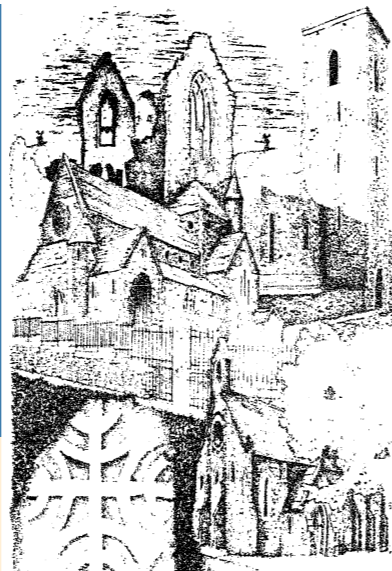


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CANDLES In the interests of their own safety, children are not permitted to light candles at the shrine. Parents please note: All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Weekend of 15th/16th 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: Bernadette Halton, Brendan McCrory, Noel McMullan, Jim McGarry.

Month's Mind: Michael McGuigan
Anniversaries: Teresa West, Vincent West, Patrick Dynes, Fr. X Kennedy, Sr. Margaret McCormack, John Higgins, Agnes Smyth, Frank O'Hagan Snr., Hugh O'Prey, Ann Miskimmons, Anne Byrne, Philomena Kelly, Maureen Edgar, Kathleen McGuigan, Derek Kearney, Sebastian Kanhye.

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 A: 21st April

WEEKDAY MASSES

Funeral Mass on Monday at 10.00 am

Funeral Mass on Wednesday at 10.30 am

NO Masses Tuesday, Thursday or Friday

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!

FINANCE CORNER

WEEKLY OFFERING:

Weekly Offering: £1,840

Priests Easter: £1,691

Catholics in the Holyland: £398

Family Fast: £10

PARISH 2000 CLUB DRAW - 50

£100 - Mrs A. Pinnance 253

£50 - Julie Tipping 217

£50 - Jackie Campbell 304

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.

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.