and during the season to bring them to the crib and to explain its meaning to them .

The Permanent Diaconate

The diocese currently has 13 Deacons ordained and working in various ministries. A second cohort is in discernment and training. We are now preparing to start work with a third group of students.

The programme will commence in September 2021. For more information about the ministry of the Diaconate, or about the formation programme and information on how to register your interest in applying please to speak to your parish priest or visit the Diocesan Website:

www.downandconnor.org/living-church/diaconate.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH



A group of our parishioners – supported by SVdP – is organising to deliver to households within the Randalstown parish – a Christmas dinner – this is in particular for people who live alone, are unable to cook, or need help at this time. Dinner will be taken to your home by a trusted volunteer for collection by yourself. This is entirely confidential and we are happy to support this generous and thoughtful offer.

If you wish to avail of this please contact Ms O'Boyle 07761 226892

Booking date ends 20th December