

# Church of St. MacNissis

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent



## MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup> Dec - 6pm & 9pm

Christmas Day 10.00am

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Thursday - Friday 10.00am

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm Sunday 10.00am

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Funerals: **Vincent Kerr** Monday 10.00am

**Kathleen Lambe** Tuesday t.b.c.

**ANNIVERSARIES;** Gemma Logan, Tony O'Shea, Jackie Reynolds, Elizabeth McCann, Josie Heatley, Seamus Martin, Mary McCashin, Eugene Allen, Paddy Diamond, Francis McCann, Mona Magill, John Gerard Martin, Bridget Lynch, Mary McKeown, Seamus O'Boyle, James McKeown, Neilus McKillen, Margaret Shannon, Philomena Skinner, Vincent McVeigh, Michael Robb, Vincent O'Neill, Moira O'Neill, Tilly McCudden, Robert Hutchinson, Josephine McCormack, William John McAteer, Dymphna Kelly, Charles Hargan, Maggie Dowd, Harry Dowd, Mary McCashin, William Wallace, Eileen Millar, Harry Slowey, Noel & Gussie Buggy, Paul Trainor, Baby James & Karen Kane Patrick + Patricia McCann Margaret Martin,

### INTENTIONS;

James McVeigh Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December 10.am

The priest is obliged to offer Sunday Mass on behalf of **ALL** the people (*pro populo*) in the parish. The deceased are remembered in the Prayers of the Faithful.

### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK;

Monday St John of Canty

Wednesday; St Stephen

Friday St John, Apostle and Evangelist

Saturday The Holy Innocents

**Our SVP Help Line is 0750 854 9606**

**CLEANING TEAM ROTA** 22/12/2024 Team 4

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM CANON JOHN

As we approach the ending of this year, and the beginning of a new one, we give thanks to our good God for all his blessings and live in the blessed hope of his abiding presence.

We are living in 'interesting times' with seismic shifts marked by political surprises, regime change, ever spreading conflict, population drifts, rising costs and uncertainty. Yet it '*probably was ever so*'.

In its 2000+ years our Church has seen it all and guided by Faith, Love and positive goodness to others it has survived all that came against it.

As a Church we are evolving in new times when our people are more than ever needed to continue bringing the richness of their talents and experience to help build a better world and a better Church.

We are blessed in our lovely (award winning) wee town by the presence of friends who have come from other countries to live, work and worship among us.

St Paul, in the height of persecution, wrote that we should not have any spirit of timidity but face any challenge, confident in the knowledge of God who loves us all.

**MASS OF CELEBRATION** This February, to acknowledge and celebrate the work carried out by our Parish Groups and Organisations, and the contribution they make to parish life, there will be a Mass of Celebration at 10am on Sunday 2nd February 2025 which you are invited to attend.

### PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION **£1350.00**

Thank you for your support

### TO SET UP A STANDING ORDER

please call or email the parish office to arrange.

**OFFICE;** 028 94472103 **MOBILE;** 07734 570890

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### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

29/12/24	Ciara McIlwee Anne Rooney George McAuley	Peter Boyle Gerard Dougan John Carmody
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### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

29/12/24	Amy McAuley	Mary McGrath
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**TROCAIRE GIFTS OF CHANGE** will be on sale in the church foyer after **this weekend** Masses on & 21/22 December. These gifts help some of the world's poorest people to work their way out of poverty/ Gifts start at only £5. Donations for Trocaire are gratefully received

## Christmas Message

from Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ

As we celebrate the joy of Christmas, I send heartfelt greetings to all the faithful of our diocese, embracing the hope that Christ brings into our world. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, may the tender love of God shown by the birth of Jesus guide us, inspiring renewal and deepening our faith. I extend my deep gratitude to the clergy and our dedicated parish volunteers whose selfless service brings the warmth of God's love to life in our community. May God's abundant blessing be with you and your loved ones this Christmas and throughout the coming year.



### INVITATION TO OPENING OF JUBILEE YEAR

On **Christmas Eve 2024**, Pope **Francis** will open the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica and the **Jubilee of Hope** will begin in Rome. The theme the Holy Father has chosen for this year of special graces is 'Pilgrims of Hope' and he invites the whole People of God – laity and clergy – to celebrate God's Gift of Grace through their expressions of *Deep Faith, Lively Hope and Active Charity*. The Holy Year in the Diocese will begin on the Feast of the Holy Family. All parishioners are warmly invited to join Bishop Alan McGuckian at the Solemn Opening Mass of the Jubilee Year of Hope on Sunday, **29th December @ 3pm in St Peter's Cathedral**, Belfast. We encourage everyone to attend and be part of this celebration for the Jubilee Year. The webcam will allow for people to view the Mass

[www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral](http://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral)

**\*\*\*PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE\*\*\***

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

Feedback is requested this week

Forms available in the church porches.

**\*\*\*FINAL CALL\*\*\***

**OFFICE CLOSED; UNTIL FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JAN**

**MOBILE CONTACT; 078 343 83314**

**CANON JOHN IN AN EMERGENCY ONLY;**

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TO BOOK A BAPTISM, WEDDING, or FUNERAL & ANNIVERSARY NOTICES

**WEB ADDRESS** To watch Mass on our Parish website please go to [www.mcn.live](http://www.mcn.live) on your web browser. Funerals/weddings can only be recorded at the specific request of the immediate family

## COFFEE IN SUPPORT OF ORDER OF MALTA AND ST JOHN AMBULANCE

Since its rededication by Pope St John Paul II in 1989, The Order of Malta Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem has delivered more than 100,000 babies. St John Ambulance Eye Hospital in Jerusalem assesses and preserves the sight of these babies. If you would like to contribute to their vital work, you are invited to join Sheelagh Hillan at her home, 2 Neillsbrook Road, for a coffee on **Sat 11<sup>th</sup> January 10am–1pm**.



**Kickham's GAC Wednesday 18/12/2024**

**WINNING LETTERS;** A, C, G, R

**£25 WINNERS;**

**Aislinn Joyce and Chantelle O'Neill.**

**The winners of our bumper Christmas lotto draw**

**£100 - Bronagh O'Connell**

**£50 - Mairead McCann and Anna McCoy**

**£25 - Thomas McCann and Michael McKeown**

**Next draw FRI 27/12/24**

**£5000 .....Jackpot this week**

**TÍR NA NÓG LOTTO Tuesday 17/12/2024**

**WINNING NUMBERS 5 8 22 24**

**£25 WINNERS;** John Heffron, Colm McMullan,

Rhianna Heffron, Paul McMullan

**Next draw Tues 24/12/2024**

**Jackpot this week.....£5000**

**We wish all our parishioners a  
Blessed and Peaceful Christmas,  
and the  
Enjoyment of Health throughout  
2025**

