

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 24th/25th February 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: Vanessa Laverty, Monica Watson.

Anniversaries: Eileen McKee, Dot McCandless, Joseph McCullough Jnr., Francis Murray, Billy Sweeney, Doreen Sweeney Swanton.

KNOCK 2024

A bus will leave from St. Patrick's for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on **Saturday 8th and return on Sunday 9th June**. It is intended to have a stop for the celebration of Mass at the Father Peyton Centre in Attymass on our way to Knock. **The cost**, which includes the coach and full board in St. Mary's Knock is **£150**. Contact numbers for Anne Stafford and Brenda Cafolla are **07714822045** or **07530156389**. A deposit of **£50** is payable asap to secure a booking.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Parish of Newtownards and Comber has been asked to **host World Day of Prayer 2024**. This will be celebrated in Our Lady of the Visitation, Comber on **Friday 1st March at 7.30pm**. Prayers this year are for Palestine. Please help support this event either on the night or with a financial contribution if unable to attend., Donations can be given through the normal collection if placed in an envelope marked 'World Day of Prayer'. **Please link with Julie in Comber** if you can provide some baking treats or sandwiches.

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.

February Intention: The sick of the Parish
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: 1st March

WEEKDAY MASSES

From week beginning **12th February** morning Mass will be at **9.30am in St. Patrick's. Tuesday evenings as normal.**

Tuesdays and Thursdays in Lent:

7.30am Mass in St. Patrick's up to Tuesday 26th March

All Masses as normal.

LENTEN FAITH MATTERS

Lenten Faith Matters and discussion on 4 Thursdays in Lent (22nd February to 4th March inclusive) from 7.30pm to 8.30pm in St. Patrick's Church.

TAIZE HOUR

You are invited to a **candlelit hour** of adoration, quiet prayer and reflection with Taize chant. In **St. Comgall's Church**, Brunswick Road, Bangor on **Tuesday 27th February from 7.30pm to 8.30pm**

DIOCESAN VOCATION WEEKEND

Have you ever considered the possibility that God is calling you to the priesthood? If so, take this opportunity to gather with other men who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood. **This retreat will create the time and space to help you discern God's calling in your life.** The retreat will take place in **Drumalis Retreat Centre from Friday 8th to Sunday 10th March**. If you wish to attend this retreat or would like further information **contact: Fr Conor McGrath, c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org or 02890654157.**

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 rotators, it would be much appreciated. Safety is always our concern as a Parish. Thank you for your understanding.

FINANCE CORNER

WEEKLY OFFERING:

Weekly Offering: **£1,220**

Sick & Retired Priests: **£877**

PARISH 2000 CLUB DRAW - 43

£100 - Sarah Donaghy 212

£50 - Bridie Walsh 88

£50 - Madge Gilmore 101

Collector's Prize: Siobhan Miscandlon