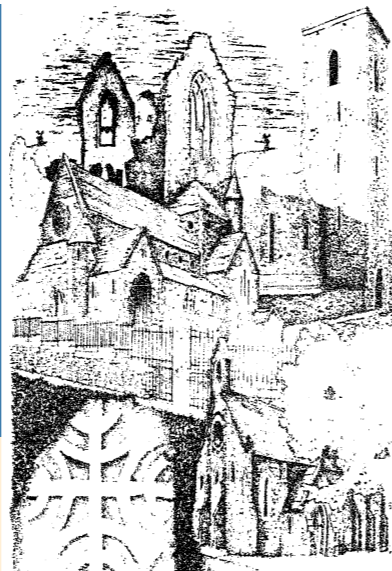


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CANDLES In the interests of their own safety, children are not permitted to light candles at the shrine. Parents please note: All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Weekend of 17th/18th June 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: Helena Arnold, Joe O'Riardon, Nicola Boyle, Michael McAuley.

Month's Mind: Joseph Mark Edgar, Marion Lane.

Anniversaries: Harris McDonald, James Noble, Jim Edgar, Owen Breen, Fr. Charles Denvir, James Corcoran, Owen Joseph Irvine, John O'Rourke, Maud Garrett, Jim McDonald, Shirley Falls.

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

In St. Matthew's Gospel Jesus tells His disciples that 'the harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to the harvest.' We must continue to ask God for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life, but we must also recognise that we all have a calling from God and through our Baptism, we have received the gifts or charisms of the Holy Spirit to equip us to fulfil it. Check out our website for the full text.

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.

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.

June Intention: For all those being ordained this year.

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: 23rd 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. Mass on Tuesday 9.30am in Our Lady's

Thanksgiving Mass at 9.30am on Friday

The rest of the week as normal

COMBER TEA/COFFEE

We hope to continue with coffee, tea and toast on the first Sunday of each month in Comber. In order for this to take place, we need volunteers to help set out tables and chairs before Sunday Mass and clear them away after the coffee morning. If you can help please speak to Claire Kirkwood 07570808659 or Carrol Black 07703541033.

A SERVICE OF LAMENT

An Ecumenical Service at St. Anne's Cathedral

Wednesday, 21st June, 11.30am to 12.30pm.

The 21st of June has been set in Northern Ireland as a Day of Reflection. As the sun reaches its highest point, we are given time to pause and acknowledge the grief that countless individuals have experienced through sectarian violence - and to commit ourselves to a more hope-filled future for everyone. We extend an invitation to you and those in your community to join us for this year's service which lasts about an hour. We hope you can join us.

FINANCE CORNER

WEEKLY OFFERING:

Weekly Offering: £1,003

Maintenance Fund: £840

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£100 - Seamus Murray 165

£50 - Mary Brown 116

£50 - Michael McCormack 184

Collector's Prize: Artie McMullan