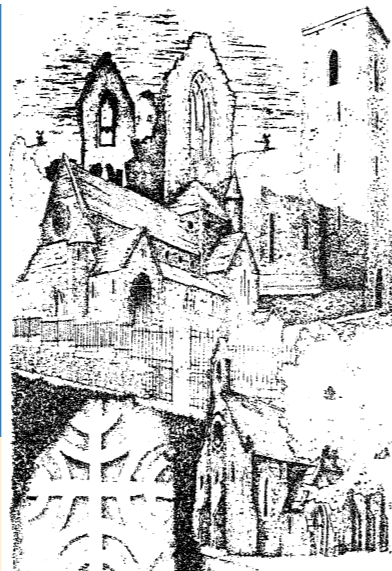


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CANDLES In the interests of their own safety, children are not permitted to light candles at the shrine. Parents please note: All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Weekend of 25th/26th 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: Jim McGivern, Francis Miskelly.

Month's Mind: Bobby Napier

Anniversaries: Tess Ennis, Joseph McCullough Jnr., Brigid Rennick.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBANUS

The Knights of St. Columbanus in Drumbo & Carryduff will lead the rosary on each Sunday evening during the holy season of Lent at 7pm in the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Carryduff. Everyone welcome. The first Rosary will take place on Sunday 26th February at 7pm. If you are unable to attend in person you can join us online via the parish webcam <https://www.drumbocarryduff.ie/webcam/>

ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT

There will be a St. Patrick's Night Ceili in our Parish Centre on Friday 17th March from 7 to 10pm. Music by Patrick Davey, Irish Dancers from St. Patrick's School of Dancing. Please come along and enjoy the traditional music and dance. Tickets £10 which includes Irish stew.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION

The Blood Transfusion Service will be in Comber Leisure Centre on Friday 3rd March from 12.30pm to 4pm & from 5pm to 7pm. To book an appointment please call 08085534653.

BANGOR VACANCY

The position of Parish Centre Cleaner has become vacant. Full details are available on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> by clicking on the tab JOB VACANCIES. Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Thursday 2nd March 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 C: 24th February

WEEKDAY MASSES

NO Mass on Thursday

Rest of the week as normal

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

A coach will leave from the parish for Our Lady's Shrine, Knock on Saturday 10th June and return on Sunday 11th June at a cost of £125 per person. Accommodation, which will be full board, will be in St. Mary's just across the road from the shrine. As accommodation in Knock is limited a non returnable deposit of £50 will be required to secure a booking. Please contact Brenda Cafolla or Anne Stafford on 07530156389 or 07714822045 if any further information is required.

FATIMA

The Parish is running a Pilgrimage to Fatima from 20th to 25th July 2023. If you are interested please give your name and details to Kieran and Laura Troy at info@myriam.ie.

SMA DROMANTINE

There will be a Lenten Reflection Day on Sunday 4th March from 9.30am until 5.00pm. Cost including lunch £35. There will also be a Dance of Life Retreat from 5.00pm Friday 17th March until Sunday 19th March at 2.00pm. Cost £220. If interested please contact SMA Dromantine on 02830821964 or email: admin@dromantineconference.com.

NO GREATER LOVE/LECTIO DIVINA FOR LENT

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

This Lent we invite you to join us to pray, share and reflect on the Sunday readings during the 6 weeks of Lent. The programme will be delivered via zoom and facilitated by Aishling Steen from the Living Church Office. Beginning on Thursday 23rd February 12-12.50pm. To book your place contact the Living Church at livingchurch@downandconnor.org or phone 028 90690920.

FINANCE CORNER

WEEKLY OFFERING: PARISH 2000 CLUB DRAW - 43
Weekly Offering: £1,216 £100 - Tony McCrory 26
Sick & Retired Priests: £810 £50 - Frances Rogan 30
£50 - Gemma McGimpsey 19
Collector's Prize: Marion Denvir