

# Church of St. MacNissi

1 & 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025  
Eighth Sunday in ordinary time



Ash Wednesday 6.30am 9.30am & 7.00pm  
Day of Fast and Abstinence  
**Mass & Distribution of Ashes**

## WEEKDAY MASSES w/b 9<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 6.30am & 7.00pm  
with Lenten Reflections  
Wednesday - Friday 6.30am 9:30am

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon-Fri 10am-12noon and Tues - 5:30pm-7pm

**Recitation of the Rosary**- Thursday 6pm

**The Divine Mercy** - Friday 3pm

**The Stations of the Cross** - Friday 7pm

## WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 6pm and Sunday 10am

## PARISH CENTRE

Legion of Mary - Tuesday 7:30pm

Prayer Meeting - Wednesday 7:45pm

**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

**Pope Francis** has invited us this Lent to "journey in hope together". A short-term pledge via [www.pioneerassociation.org](http://www.pioneerassociation.org) for parishioners who wish to become a "pilgrim of hope" for people who are living under the shadow of addiction

## ANNIVERSARIES

John Carrick, John Nelson, John & Josie Quinn, Hugh McKeown, Kate Kuijten, Desmond Leonard, Susan Stewart, Sean McTeague, Michael Swann, James McKeown, Mary Martin, Rose McCormack, Rose Anne McMullan, Sarah Frances Martin, Bernard Totten, Peter Diamond, Mary McCann, Elizabeth & James Johnston, John Gerard Martin, Hugh Skelton, John O'Hara, Rose McLarnon, Eilish O'Kane

## INTENTIONS

Rita McConnell 1<sup>st</sup> Ann Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 7pm  
Marie McCoy Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am  
Eleanor Watson Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am

Our priests are obligated 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.

## Trocaire LENTEN APPEAL

Your Trocaire Lenten pack is available for collection in the church foyer.

## PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION £1450

Thank you for your support

## TO SET UP A STANDING ORDER

please call or email the parish office to arrange.

## PARISH ENVELOPES BOXES 2025

Please collect your Parish envelope box distributed this weekend and next at the front foyer. Many thanks.

**GHANA IN AFRICA FUNDRAISER** Two young parishioners will be travelling to Ghana in Africa in June for 2 weeks Collection after Masses this week (1st & 2nd March) if you wish to contribute towards the £1500 fundraising that is needed.

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

<b>Tuesday</b>	St Casimir
<b>Wednesday</b>	St Kieran
<b>Thursday</b>	St Colette
<b>Friday</b>	Ss Perpetua & Felicity

**CLEANING TEAM** Wc 1<sup>st</sup> March is Team 3

## MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

09/03/25 Anne McKee	John Carmody
Catherine Purdy	Gerard McBride
George McAuley	Fiona McKeown

## MINISTERS OF THE WORD

09/03/25 Caroline McGale	Grainne Rodgers
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## ST PATRICKS DAY

Singers & instrumentalists  
Saturday vigil Mass choir  
welcome all those who would love to sing/play with us at Mass on St Patricks day morning. Maybe learn a 'cupla focal' also!  
Please phone 07734 570890 for practice details or speak to any choir member. Thank you.



## FAMILY OF PARISHES

### "Visio Divina - Picture your faith"

Open to all, a prayer evening welcoming everybody, wherever you are in your faith journey. Visio Divina is a beautiful evening of praying through art, history and scripture, following Christ's journey through his passion, death and resurrection. Enjoy a chat & cuppa afterwards and get to know your community.  
Dates: 13th, 20th, 27th March & 3rd April  
Venue: Minor Hall at St Comgall's  
Time: 7:30pm - 8:30pm

**ST MACNISSI'S CHURCH  
GRAVE LEASING AGREEMENT**

effective 21/04/2025

This leasing agreement is displayed on the notice board in the foyer of the Church. If you have any comments please contact the Parish office.

**ONE DAY PARISH RETREAT  
DRUMALIS**

**Saturday 29th March 2025  
9:30am to 3:30pm Cost £25**

**Members of the Parish Pastoral Council are taking bookings in the main porch after the weekend masses. Payment must be made when booking.  
Final bookings - Sunday 23rd March.**

**DOWN & CONNOR PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

**2025:** Celebrating the Jubilee Year and our **40th** Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage: 9/10-15th/16th July. 5 & 7 Night options available.

Please visit [www.downandconnor.org/lourdes](http://www.downandconnor.org/lourdes) for more information or call the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162 or email [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org) Youth Team (9-16th July): applications now open see website for details)

**ANTRIM/RANDALSTOWN PILGRIMAGE to Our**

**Lady's Shrine, Knock Saturday 10th/ Sunday 11th**

**May 2025** Cost £175 sharing £200 single Vera

07540 134325 or Catherine 02894 465021

Give them courage to say "yes" to your will, and bless our diocese with holy and faithful shepherds.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**FOSTER CARERS UK**

There is a desperate shortage of foster carers across the UK. If you think you could change a child's life for the better and welcome them into your heart and your home, contact your local fostering service today. There are many organisations out there who welcome faith in fostering and who do not profit from the services they provide for young people. It's easier than you think, you just need an open heart and a spare room. Here are some links you might find useful.

<https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/fostering/wh-y-choose-us/faith-in-fostering/>

**Ardán**

present **Aladdin**

Parish Centre

Sat 1st March 7.30pm

Sun 2nd March 3.00pm

Tickets available by calling [028 94472853](tel:02894472853)



**RECHARGE** is a young adult group based in Down and Connor for those aged 18 to 35. The group meet twice monthly on the first and third Tuesday of each month to "recharge" the spiritual batteries through Adoration, intellectual formation and social gatherings. We will be meeting on Tuesday the 4th and 18th of March at 7.30pm in St Colmcille's Church, Ballyhackamore. All welcome!

**MAINE BOWLING CLUB** St. MacNissi's Parish Centre. All ages and abilities welcome, **Monday** nights 7.30- 9 pm £2 per person.

**ST MACNISSI'S PARENT & TODDLER GROUP**

Parents, minders and pre school children are welcome Tuesdays 9.30am till 11.30am to St Mac Nissi's Parish Centre

**TÍR NA NÓG LOTTO Tues 25/02/2025**

**WINNING NUMBERS** 1 4 6 19

**£25 WINNERS;** Patricia Graham, Colum Devlin, Ciaran Mooney, Seamuis Hanson

Next draw Tues 04/03/2025

Jackpot this week.....£4800

**Kickham's GAC Wed 26/02/2025**

**WINNING LETTERS** A, G, P, T.

**£25 WINNERS**

Raymond Letters and Shaunagh Letters.

**Next draw Wed 05/03/25**

**Jackpot this week.....£3200**

**Kickham's GAC Creggan Lotto Draw**

Tickets are available online at

[kickhamscreggangac.com](http://kickhamscreggangac.com), from outlets in town or your usual ticket sellers.

**COMMUNITY ADVICE Antrim and N'Abbey (Formerly Citizens Advice)**

Monday from 1.30 to 4.30, in Arches. No appointment needed as this is a *drop-in* service

**TIDY RANDALSTOWN** Annual Big Spring

Clean on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March** between 9am and noon and would be great if anyone wanted to join us. Please register by contacting Stephanie [stephaniefullertonburns@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniefullertonburns@gmail.com) or Mobile 07725462027.

**OFFICE MOBILE** 07734 570890

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

**PLEASE CONTACT CANON JOHN FORSYTHE IN AN EMERGENCY ONLY.** 07834 383314