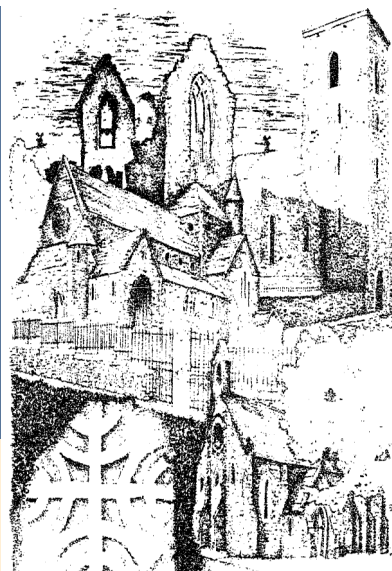


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CANDLES In the interests of their own safety, children are not permitted to light candles at the shrine. Parents please note: All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Weekend of 21st/22nd 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:



DEATHS

Anniversaries: John Halton, John Kennedy, Andrew McMullan, Mary Magill, Kathleen McCabe, Gerry Hamilton, Kevin Maguire, Marie Carville.

A DATE FOR THE DIARY

St. Mark's are having a Christmas Fair on 18th November from 10.30am to 1.30pm.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Day Pilgrimage to Knock on 2nd November for the Feast of All Souls, departing from St Agnes at 7.30am, returning approx. 10pm. Bring a packed lunch. Price £22.

ADVENT RETREAT

Advent Retreat with Fr Michael Hurley and Drumalis Team in Drumalis Friday 8th to Sunday 10th December. Further details next week.

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, including the millions of children and families caught in conflict across Ethiopia, South Sudan and Ukraine. If you would like to find out more then please email Mark McMahon at infoni@trocaire.org or call 028 90808030.

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: 27th October

WEEKDAY MASSES

All Masses as normal.

SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Parents of children in P3, P4 or P7 who do **not** attend Catholic schools and who wish their child/children to receive the sacraments should contact the Parochial House (email: newtownards@downandconnor.org) to register their child/children for instruction **no later than 31st October 2023**. Any request received after that date will be deferred until next year. Please note that **only one sacrament will be celebrated for each child**.

CALLING ALL BAKERS

A pre-Christmas Cake Sale will be held in the market square on Saturday 18th November. We ask all our lovely bakers for donations of cakes etc. The money raised will go towards our Parish Restoration Fund.

ROME/ASSISI

A big thank you to the eagle eyed parishioner who spotted my mistake. The pilgrimage will take place in **2024**. There is a **proposed Pilgrimage to Rome/Assisi from 2nd to 9th of April 2024** with the first two days in Rome and then on to Assisi. Further details will follow but cost is expected to be **1,050 Euros per person sharing**.

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.

FINANCE CORNER

WEEKLY OFFERING:
Weekly Offering: £1,420

PARISH 2000 CLUB DRAW - 25
£100 - Mr. & Mrs. T. Breen 193
£50 - Deacon James McAllister 370
£50 - Karen Leonard 225

Collectors Prize: Michael McCormack