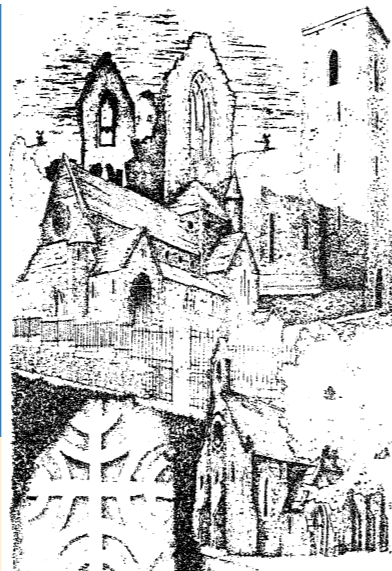


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CANDLES In the interests of their own safety, children are not permitted to light candles at the shrine. Parents please note: All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Weekend of 28th/29th 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: Sean McCaughey, Rick McCallen (Holywood).

Month's Mind: Mary Carvill

Anniversaries: Jim McDonald, Christina Anderson, James Foy, Francis McAvera, Caroline Thompson, Christina & Jim Johnston, Mary Kennedy, Billy Rowley Snr., Pat Joe Gilmore.

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 D: 3rd February

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mass on Monday at 9am in St. Patrick's

Mass on Tuesday at 9.30am in Our Lady's

The rest of the week as normal

ST. BRIGID'S DAY LECTURE

The St. Brigid's Day Lecture will take place on Wednesday 1st February at 7.30pm in St. Bride's Parish Centre (38, Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast). The guest speaker will be Michael Kelly (editor of The Irish Catholic) and the theme is: "When the Son of Man comes will he find faith on earth? - the future of Irish Catholicism". All Welcome!

ST. BRIGID IS CALLING

St. Brigid is calling. Come and learn all about Ireland's patroness, and how to make the iconic St. Brigid's Cross! The Saint Patrick Centre in partnership with Brigid Watson, of Sustainable Journeys Ireland, is hosting a Legacy of St Brigid Experience on February 1st and February 4th in Downpatrick Refreshments, and exhibition IMAX film are included. Ticket is available at the Saint Patrick Centre on 028 44619000 or book online <https://sustainablesireland.com>. In the Spirit of Saint Brigid there are a limited number of free places available for Ukrainian refugees interested in the cultural experience. Booking can also be made on *Evenbrite*.

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: £1,583

PARISH 2000 CLUB DRAW - 39

£100 - Tom Byers 361

£50 - Catherine Murray (Bangor) 337

£50 - Reuben Graham 303

Collector's Prize: Anne Donaghy