

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 23rd/24th 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:



DEATHS

Recently Deceased: Envoy Irene Hodgins.

Month's Mind: Gretta Loughlin, Una Mulholland.

Anniversaries: Margaret Paden, James Andrew McCullough, Fr. Felix McLaughlin P.P., Mary Dynes, Dominic O'Hara, Moira McMullan, Seamus Denvir, James Bailie, Zofia & Edmund Czoirnik, Mary-Ann Gausden.

COURSES AT DRUMALIS

Pathways Adult Development Programme. One Saturday per month from October to June. Certificate in Christian Thought. Seven Saturdays from September to May. For full details email maura@drumalis.co.uk.

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

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.

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 C: 29th September

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

ST. PATRICK'S YOUTH CLUB

Due to the increase in membership we are appealing for volunteers. If you have a couple of hours to spare on a Friday evening why not come and enjoy the company of our young primary school children. Please contact Anne Mayberry 07877149250 as soon as possible. Thank you.

TROCAIRE

Trocaire is looking for people to join our team of Christmas fundraisers to help respond to the urgent need of poor communities around the world. If you would like to find out more about what you can do to help now or over the Advent and Christmas period then please email Mark McMahon at in@trocaire.org or call 028 9080 8030.

ARDS CCE

Ards CCE traditional music classes will run in St Columbanus College in Bangor on Sunday afternoons and St Joseph's College Belfast on Sunday evenings. Classes are for all instruments and all levels including beginners. More info from Niall McClean on 07960072218.

SAVE THE DATE

Calling all Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. Save the date: Saturday 14th October 2023.

A day of training and reflection for those involved in the above ministries within our pastoral area has been planned for the given date. The event will take place in St. Colmcille's Holywood. The event is for those of us who are well established in the roles and also for people new to these ministries within their parish. Further details will be provided nearer to the date, but in the meantime, please keep the date free to ensure a good turnout.

FINANCE CORNER

WEEKLY OFFERING:

Weekly Offering: £1,155

Priests Autumn Offering: £1,484

PARISH 2000 CLUB DRAW - 21

£100 - Alex Gilmore 102

£50 - Allen Conway 282

£50 - Sharon Fields 336

Collector's Prize: Rita Gamble