

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 7th/8th October 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:



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 A: 13th October

WEEKDAY MASSES

Opening Year Masses for Schools:

Tuesday at **9.30am** in Our Lady's

Wednesday at **9.30am** in St. Patrick's

NO Mass on Monday, Thursday or Friday.

THANKSGIVING MASS AND CONCERT

Cappella Caeciliana Celebrating the Restoration of St. Patrick's Church, Newtownards and the 150th Anniversary of the Church of Our Lady of the Visitation, Comber. Saturday 21st October in St. Patrick's Church 6.30pm Sung Mass. 7.30pm to 8.15pm Concert with Soloist Fr. Martin O'Hagan. Admission free (retiring collection). All are very welcome to attend either or both events.

ROME/ASSISI

There is a proposed Pilgrimage to Rome/Assisi from 2nd to 9th of April 2023 with the first two days in Rome and then on to Assisi. Further details to follow.

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.

ST COLMCILLES PARISH CHOIR

You are invited to Musical Extravaganza! 40th Anniversary of the St. Colmcilles Parish Choir! Date: 13th October. Time: 7.30pm. Venue: St. Colmcilles Church Belfast. Prepare to be captivated by a symphony of voices as the choir harmonises with St. Joseph's Primary School, Contact Singers (Gilnahirk Presbyterian) and our own Father Martin. Admission is absolutely FREE.

FINANCE CORNER

WEEKLY OFFERING:

Weekly Offering: £1,562

Priests Stipend: £1,383

PARISH 2000 CLUB DRAW - 23

£100 - William Cromie 337

£50 - Jenny Garrett 394

£50 - Christian Kirkwood 93

Collectors Prize: Breda Campbell



DEATHS

Anniversaries: May & George Hollinger, Mary & Jim O'Neill, May John McConnell, Etta McConnell, Albert Fusciardi, Mary Rice, Joe Mullan.

STRICTLY PRACTICES

Practices begin this Sunday at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre.

TAIZE EVENING

Deacon James invites you to a candlelight hour of adoration, quiet prayer and reflection with Taize chant in St. Comgall's Church, Brunswick Road, Bangor on Thursday 19th October from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

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 Hollywood. 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. Those who are able to attend would they please let the secretary know on or after 5th October on 028 90422167?

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.