

Parish of Newtownards & Comber

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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 1st/2nd April 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: Maureen Keenan

Anniversaries: Shane O'Neill, Jake McCoubrey, Michael Trolan, Oliver Patterson, Stanislaw Zak, Bernadette Leonard, Alice Elliott, Noel Megarry, Mary O'Neill, Walter McAlorum, Antonio Colaluca.

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.

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: 7th April

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mass on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday as normal in St. Patrick's
Extra Masses for Lent on Tuesday & Wednesday at 7.30am

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Evening Mass of the Last Supper: 7.30pm Thursday

There will be a walk from The Cenotaph to the Square starting at 12 noon on Good Friday as part of Ards Churches Together.

Solemn Celebration of Our Lord's Passion: 3pm Friday

Easter Vigil: 9pm Saturday

N.B. NO 6.30pm Mass

PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Newtownards: Wednesday 5th April at 7pm

Bangor: Monday 3rd April at 7pm

Ballygalget: Tuesday 4th April at 6pm

Portaferry: Tuesday 4th April at 7pm

CONTINUOUS PRAYER
FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE.

All Families

The Parish community is the best
and often the only place where
families are encouraged to be the best
of who they are.

April
Good Friday
the 7th is our
Parish Prayer Day.

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.

FINANCE CORNER

WEEKLY OFFERING:

Weekly Offering: £1,222

Family Fast: £10

PARISH 2000 CLUB DRAW - 48

£100 - Dr. Mary Mitchell 151

£50 - Paul Byers 295

£50 - Margaret Ritchie 365

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.

St. Pat's does Strictly Christmas
With Ballroom Blitz NI



Supporting Parish Restoration
& Air Ambulance NI
Please contact Sharon on 07702 810 338 for details.