

# Church of St. MacNissi

22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> February

**Seventh Sunday in ordinary time**

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday **7.00pm** Wednesday - Friday **9.30am**

## WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm Sunday 10.00am

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Mon- Fri 10am – 12 *Tues 5.30pm – 7.pm*

## LEGION OF MARY -Tuesday

Parish Centre at 7.30pm Conor; 07379 692661

**See poster in front hall for details**

**PRAYER MEETING** 7.45pm **Wednesday** eve.

Parish Centre

**THE ROSARY GROUP** Thursday at 6pm

**DIVINE MERCY** Friday 3.pm

**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** Netta Tate, George Graham Sarah Robb, John Robb, Claire O'Boyle, Anthony O'Boyle, Eilish O'Kane, Una Conway, Therese Carrick, Albert Cassidy, Eva Merrick, Mattie Dowd, J.P.Weir, Hugh McKeown Marjorie Woods, Mary Gilmore, Kevin Kelly Jnr, Elizabeth Kerr, Brian O'Neill, Pat+Paul Mackle

## INTENTION

Anthony+Clare O'Boyle Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> @ 9.30am

Kerri McKay Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 9.30am

## MONTHS MIND

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.

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Thur - St Gregory of Narek Sat- St David

## MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

01/03/25	Brenda Corr Terry McKeown Ciara McIlwee	Peter Boyle Gerard Dougan John Carmody
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**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

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## **PARISH ENVELOPES BOXES 2025**

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

## **GIFT AID/ PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS**

If you are a tax payer you can also sign up for your donations to be gift aided.

This will enable our Parish to claim from the government 25% extra on your behalf.

If you would like to sign up please call or email the parish office to arrange this. 028 9447 2103

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**PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION** £1790

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

**CLEANING TEAM** Wc 24th Feb is team 2.

**GHANA IN AFRICA FUNDRAISER** Two young parishioners will be travelling to Ghana in Africa in June for 2 weeks to volunteer and help with building projects around small villages, hospital and schools. There will be a collection after Masses next week (1st & 2nd March) should parishioners wish to contribute towards the £1500 they each have to fundraise for materials and resources to help these communities.

All proceeds shall go directly to the project and both children will be funding the cost of their travel expenses etc.

## **"HOPE" – A RETREAT FOR THOSE**

### **DISCERNING THE PRIESTHOOD**

Are you considering the call to the priesthood? Join us for a Vocation to the Priesthood Retreat from 7th–9th March at Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne. This year's theme, "Priests as Men of Hope," invites us to reflect on the joy and strength that come from trusting in God's plan.

To book a place or for more information, contact the Vocations Director: Fr Conor McGrath at [c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org](mailto:c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org).

## **PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Heavenly Father,

You are the source of all hope and the giver of every good gift.

Raise up those with hearts open to your call, ready to serve your Church as priests, bringing hope, healing, and the light of Christ to the world.

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.

🤩🤩 **EXCITING NEWS!!!** 🤩🤩

Members of **OUR** parish are proposing to get the **Youth Group up and running again** after 4 long years. This group will (at least initially) be for young people from Year 8 to Year 11 and will be on one evening every week during term time. We also need older members to come forward as leaders of this very important initiative. Before moving forward we are keen to have your opinion so please can you help us by answering the poll below via email at:

[michael@michaelmckayphotography.co.uk](mailto:michael@michaelmckayphotography.co.uk)

My child/children would like to attend

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I would be interested to help as a volunteer

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Both

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**1 DAY RETREAT AT DRUMALIS**

Building upon the success of Our Mass of Celebration, the Parish Pastoral Council are delighted to offer a one day Parish Retreat at Drumalis Conference Centre, Larne on **Saturday 29th March 2025** from 10 am to 3:30pm. Cost £35 £!0 each subsidised by the parish. Tea/Coffee served from 9:30am. Lunch provided. Led by Brian McKee and the Drumalis Team; "Let us drink from the Well." Everyone is welcome.

Members of the PPC will be available in the main porch of the Church at all weekend Masses from next weekend for bookings.

**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



Ardán present **Aladdin** in the Parish Centre  
Friday 28th February+Saturday 7.30pm  
Saturday 1st March 7.30pm  
Sunday 2nd March 3.00pm

Tickets available by calling **028 94472853**

**Monday 7.00pm**

in the Parish Centre.

New volunteers and members are 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 AND TODDLER GROUP**

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



**Snowball £ 300**

This **Tuesday** 26<sup>th</sup> February  
8.00pm to 9:30pm IN THE Parish Centre

**TÍR NA NÓG LOTTO Tues 18/02/2025**

**WINNING NUMBERS** 8 13 16 25

**WINNER j Michael Kelly**

**£25 WINNERS;**

Martin O'Kane, M O'Kane,  
Natasha Craig Eve McCann

Next draw Tues 25/02/2025

Jackpot this week.....£4700

**Kickham's GAC Wed 19/02/2025**

**WINNING LETTERS**

**Next draw Wed 26/02/25**

**Jackpot this week.....£5000**

**CREGGAN LOCAL HERITAGE** The United Irishmen and the real story of Roddy McCorley will be given by historian Stephen McCracken in Creggan Gac Pavilion on Thursday 27 Feb @ 8pm. Refreshments served. Admission £5

**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

'And yet! Should not all old men go Mad!'  
W.B. Yeats quoted by Canon John