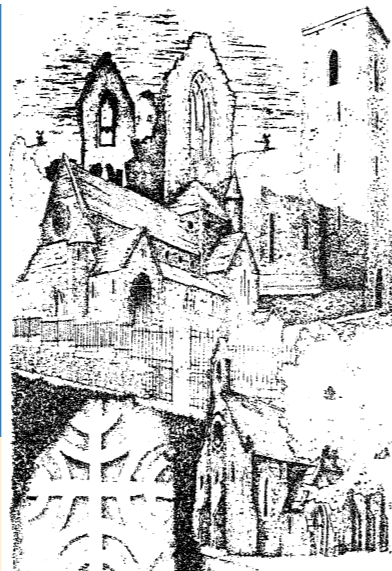


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CANDLES In the interests of their own safety, children are not permitted to light candles at the shrine. Parents please note: All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Weekend of 24th/25th September 2022



MASS TIMES

Weekday Masses in St. Patrick's on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 9.30am. (2m distancing in place).

Mass in Comber on Tuesday evening at 7.30pm with the Rosary at 7pm.

Sunday Masses:

Vigil at 6.30pm in St. Patrick's Church

Sunday at 11.30am in St. Patrick's Church

Sunday at 10.00am in Our Lady of the Visitation. Mask wearing is required at all Masses to protect one another as advised by the Diocese of Down and Connor.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



BAPTISMS 1ST SUNDAY OF MONTH

Anyone wanting to arrange a baptism must speak to Father Martin only after the baby is born.

O Mary, you shine continuously along our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the Cross were near to the pain of Jesus, keeping your faith firm. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us, He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and took up our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas - we who are put to the test - and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Pope Francis

PRAYER TO ST ROCH

O blessed saint Roch, Patron of the sick, have pity on those who lie on a bed of suffering. Your power was so great when you were in this world, that by the sign of the Cross, many were healed of their diseases. Now that you are in heaven, your power is not less. Offer, then, to God our sighs and tears and obtain for us that health we seek through Christ our Lord. Amen. Saint Roch, pray for us, that we may be preserved from all diseases of body and soul.

Matthew 26:38

"Stay here and keep watch with me". Please remain with Christ and as a community of faith until the final blessing.

Parish News & Announcements:



DEATHS

Recently Deceased: Sr. Kathleen Toman, Rosemary McGrattan.

Anniversaries: Ellen Gaw, Russell Bowden, Moira McMullan, James Bailie, Pat McCann, Anne McAlorum, William Faloona, Dominic O'Hara, Margaret Byers, John McDonald, Mae & Davey Ross, James Andrew McCullough, Margaret Paden.

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen.

BULLETIN

ALL notices for the bulletin, including Anniversaries, must **only** be left to the Parish Office in one of four ways:

1. By calling to the Parochial House during Office Hours i.e. Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 1.00pm.
2. By telephoning the Parochial House on 028 91812137 again during Office Hours
3. By email to the Parish's Diocesan email address: newtownards@downandconnor.org or
4. By post

Other means of correspondence e.g. Social Media or texts will not be accepted.

September Intention: All those in need in the Parish
SVP Helpline for Newtownards and Comber: **07738837984**
Parish Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9.30am to 1.30pm.
Bethany Bereavement Service: **07563195580**
Deacon James McAllister: 07751 851444

WEBCAM

I wish to advise that Masses will be broadcast over the internet. We will be broadcasting 24/7. Anyone experiencing difficulties with the parish Webcam should contact Church Media directly by phoning 028 87738494.

SUNDAY MASSES

Mass at 6.30pm Saturday in St. Patrick's
10.00am Mass in Our Lady of the Visitation
11.30am Sunday in St. Patrick's

St. Patrick's Cleaning Team: Team B: 30th September

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club re-opens on Wednesday 28th September at 2pm in the Parish Centre. Everyone welcome. Come along and join in the craic.

ST PATRICK'S YOUTH CLUB

Volunteers are needed for the re-opening of St. Patrick's Youth Club on the 30th September. Please contact Anne Mayberry (07877149250), Julianne Celiktas (07724042045) or Gail Glover (07856228161) if you are able to help. Many thanks.

BELOVED DISCIPLE PARISH PROGRAMME

Why not take some time this October to join us for the Beloved Disciples Programme which explores and celebrates the gifts that older people bring to our Church community? It reminds us that there is no such thing as retirement from the Kingdom of God and that we are called to discipleship at every age in our lives. The programme, designed for the over 60's runs for 4 weeks. Over a cup of tea/coffee there will be opportunities for talking and listening and sharing what our faith means to us as we continue our journey seeking to grow in the love of Christ and others. The programme will begin on Thursday 13th October following 9.30am Mass and will be facilitated by Aishling Steen from the Living Church Office. We look forward to seeing you!

CLEANING TEAMS

Can you spare a couple of hours once a month to help keep St. Patrick's Church clean and tidy? We urgently need 6 additional Volunteers to join the existing 4 teams who have been working hard over the past year. Please give this some thought. If you can help, contact Aine on 07706076850. Thank you.

FINANCE CORNER

WEEKLY OFFERING: 11/09/22 PARISH 2000 CLUB DRAW - 21

Weekly Offering: £1,589

£100 - Margaret McIvor 84

Maintenance Fund: £817

£50 - Roisin McCaul 286

Family Fast: £10

£50 - Mairead Curran 223

18/09/22

Collector's Prize: Claire Kirkwood

Weekly Offering: £805

Priest's Autumn Offering: £1,033