

# 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 27th/28th 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:** Kay Clarke  
**Anniversaries:** Jim McDonald, Bobby Napier, David McMullan, Francis McSherry, Agnes McSherry, Michael Murray, Claire McWilliams, Caroline Thompson, Mary Kennedy, John Bottery, Anne & Joe Smyth.

## ACCORD(NI)

If you feel your marriage or relationship is in crisis or need little guidance and feel that you both could benefit either face to face or online, contact your local Centre. Every year we help thousands of couples rebuild and sustain healthy relationships. Call us on 02890233002 for all N. Ireland centres.

## 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](mailto:newtownards@downandconnor.org) or
4. By post  
Other means of correspondence e.g. Social Media or texts will not be accepted.

## 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: 2nd February

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Mass on Tuesday at 9.30am in Our Lady's.

The rest of the week as normal

## PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

There are only a few places left on the Pilgrimage to Rome/Assisi. Anyone interested in travelling should contact Kieran on [info@Myriam.ie](mailto:info@Myriam.ie).

## TAIZE HOUR

You are invited to a candlelit hour of adoration, quiet prayer and reflection with Taize Chant. In Our Lady of the Visitation, Comber on Tuesday 30th January from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

## LIVING CHURCH

Reading St. Paul's Letter to the Romans together today. With insights from Augustinian priest Kieran O'Mahony, Scripture scholar and Ecumenical Canon of Christ Church 2012-2017.6pm (optional dinner). 7-9pm Lecture and discussion. Starts 13th February and continues on Tuesdays in Lent: February 13, 20, 27 and March 5, 12, 19. Book your place on Eventbrite. (Find the link on our Belfast Jesuit Centre Facebook page or website [www.belfastjesuitcentre.org](http://www.belfastjesuitcentre.org))

## 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.

## FINANCE CORNER

### WEEKLY OFFERING:

Weekly Offering: £1,155

Living Youth: £553

### PARISH 2000 CLUB DRAW - 39

£100 - Margaret Mullan 186

£50 - William Cromie 337

£50 - Mary Lagan 353

Collector's Prize: Marie O'Neill