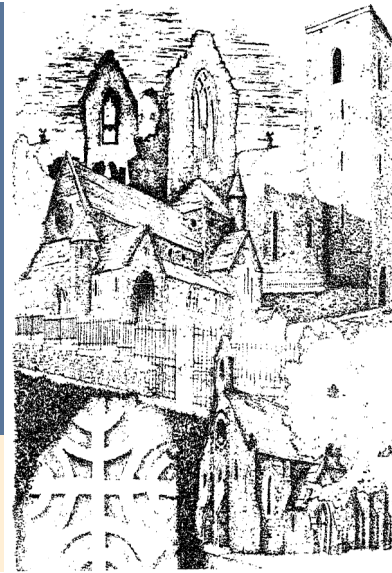


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CANDLES In the interests of their own safety, children are not permitted to light candles at the shrine. Parents please note: All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Weekend of 13th/14th April 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

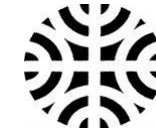
PRAYER TO ST ROCH

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

April Intention: For the intentions of the Holy Father.
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 April

WEEKDAY MASSES

NO Mass on Thursday or Friday.
The rest of the week as normal.

CHURCH CLEANING

Can you spare a couple of hours once a month to help keep St. Patrick's Church clean and tidy? We urgently need 6 additional Volunteers to join the existing teams. Please give this some thought. If you can help, contact Aine on 07706076850. Thank you.

PARISH CONVERSATIONS

What do we need to do to sustain a vibrant and welcoming parish? How can we reach out to support young people and their families? How can we listen and respond to the real needs of parishioners? How is Christ Jesus asking us to serve one another at this time?

Join us to discuss these questions and more as we plan the future of the Parish together. Wednesday 17th April, 7.00pm. Newtownards Parish Centre.

Your voice matters. Be part of the conversation.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

FINANCE CORNER

WEEKLY OFFERING:
Weekly Offering: £

PARISH 2000 CLUB DRAW - 50
£100 - Pauline McCullough 62
£50 - Paula Morrison 342
£50 - Kerry & Anna Campbell 161

DIOCESAN HOLY HOUR

On the Vigil of the Feast of the Good Shepherd, a Holy Hour will be prayed before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in every Cathedral in Ireland for Vocations. Join us in St. Peter's Cathedral, Belfast 20th April. 5.30pm: Vigil Mass for Vocations Sunday. 6.30pm: Holy Hour for Diocesan Vocations.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

We are planning to host a Flower Festival in St. Patrick's Newtownards over the second last weekend in June with the main event on Saturday 22nd June. Further details to follow, please save the date for now. Charity Coffee Morning for Brainwaves NI, Methodist Community Centre, Mill Street, Newtownards on Saturday 27th April from 10-12. Tel. Joanna 07816275518.

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.