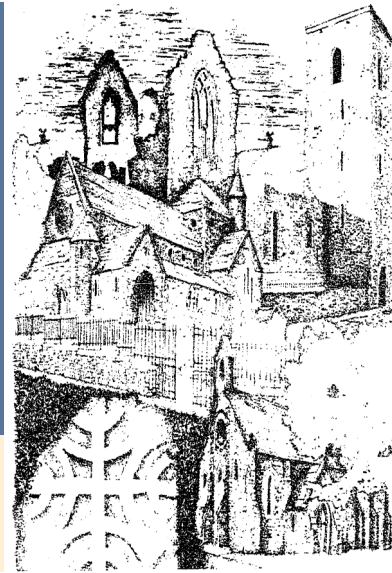


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CANDLES In the interests of their own safety, children are not permitted to light candles at the shrine. Parents please note: All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Weekend of 4th/5th November 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

Recently Deceased: Kathleen Hawkins nee Noble, Diane Strong, Michael Nicholson, June Coulter.

Anniversaries: Charles Kelly, Victor McKibbin, George Gibbs, Philomena Corcoran, John Dynes, Gerard McKenna, Gerard Mitchell, Ann Cosgrove, Elizabeth & Patrick McCann, Joan Lamberton nee O'Hagan.

DANCING FESTIVAL

We are calling on all past dancers, parents & friends of St. Patrick's Irish Dancing Club to come along on Friday 17th November to enter our "All Comers Reel" competition. This is part of the 40th Anniversary Celebrations and is sure to be a fun night of dancing. More Information on our Facebook and Instagram pages or email: ardsfestival@talktalk.net

MASS FOR DECEASED TEACHERS OF THE DIOCESE

Mass on Thursday 23rd November at 7.30pm in the Good Shepherd Church, Ormeau Road, Belfast. Webcam: <https://holyrosaryparishbelfast.net>

PIONEER PLEDGE

A short-term pledge gives spiritual support and encouragement to people and their families who are living under a shadow of addiction. Further information from the Pioneers on 01 80-54226 or via www.pioneers.ie/pray.

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.

November Intention: The souls of the faithful departed.

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: 11th November

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mass on Tuesday at 10am in Our Lady's

NO Mass on Wednesday

The rest of the week as normal

REGISTRATION FOR PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

The meeting for this Parish will be held on Monday 20th November in the Parish Centre. In order to attend this meeting you will need to register. This can be done through email to the Parish and Email and telephone contact details are required as part of the registration process.

CONTINUOUS PRAYER

Continuous Prayer for the Parish is on Tuesday 7th November.

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

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.

PLEA FOR WOOL

The women in Hydebank along with Sr Oonagh will be knitting hats and scarves for the homeless community in the run up to Christmas. If any parishioners had any spare balls of wool it would be greatly appreciated if they would leave them in to the Parish and Deacon James will pass them on. Thank you.

FINANCE CORNER

WEEKLY OFFERING:

Weekly Offering: £1,467

World Mission Sunday: £111

Family Fast: £176.68

PARISH 2000 CLUB DRAW - 27

£100 - Isabella Crawford 395

£50 - Frances Rogan 31

£50 - John O'Hara Jnr. 220

Collector's Prize: Ronald Smyth