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 30th/31st 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 A: 5th January

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday & Thursday at 10.00 am in St. Patrick's

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
6TH JANUARY
(Holy Day of Obligation)
St. Patrick's 11.00 am Saturday

Fr. Martin thanks all those parishioners who sent good wishes, gave Christmas gifts and contributed so generously to the Christmas Collection. He hopes that you all had a Happy Christmas and wishes you every blessing for 2024.

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.**

FINANCE CORNER

WEEKLY OFFERING:
Weekly Offering: £2,531
Priests Christmas Offering:£2,958

PARISH 2000 CLUB DRAW - 35
£100 - Nuala Garrett
£50 - Yvonne West 403
£50 - Billy & Gladys McConnell 103
Collector's Prize: Marian Denvir

Deaths

Recently Deceased: Nuala Cooke
Anniversaries: Billy McCrory, Mary Carvill, Ann Carnie, Kathleen Murray, Johnnie Murray, Maire Smyth, Connor Diver, Peter Cherry, Ronnie Cherry, Mary Houston, Frank Denvir, Michael Denvir, Hannah Denvir.

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.

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.