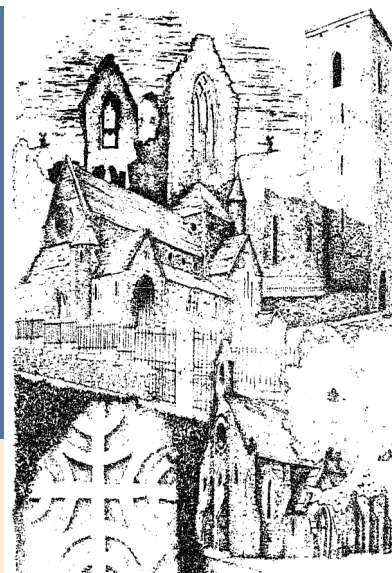


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CANDLES In the interests of their own safety, children are not permitted to light candles at the shrine. Parents please note: All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Weekend of 16th/17th September 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.



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:



September Intention: All those in need in the Parish.

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: 22nd September

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 for the next two weeks

Morning Prayer will take place

on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 9.30am

Tuesday at 7.30pm in Comber

From week beginning 25th September morning Mass will be at 10.00am in St. Patrick's. Tuesday evenings as normal

TAIZE HOUR

Deacon James invites you to a candlelit hour of adoration, quiet prayer and reflection with Taize chant. In Our Lady of the Visitation, Comber, Thursday 21st September from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

FOLK GROUP WORKSHOP DAY

Saturday 23rd September, St. Patrick's Community Centre, Portaferry. Come along and join us. Registration 9.30am. Workshops to learn new pieces for 6.30pm vigil Mass. All refreshments provided. For more information: Bernie Doran 07849927581. All welcome.

ST COLMCILLE'S PARISH CHOIR

We will be celebrating our 40th anniversary this October. We warmly welcome everyone, to join our celebrations, and to mark the date of Friday 13th October in their diary.

FINANCE CORNER

WEEKLY OFFERING:

Weekly Offering: £1,364

Maintenance Fund: £1,521

PARISH 2000 CLUB DRAW - 20

£100 - Mr. & Mrs. P. Strong 192

£50 - Patsy Major 11

£50 - Clare & Anna Murray 25



DEATHS

Recently Deceased: Rita Kyne

Anniversaries: Doreen Allen, James & Andrew McCullough, Margaret Byers, John McDonald, Bridget Joyce, Pat McCann, Wilfred & Isabella Rolt, Ann Cosgrove, Patrick McCann, Margaret Paden.

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

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club will re-open on Wednesday 20th September from 2pm to 4pm. All welcome.

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.

Deacon James invites you to a candlelit hour of adoration, quiet prayer and reflection with Taizé ch
In St. Colmcille's Church, Holywood , **Wednesday 31st May, from 7:30pm to 8:30pm.**

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

Headline act Sat 10 June – MIKE McGoldrick, Dezi Donnelly and Tim Edey.

St Comgalls Parish Centre. Doors open 7pm.

Tickets £12.50, children free with a paying adult

Licensed bar and fab ballots

Novena for Life

The *Pray for Life* Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Tuesday 23rd May to the Feast of the Visitation on Wednesday 31st May. Each day's intention