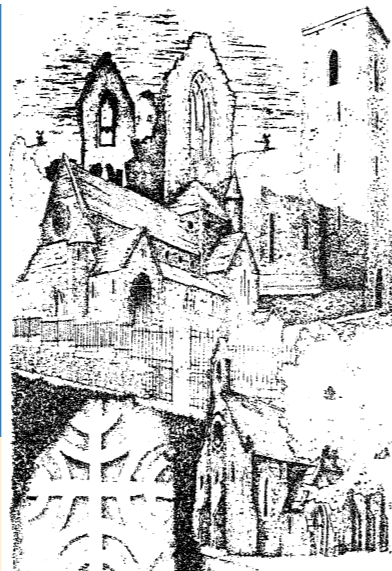


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CANDLES In the interests of their own safety, children are not permitted to light candles at the shrine. Parents please note: All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Weekend of 21st/22nd January 2023



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: Paul Bond, Sydney Gilmore, Michelle Rafferty, Patrick McNally.

Anniversaries: Michael McBratney, Alan Irvine, Linda O'Neill, Kathleen Butler, Charles Twite, Siobhan Coffey, John Bottery, Brigid Mullan, Nancy Crilly, Margaret Tracey, Margaret Colalucca, David McMullan, Margaret Stephens, Alan Watson George.

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.

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 C: 27th January

WEEKDAY MASSES

No Mass on Friday
The rest of the week as normal

TAIZE HOUR

Deacon James invites you to a candlelit hour of adoration, quiet prayer and reflection with Taizé chant in St. Comgall's Church, Brunswick Road, Bangor, Wednesday 25th January from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

CAPPELLA CAECILIANA

We at Cappella Caeciliana are joining forces with internationally-renowned New Dublin Voices to present a concert of choral music in St. Malachy's Church, Alfred Street, at 7.30pm on Saturday 28th January. There is free admission for students and under 25s but in addition we wish to offer entry free of charge to members of parish choirs and other music ministry groups in Down and Connor. This is a great opportunity to hear a very fine selection of sacred music in a management setting. The programme includes the extraordinary Mass for Double Choir by Frank Martin, which is one of the masterworks of the choral repertoire but is very rarely heard on this island. Further details of the concert are on our website www.caeciliana.org.

BELOVED DISCIPLES

Why not take some time this February/March to join us for the Beloved Disciples Programme. The programme, designed for the over 60's, runs for 4 weeks. The programme for women, will begin on Friday 10th February at 11.00am at Living Church 120 Cliftonville Road, Belfast and will conclude on Friday 3rd March. To book contact Claire Email: livingchurch@downandconnor.org. Tel: 02890690921.

GIFTS OF SOLIDARITY

The box for donations towards is now established at the entrance to the churches. All non perishable foods would be most welcome in these most difficult times.

FINANCE CORNER

WEEKLY OFFERING:
Weekly Offering: £1,002
Living Youth: £473
Family Fast: £134

PARISH 2000 CLUB DRAW - 38
£100 - Billy & Gladys McConnell 109
£50 - Linda Branagh 186
£50 - Matthew McMullan 357