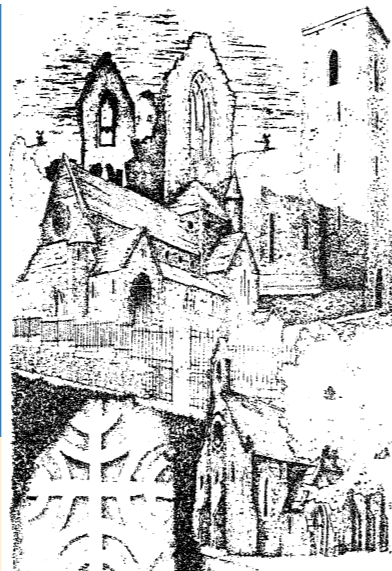


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CANDLES In the interests of their own safety, children are not permitted to light candles at the shrine. Parents please note: All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Weekend of 11th/12th February 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: Kathleen Doogan, Brian Kennedy, Chrissie Cairns Galway.

Anniversaries: Joan McDonald, Angela Dorrian, Stanley Fulton, Charles Harkin Holley, Very Rev. Leo McKeown, Frances Dorrian, Norma Haxton (nee Cardy), Seamus Kyne, Elizabeth Cairns, Robert Brown, Seamus & Margaret McGuigan.

DOWN AND CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST

A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Secretary - Part Time and a Parish Accounts Officer - Part Time (2 separate posts) within Bangor Parish, St. Comgall's Parish Office, Brunswick Road, Bangor BT20 3DS. The terms are based on a permanent appointment requiring 15 hours per week. In the case of Parish Secretary Monday to Friday from 10.00am to 1.00pm daily and for the Accounts Officer Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10.00am to 3.00pm daily. Rate of Pay - £10.50 per hour. Full details relating to the vacancies can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: JOB VACANCIES and on the on the Community NI website and on nijobs.com, where terms and conditions relating to the roles can be accessed by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application form. Application packs can also be obtained from the Parish Office. Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Thursday 16th February 2023.

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.

February Intention: The sick of the parish
SVP Helpline for Newtownards and Comber: **07738837984**
Parish Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9.30am to 1.30pm.
Bethany Bereavement Service: **07563195580**

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: 17th February

WEEKDAY MASSES

NO Mass on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday
Monday & Tuesday as normal

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will take place in St. Patrick's on Wednesday 22nd February from 10am to 4pm. Please sign your name on the sheet provided so that we know the Blessed Sacrament is not left unattended at any time.

NO GREATER LOVE

Lent is a season of reflection and preparation as we look forward to the celebration of Easter. Why not join Living Church as we reflect together over Zoom on the final moments of Jesus' life. In a series of short films shot on location in the Holy Land, No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. The programme will be facilitated by Fr Paul Byrne & Aishling Steen. There are 5 online sessions - one for each week of Lent which will lead us into Holy Week. **Beginning Monday 27th February for 5 weeks at 7pm. To book your place on our online programme please email livingchurch@downandconnor.org**

DIOCESAN YOUTH TRIP TO LOURDES

Applications are now being accepted for our Diocesan Youth Team trip to Lourdes in July 2023. Cost is £690 per person sharing, which includes return flights, transportation, full board accommodation, and insurance. **Date: 11th-17th July 2023.** All applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 24 from July 2023. **Limited Spaces available. For more information, please contact Lourdes@downandconnor.org.**

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

A Marriage Preparation course is planned for **22/23 April 2023** in Curryhills House, Prosperous, Co. Kildare. This 2-day non-residential course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship. **Information/Booking: marriageencounter.ie or 02827638512.**

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: PARISH 2000 CLUB DRAW - 41
Weekly Offering: £1,551 £100 - Mrs. Ita Guy 37
Priest's Stipend: £1,542 £50 - Pauline Bell 21
£50 - Liz McGuigan 211
Collector's Prize: Philomena Alexander