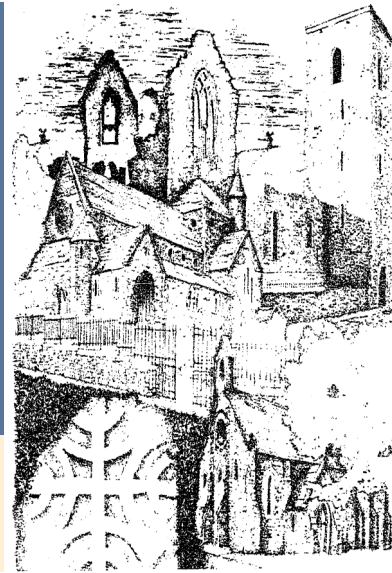


Parish of Newtownards & Comber

Fr. Martin O'Hagan P.P.
028 91812137
Deacon James McAllister

Email: newtownards@downandconnor.org
Webcam: www.churchmedia.tv
Parish Website:
www.newtownardsandcomberparish.com



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 9th/10th December 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: Francis McAllister

Month's Mind: Michael Nicholson

Anniversaries: Stephanie Barber, Anne Smyth, Rose Gamble, Isabel Breen, David Robinson, Davie & Molly Smyth, Christina & Jim Johnston, Clare Heverin, Peggy Cherry, Martha Farren, John Anderson, Brother Aquinas.

GREAT WOMEN OF PRAYER & FAITH: AN ADVENT JOURNEY

There will be 3 talks during Advent in the Parish Centre, St. Colmcilles Church, 191 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast on Wednesday evenings 6th/13th/20th December at 7.30pm. The talks will be given by May Cairns, Rev. Paul Hutton and Paula McKeown respectively. The evenings will conclude with supper. All are welcome.

ARDS CCE

Cap on the Wall and Friends Christmas Special. Friday 15th December at 8pm in the Imperial Bar with Champion Irish Dancer Lynsey Smyth. Tickets £10 from Thomas' shop, Imperial Bar or Eventbrite.

SVP

The SVP Christmas cards are now available at £3 per pack.

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.

December Intention: The needs of families
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: 15th December

WEEKDAY MASSES

All Masses as normal

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will take place in St. Patrick's on Wednesday 13th December from 10am to 4pm. Please sign your name on the sheet provided so that we know the Blessed Sacrament is not left unattended at any time.

TAIZE HOUR

You are invited to an Advent Hour of Prayer for Peace with Taize chant in St. Comgall's Church, Brunswick Road, Bangor on Monday 18th December from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

FAITH MATTERS THROUGH THE EYES OF ADVENT

There will be 3 evenings of talks Thursday 7th December, Wednesday 13th December and Wednesday 20th of December led by Father Martin from 7pm to 8pm in St. Patrick's. All are welcome.

ADOPTIVE PARENTS NEEDED URGENTLY

Family Care Adoption Service is an Adoption Agency and a core part of our work is to place children with new adoptive families. These children are aged from babyhood to approximately 5 years old. All sorts of people from all walks of life can be considered for adoption. Contact us! Email: email@familycareadoption.org. Phone: 02890691133. Website: www.familycareadoption.com. We are waiting to hear from you!

FINANCE CORNER

WEEKLY OFFERING:
Weekly Offering: £1,429
Priests Stipend: £1,395

PARISH 2000 CLUB DRAW - 32
£100 - James Miscandlon 311
£50 - John Carville 49
£50 - Francis Gilmore 6