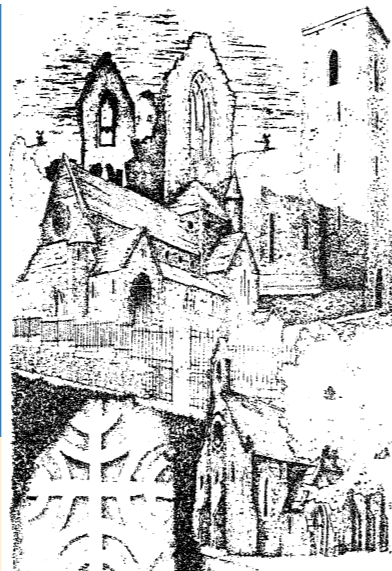


# Parish of Newtownards & Comber

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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 27th/28th 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 C: 2nd June

### 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

NO Mass on Monday  
The rest of the week as normal

### SVP SUMMER OUTING TO CARLINGFORD

There are still a few tickets available for our Summer Outing to Carlingford on Saturday 17th June 2023. If interested SVP members will be there after Masses this weekend.

### CEMETERY SUNDAY

Cemetery Sunday in the Parish will take place on Sunday 11th June.  
10.00am in Comber. 2.00pm in Killysuggan.

### LOUGH DERG 2023

The Living Church Office are organising a three-day pilgrimage to Lough Derg. The Pilgrimage will be led by Jim Deeds. Dates Friday 30th June to Sunday 2nd July. Cost £90 includes luxury coach transfers. Bus departs 9am Friday 30th June from Glengall Street. Places are limited so early booking is recommended. Contact Claire on 028 90690920 or email: [livingchurch@downandconnor.org](mailto:livingchurch@downandconnor.org).

### COLUMBANUS COMMUNITY FOLK FESTIVAL

Ards CCE are hosting the Columbanus Community Folk Festival in Bangor 4-11 June 2023. All events posted and information on tickets at [www.ardscce.co.uk](http://www.ardscce.co.uk). Headline act Saturday 10 June Mike McGoldrick, Dezi Donnelly and Tim Edey. St. Comgall's Parish Centre. Doors open 7pm. Tickets £12.50, children free with a paying adult. Licensed bar and fab ballots.

### FINANCE CORNER

**WEEKLY OFFERING:**  
Weekly Offering: £1,432  
Education of Students: £861

**PARISH 2000 CLUB DRAW - 04**  
£100 - Miss J.C. Smyth 187  
£50 - Dan Walsh 87  
£50 - Sharon Harper 203



## DEATHS

**Recently Deceased:** Joe Edgar, Patrick Monaghan, Marion Lane.

**Anniversaries:** Maurice Braniff, Thomas Brown, Mary Meredith, Pat Delaney, Mary Lennon, Fiona Kerr (nee Coffey), Teresa McGoldrick, Joseph Dorrian.

### PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

This weekend we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came down upon the apostles. In an instant a group of frightened disciples were empowered to go out and proclaim God's amazing dream for the world - the Good News of Jesus Christ! Check out our website for the full text and Bishop Donal McKeown's Pastoral Letter.

### TAIZE EVENING

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

### LIVING CHURCH

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

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