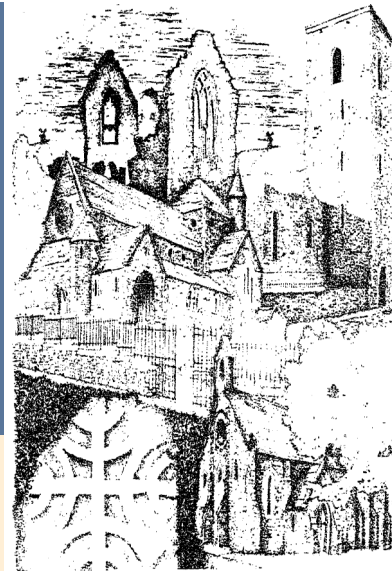


# Parish of Newtownards & Comber

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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 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:



**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 D: 29th December

### CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY MASS

Thursday at 10.00 am in St. Patrick's

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

24th December 6.30pm: St. Patrick's, Newtownards  
24th December 10pm: Our Lady of the Visitation, Comber  
25th December 10am: St. Patrick's, Newtownards

 Fr. Martin wishes everyone a blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year. 



### FINANCE CORNER

**WEEKLY OFFERING:**  
Weekly Offering: £1,440

**PARISH 2000 CLUB DRAW - 34**  
£500 - John Kelly 73  
£250 - Allan Campbell 160  
£150 - Mary McCrory 29

## DEATHS



**Anniversaries:** Fr. George McLaverty, Pat & Norman McMullan, Nora Kelly, Freda Corcoran, Margaret Curry, John Curry, Whydham Scott, Lily Scott, Florence McCullough.

### PARKING OF CARS

Could I ask please if you could be sensitive to the parking outside the Church before the Masses, as I have been asked to raise this because it prevents our neighbours from access to the footpaths, especially if there are prams or rolators, it would be much appreciated. Safety is always our concern as a Parish. Thank you for your understanding.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Church, Donegall Street, Belfast to mark the end of the Old Year and welcome the New Year. At 11pm on 31st December. All welcome. Homilist: Fr. Brian McCann. Cantor: Mr. Louis McVeigh.

### 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](mailto:newtownards@downandconnor.org) or
4. By post

Other means of correspondence e.g. Social Media or texts will not be accepted.