

# Church of St. MacNissi

15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent



## ST PATRICK'S DAY PATRON SAINT OF IRELAND

17<sup>th</sup> March

**MASSES** Sunday Vigil 7.00pm Monday 10.00am

### WEEKDAY MASSES

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

The Legion of Mary will be saying the Rosary during Saturdays of Lent at Our Lady of **Lourdes**

**Grotto Moneyglass at 1.00pm** All welcome

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

**ANNIVERSARIES** Paul Conway, Joseph Carrick, Raymond Doherty, Donnchadh Brosnan, Aidan McDermott, Liam Magill, Lena Boyle, Susan Robb, Fiona McKay, Harriet Fitzpatrick, Anne Graham, Ellie Carey,

### MONTHS MIND

Mary Butler Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 10.00am

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.



### ST PATRICK'S DAY COLLECTION

The annual collection to assist pupils from the parish to attend Irish Colleges in the Gaeltacht will take place before / after St Patrick's Day Masses

### Mass at Mass Rock on Slemish Mountain. St Patrick's Day 17 March 2025 at 3pm.

#### Family Rosary at 2pm.

Mass Rock is 250m from Slemish carpark, up a gradual incline.

Free shuttle buses to Slemish car park all day from Michelin Tyre Factory

(free parking available at the factory).

Make a family day of it – food vans and toilet facilities at Slemish carpark.

Contact Owen 07525 166090.

**LEGACY OF SAINT PATRICK** Continuing the legacy of Saint Patrick who tells us in his Confessions that he rose as many as one hundred times before dawn to pray, a group of Christians will gather at 5:45am at his grave on St Patrick's morning Down Patrick, Monday 17th March. We will pray The Our Father/ The Lord's Prayer one hundred times for peace and unity in Christ among our peoples. Everyone welcome. Please spread the word among friends from different Christian denominations.

### 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 our family of parishes. Dates: 20th, 27th March & 3rd April  
Venue: Minor Hall at St Comgall's  
Time: 7:30pm - 8:30

### KNOCK ALL IRELAND ADORATION

**PILGRIMAGE** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025 Bus  
£20 Food 40 Euro

Contact Una to book 07743 575969

### LENTEN APPEAL **Trocaire**

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

**PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION** £2480

Thank you for your support

**TO SET UP A STANDING ORDER**

please call or email the parish office to arrange.

**FEAST DAY THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday** St Cyril of Jerusalem

**Wednesday** St Joseph

**Friday** St Enda of Aran

**CLEANING TEAM** Wc 16<sup>th</sup> March is Team 1

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

16/03/25 Ciara McIlwee

Peter Boyle

Anne Rooney

Gerard Dougan

George McAuley

John Carmody

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

09/03/25 Katie Bonnes Thomas Carey

**ONE DAY PARISH RETREAT DRUMALIS**

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 - Sun 23<sup>RD</sup> March.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL RECRUITMENT**

Initiative - Seeking Volunteers to help establish the following teams;

Social / Bereavement / Social Media / Youth  
Please complete the Expression of Interest form or speak to a member of the Parish Pastoral Council in the main porch after the Weekend Masses. Closing Date Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March.  
Your Parish Needs You!

**DOWN & CONNOR PILGRIMAGE TO**

**LOURDES 2025:** Celebrating the Jubilee Year and our **40<sup>th</sup>** Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage: 9/10-15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> 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 [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org) 9077 0162 or email Youth Team (9-16<sup>th</sup> July): applications now open see website for details)

**A NEW COLUMBARIUM**

The Cistercian community at Our Lady of Bethlehem Abbey is discerning the possibility of building a columbarium wall. This would be a beautiful place for people to lay the ashes of their loved ones to rest on the estate in a fitting and dignified way. If you would like more information, or have any questions, please contact Joseph O'Neill on 07821 451 233 or [joseph@eternumcolumbarium.com](mailto:joseph@eternumcolumbarium.com)



**PILGRIM HEARTS**

**Walking in the Steps of Jesus this Lent.**

a 6-week Lenten journey inspired by the Sunday gospels and the lives of the Irish Saints who embraced faith in times of challenge. From St Patrick's prayers on the mountain to St Brigid's acts of compassion, their lives remind us that holiness is lived in simple, everyday choices. You are invited to take a leaflet and follow your Lenten journey with family and/or friends. Perhaps invite a friend, a family member or someone who perhaps has been away from Church for a while to take this journey with you. Your invitation could be the start of their pilgrimage of hope. Leaflets available in the Porches.

**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 AND 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 11/03/2025**

**WINNING NUMBERS** 7 8 21 24

**£25 WINNERS;** Michael Shepherd, Barry Heffron, Paddy Higgins, Marg Robb

Next draw Tues 18/03/25 Next Jackpot £5000

**Kickham's GAC** **Wed 12/03/2025**

**WINNING LETTERS** F Q W Y

**£25 WINNERS** Kevin Mackle Kyra & Scout

**Next draw Wed 19/03/25** Next Jackpot **£3300**

Tickets are available online at [kickhamscreggangac.com](http://kickhamscreggangac.com), from outlets in town

**FRIENDS OF BISHOP ABRAHAM**

**we welcome you warmly to our Parish and send prayers of support in your ministry** During the St.

Patrick's weekend Bishop will be visiting in Randalstown and is looking forward to meeting his many old friends again

**MOBILE** 07734 570890

**OFFICE 028 9447 2103** TUES - FRI

**EMAIL;** [randalstown@downandconnor.org](mailto:randalstown@downandconnor.org)

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

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