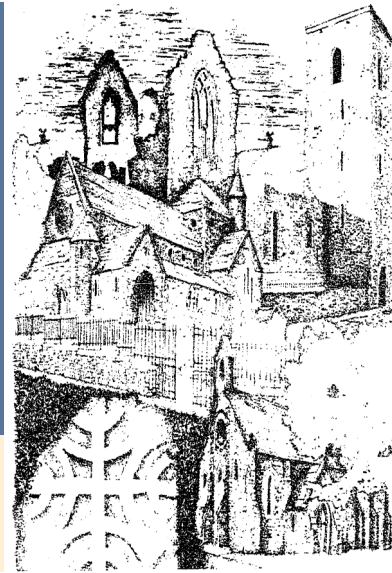


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CANDLES In the interests of their own safety, children are not permitted to light candles at the shrine. Parents please note: All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Weekend of 13th/14th January 2024

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: Raymond McGarry Melbourne, Sister Frances McCashin Sister of Mercy, Mrs Crossan.

Anniversaries: John McCullough, Phil Jones, Jim McDonagh, Rena McConnell, Eusebio da Silva Ferreira, Dr. Edmund Quiery, Most Rev. Daniel Mageean, Martha McGrath, Eleanor & Kiernan McErlane, Desmond Courtney Jnr., Belle Watson, Michael Corcoran, James Foy, Francis McAvera, Roma McAlinden, Barney McMullan.

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE PRAYER

God of Love,
You are with us in every transition and change.

As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.

We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us.

We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work.

Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.

We ask this in your Holy Name.

AMEN

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.

January Intention: Church Unity

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: 19th January

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mass on Wednesday is at 9.30am. There is no Mass on Friday

Rest of the week as usual

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will take place in St. Patrick's on Wednesday 17th January 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.

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

8 weekly sessions. Course participants will receive a resource pack. The pro-gramme requires one hour of study per week. Venue: Online via Zoom. Begin-ning: Wednesday 17th January at 7pm online for 8 weeks. The programme will conclude with a Retreat Day on Saturday 23rd March. Venue: Holy Rosary Parish Centre, Belfast. To book your place click on the registration link: <https://forms.office.com/e/HTLtfTXUaD>. Places are limited. Booking early is advised.

McCLEAN FAMILY CONCERT

All 3 generations will perform 2 unique concerts to fundraise for Bangor Swifts. Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd February . Imperial Bar Function Room. Doors open 7pm, Concert 8pm. Tickets £10 available at Thomas shop or through Eventbrite. Get your tickets quick.

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 pre-vents our neighbours from access to the footpaths, especially if there are prams or rolators, it would be much appreciated. Safety is always our con-cern as a Parish. Thank you for your understanding.

FINANCE CORNER

WEEKLY OFFERING:

Weekly Offering: £1,262

Priests Stipend: £1199

PARISH 2000 CLUB DRAW - 37

£100 - Joan Patterson 75

£50 - Kathleen Croan 371

£50 - Leanne Campbell 134

Collector's Prize: Darren McMullan