

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 20th/21st 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

Recently Deceased: Gino Gambale

Anniversaries: Francis O'Hagan, Frank Falls, Francis McGrogan, Elizabeth McDonald, Gloria Cairns, Margaret Allen, Daniel McGuigan, Edward Rennie, Matt Press, Cardinal William Conway, Agnes Smyth, Michael O'Connell, Liam McQuaid, Maureen Edgar.

LOST PROPERTY

A child's coat has been found in St. Patrick's church. The name on the coat is Olivia Shaw. It can be collected from the sacristy before/after Mass.

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.

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 D: 26th April

WEEKDAY MASSES

All Masses 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.

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

Visit of Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis to the Parish of Dunsford and Ardglass will be 13th/14th May. St. Nicholas' Church, Ardglass Monday 13th May 9.30am - 10pm. St. Mary's Church Chapeltown, Dunsford Tuesday 14th May 9.30am - 1pm.

"To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan."

HALL BOOKINGS

ALL bookings for the Parish Hall must go through Brian McDonald. Telephone on 02891815051.

FINANCE CORNER

Parish Non-Stop Draw:- Just as a reminder that this coming week the top prizes of £2,000, £750 and £250 are to be drawn.

The following week marks the beginning of another year and application forms will be available after Mass for anyone wishing to join.

WEEKLY OFFERING:

Weekly Offering: £1,779

Maintenance Fund: £797

7th April: Weekly Offering: £793

Priests Stipend: £964

31st March: Weekly Offering: £1,792

Priests Easter Offering: £2,181

Catholics in the Holy Land: £959

PARISH 2000 CLUB DRAW - 51

£100 - John McGreevy 173

£50 - Mr. P. Gallen 115

£50 - Fr. Martin O'Hagan 347

Collector's Prize: Arthur McMullan