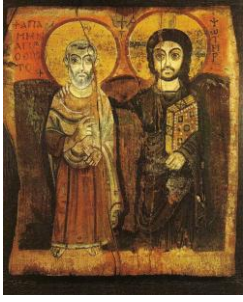


18th JANUARY 2026 – 2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



PARISH OF ANTRIM
St Comgall, St Joseph, St MacNissius

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SUNDAY MASSES

St. Comgall's 9.00am 11.00am
St. Joseph's 5.30pm (Sat vigil) 12.00noon
St. MacNissius 10.00am

Weekday Mass

St. Comgall's: Monday, Wed, Friday & Sat 10.00am
St. Joseph's: Tues & Thurs 10am Fri 7pm

Mass is available to view on the Parish
facebook page and youtube: Parish of
Antrim

Confessions

St. Comgall's – Sat 12 - 12.30pm
St. Joseph's— Sat 4.45 –5.15pm

Adoration: Fri 10.30 – 12 noon St. Comgall's
Every 1st Fri. @ 6pm St. Joseph's

Prayer Group – Every Wed 7pm in Sr.
Catherine's Room
St. Comgall's

Readings: Sunday Cycle A Week 2 in
OT Weekday Cycle 2

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Jesus, Lamb of God, help me too
recognize whatever in me is holding
me back from life in abundance. Give
me your life, your forgiveness, your
healing. May we be wholehearted in
our following of you and in our
responding to your call in our daily
lives.*

PRAYER PEOPLE

**Intention for Parish Community Year 13
Week 8**

*We pray for the Parish schools that
they will be communities of growth,
learning, faith and love for all
especially the pupils.*

Thought for the Week

*“Faith is like a bright ray
of sunlight.
It enables us to see God
in all things as well as
all things in God”*

St. Francis de Sales

Offertory Collection: £3,420.00
Thank you to all who contributed.

Recently Deceased: Mary Kelly

Months Mind: Paul Quinn

1st Anniv: Kathleen Matthews, Tony McGonigle (Eng)

Anniversaries: Sadie McIlmunn, John McNally, Susan McQuillan, Philip Magee,
Patsy McCollum, Mary Agnew, Roisin & Kathleen Mackle, Hugh & Betty Duffin,
Molly McGonigle, Sean Murray, Emily Pollard, Mary & Oliver Hodgkinson,
James & Elizabeth O'Reilly, Bernard Shannon, Mary Crossan, Lily Campbell,
Daniel Allen, Claude & Nellie Young, Hugh Pat O'Donnell, Brigid Lennon, Barry Robb,
Ronnie & Anne Conway, Belle Edwards, Annie Rice,

The next **Healing Night** will be this Sunday 18 January at 6pm. There will be Eucharistic Adoration, confession and an opportunity for individual prayer. Refreshments will be served afterwards in St Joseph's Hall. All welcome.

Alpha Course Antrim Parish invites you to explore the Alpha Programme. Meet new people, explore questions of faith, with no pressure. Commencing Thursday 5th March for 12 weeks in St. Joseph's Hall from 7 – 9pm. Refreshments available. All welcome.

Antrim Apostolic Work will be taking up a church door collection after each Mass this weekend.

Catholic Schools Week (CSW) 2026 runs from January 18-24, 2026, with the theme "Catholic Schools: **Normal Lives, Called to Holiness**," focusing on finding holiness in everyday actions like prayer, love, service, and family, inspired by Blessed Carlo Acutis, to celebrate the faith and community spirit in Catholic education.

Grandparents Mass:

St. Comgall's Tuesday 20th January @ 10.00am

St. Joseph's Wednesday 28th January @ 9.30am

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th – 25th January Theme One Body One Spirit'

CELEBRATING ST BRIGID – Friday 30th January 7pm Parish Hall @St Joseph's Antrim Parish Social and Hospitality Committee and CLG Naomh Comhghall are coming together to celebrate the legacy of St Brigid, Ireland's patroness and the beginning of Spring. An old Irish tradition is weaving a St Brigid's cross from material like rushes, or pipe cleaners. Come and join us in the tradition of making St Brigid's Cross (Cros Bride). The tea will be brewing and some refreshments will be awaiting for you. There will be live Traditional Irish music. It is an opportunity for families and friends to come together for an evening of fun, music and a wee chat.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA Flying Direct From Belfast International
7 nights F/B Avenida Hotel 14th/21st August Spiritual Director Fr Andrew McMahon PP
Convenient flight times. £845pps. Deposit secures. For further information contact Joe 07776425631.

St Louis Grammar School, Ballymena OPEN NIGHTS Wednesday 21st /Thursday 22nd January 2026 Principal's First Address at 7.00pm P6/P7/prospective Sixth Form Pupils and Parents are cordially invited to visit the school (Please leave time for parking) For further information, please telephone 028 2564 9534 Email nneeson824@c2ken.net to arrange an alternative visit.

If your child is starting pre-school or primary school in September 2026, The digital admissions application open on Friday 7th Jan. @ 12 noon and closes on Friday 21st January @ 12noon. For more information go to: <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions>

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Priest: As John the Baptist points us to Christ, the Lamb of God, let us bring our prayers before God, who calls us to know his Son and make him known.

For the Pope and all bishops: that they may be strengthened by the Spirit to shepherd God's people with wisdom and care.

Let us pray to the Lord

For the leaders of nations and communities: That they may serve with integrity and humility, seeking the good of all.

Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who are searching for faith or direction: That they may come to recognise Christ and grow in to trust him.

Let us pray to the Lord

For those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit: That the Lamb of God may bring them healing and peace through the care and compassion of others.

Let us pray to the Lord

For our parish community: That, like John the Baptist, we may give honest witness to Christ by the way we live and serve.

Let us pray to the Lord

For the faithful departed: We pray especially for...

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All those named in the bulletin.

That they may share in the new life promised in Christ.*Let us pray to the Lord*

Priest: Father of mercy, you gave us your Son as the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world. Hear the prayers of your people and draw us closer to him each day. Through Christ our Lord.