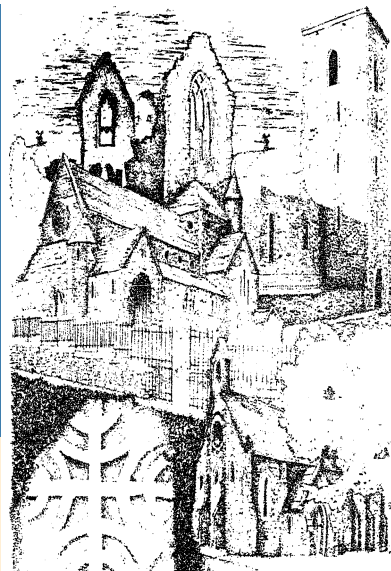


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CANDLES In the interests of their own safety, children are **not permitted to light candles at the shrine**. Parents please note: **All children must be accompanied by an adult.**

Weekend of 8th/9th 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:



April Intention: For the intentions of the Holy Father
SVP Helpline for Newtownards and Comber: **07738837984**
Parish Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9.30am to 1.30pm.
Bethany Bereavement Service: **07563195580**

WEBCAM

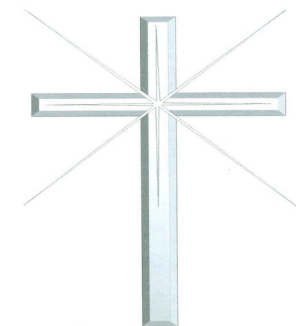
I wish to advise that Masses will be broadcast over the internet. We will be broadcasting 24/7. Anyone experiencing difficulties with the parish Webcam should contact Church Media directly by phoning 028 87738494.

EASTER SUNDAY

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.

You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.

Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia



A very blessed Easter from Fr. Martin.
Praying for you, thank you for your support and keep safe.

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

No church cleaning in Easter Week

St. Patrick's Cleaning Team: Team A: 21st April

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mass on Monday morning at 9.30am
Wednesday evening at 7.30pm

NO Mass on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

FINANCE CORNER

WEEKLY OFFERING:
Weekly Offering: **£1,413**
Priests Stipend: **£1,424**

PARISH 2000 CLUB DRAW - 49
£500 - Michael McCormack 193
£250 - Mason & Rylan McGimpsey 18
£150 - Mary Coffey 222
Collector's Prize: Eithne Clements



DEATHS

Anniversaries: Sam Robinson, Robert McCullough, Eithne Cranston, Yvonne Coffey, David Morrow, James Cummins, Ronan Kerr, Annie McMullan, Mary O'Neill, Walter McAlorum, Jack West, Betty McDonald, Gloria Cairns, Rita King, Eileen Creighton.

ST. COLUMBANUS' COLLEGE

St. Columbanus College PTA are hosting a **table quiz** on **Thursday April 20th** in the **College Hall at 7.30pm**. This is a BYO event and snacks will be provided. There will also be a raffle. Tables of up to 6 people can be reserved by emailing stcolumbanuspta@gmail.com strictly over 19s only. **Please come and pit your wits against the staff and help raise much needed funds for the school.**

VOCATIONS

In life, many hear God's call to priesthood. Is your heart open to the Lord? Have you ever considered taking the risk to follow in the footsteps of Jesus? If so, you are invited to the national seminary of Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth, on **25 April**, to attend a special conference on evangelisation and vocations in Ireland today. Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro Prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelisation, will be the keynote speaker. **Please register directly on www.vocations.ie**, or contact the National Vocations director Father Willie Purcell at willie.purcell@iecon.ie or Rev Eric Cooney secretary of the National Vocations Office at eric.cooney@iecon.ie. **May God bless you!**

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.