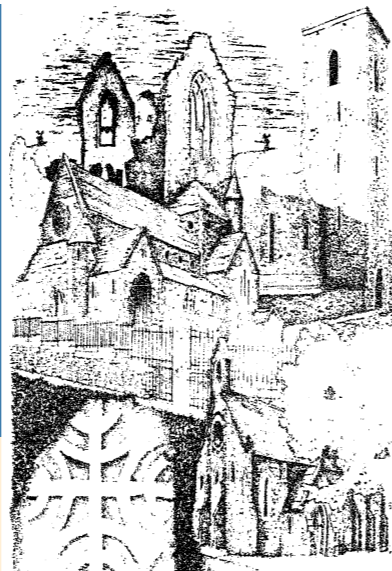


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CANDLES In the interests of their own safety, children are not permitted to light candles at the shrine. Parents please note: All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Weekend of 20th/21st 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 B: 26th 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

All Masses as normal

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

The outstanding balance of £75 is now due. Please make payment to Brenda Cafolla or Anne Stafford (07530156389 or 07714822045) as soon as possible as final numbers need to be confirmed to St. Mary's.

TAIZE EVENING

Deacon James invites you to a candlelight hour of adoration, quiet prayer and reflection with Taizé chant in St. Colmcille's Church, Holywood, on Wednesday 31st May, from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

FINANCE CORNER

WEEKLY OFFERING:

Weekly Offering: £1,666

Maintenance Fund: £984

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£100 - Eddie McGrattan 299

£50 - John O'Hara 213

£50 - Christine McMenamin 393

Collector's Prize: Anne Stafford



DEATHS

Recently Deceased: Joe Edgar, Patrick Walsh, Liam Wherity, Patrick Trevers, Noel Boyle New Zealand.

Month's Mind: Noel McMullan

Anniversaries: Beata Mielnik, Hieronim Mielnik, Raymond Heron, George Corcoran, Margaret Murphy, Raphael Arthurs

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.

LIVING CHURCH

The Mass is nothing short of amazing. The words, the gestures, and the rituals of the Mass are rich in meaning. Everything we say and do in the Liturgy is steeped in biblical language. We invite you to join us for the programme, *A Biblical Walk through the Mass (Edward Sri)*, where we will explore the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and reflect on their profound significance. We hope that this fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love and devotion to the Holy Eucharist. This programme will be facilitated by Fr Paul Byrne and Aishling Steen beginning on Monday 29th May at 7pm for 5 weeks online via zoom. To book your place contact the Living Church Office at 028 90690920 or send an email to:

livingchurch@downandconnor.org.

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.