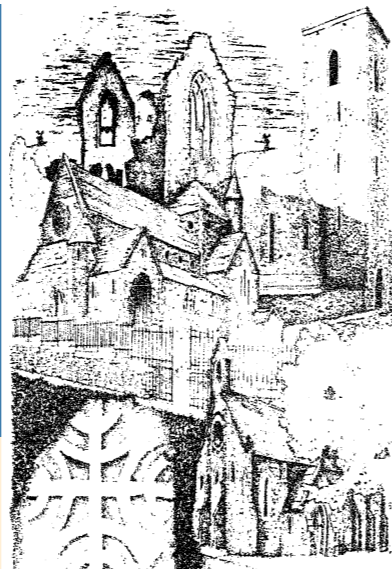


# Parish of Newtownards & Comber

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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 6th/7th May 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:



**May Intention:** Vocations to the priesthood and religious life  
**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 D: 12th May

### CHURCH CLEANING

Can you spare a couple of hours once a month to help keep St. Patrick's Church clean and tidy? We urgently need 6 additional Volunteers to join the existing teams. Please give this some thought. If you can help, contact Aine on 07706076850. Thank you.

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Funeral Mass at 10.00am on Monday

Mass at 9.30am in St. Patrick's on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

No Mass on Friday

### DIOCESE OF DOWN AND CONNOR

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023:

5 Nights 12th to 17th July £769 Hotel Jeanne d'Arc, Hotel Alba, Hotel Mediterannee

5 Nights 12th to 17th July £719 Accueil Notre-Dame for pilgrims requiring nursing and/or personal care

6 Nights 11th July to 17th July £829 Hotel Jeanne d'Arc  
Fares are inclusive of return flights from Belfast International Airport, transfers from and to Lourdes Airport, full-board accommodation, courier services and other taxes. A deposit of £200 per person is required at time of booking, with the balance payable approximately 8 weeks before departure.

### 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: £1,423

PARISH 2000 CLUB DRAW - 01  
£100 - Cyril & Paula McGahey 333  
£50 - Kames Miscandlon 311  
£50 - Brendan O'Neill 260

Collector's Prize: Patricia Rowley



## DEATHS

**Recently Deceased:** Tess Greenfield, Noel Boyle, Joe Crilly.

**Anniversaries:** Bernard O'Hara, Roy McDonald, Frank Rogan, William Kells, Tommy Rolt, Clara Coffey, Cardinal Tomas O'Fiaich, Hugh James Crawford.

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

St. Gerard's church will be hosting their annual Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help from Monday 15th May 2023 to Tuesday 23rd May 2023 at 9.30 am and 7.30 pm.

## MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals would like to send heartfelt thanks to the parishioners for their very generous donation of £2,264.88 at their recent appeal.

## PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen.

## 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](mailto:newtownards@downandconnor.org) or
4. By post

Other means of correspondence e.g. Social Media or texts will not be accepted.