# 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 19th/20th August 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:

**August Intention:** Peace.
**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: 25th August**

**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 Thursday or Friday**
**The rest of the week as normal**

## STRICTLY CHRISTMAS

We are still looking for dancers for **St. Pats Does Strictly Christmas** with the fabulous Ballroom Blitz NI.
The event will take place **December 1st and 2nd in Newtownards**. If you would like to learn a new skill, make some friends, get fit and raise money for Air Ambulance NI and St. Patrick's Restoration then please get in touch …. It is an amazing experience! **We just cannot do it without you!**

## LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE

The Living Church Office are organising a one-day pilgrimage to Lough Derg on **Saturday 23rd September**. As this is a One Day Retreat, fasting and walking barefooted is not required. **Cost £55** includes luxury coach transfers, tea, coffee & scones on arrival, retreat day, light lunch, concluding with celebration of the Eucharist. **Bus departs 7am** from St. Patrick's Church, Donegall Street. **Places are limited so early booking is recommended. Contact Claire on 02890 690920 or email: livingchurch@downandconnor.org**

## FINANCE CORNER

**WEEKLY OFFERING:**
**Weekly Offering: £1,354**
**Maintenance Fund: £726**
**Family Fast: £10**

**PARISH 2000 CLUB DRAW - 16**
**£100** - Mary Murray 243
**£50** - Joan Patterson 75
**£50** - Elaine McAllister 372

## DEATHS

**Anniversaries:** Anne McCausland, Pauline McCausland, Gerry Carville, Stephen Carnie, Mary Ennis, James Curry, Fr. Eamonn O'Brien, Fr. Colm McGrady, Harry Steele.

## PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE PRAYER

**God of Love,**
**You are with us in every transition and change.**
**As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.**
**We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us.**
**We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work.**
**Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.**
**We ask this in your Holy Name.**
**AMEN**

## UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

**This is an 8-week programme. Beginning online Via Zoom on Monday 18th September. Facilitators: Aishling Steen and Fr. Paul Byrne from the Loving Church Office.**
**For further information or to book your place please contact livingchurch@downandconnor.org or Tel: 028 906090920**

## 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.