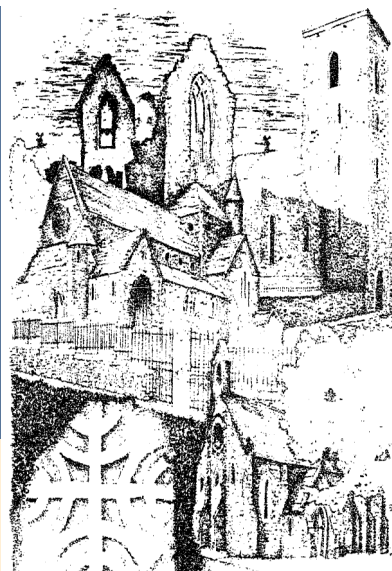


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CANDLES In the interests of their own safety, children are **not permitted to light candles at the shrine**. Parents please note: All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Weekend of 27th/28th 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: Christiane Vallee (France), Sam Mawhinney.

Month's Mind: Dolly Magee

Anniversaries: Hugh O'Prey, Philomena Brown, Desmond O'Reilly, Bertie Paden, Kitty Cummins, William Corcoran, Cardinal Tomas O'Fiaich.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

Down & Connor Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 2024 led by Bishop Alan McGuckian S.J. Spiritual Directors Fr. G. McCloskey, Fr. M. Graham, Canon S. Gilmore 20th August 2024. 7 nights: £799 per person sharing, direct return flights from Dublin to Lisbon. Afternoon flights. 20kg bags included. Return airport transfers in Fatima. 7 nights Hotel Avenida. Full board: breakfast, lunch & dinner. For further information please contact: Joe Catney 07776425/02890714001.

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

NO Mass on Tuesday. 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.

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.

PAIGE'S CAFE

Paige's Cafe will be up and running on Sunday 5th May and every 1st Sunday of every month from then on.

PARISH CENTRE CLEANER

We are seeking to recruit a Parish Centre Cleaner within Bangor Parish. The post holder will be required to provide an efficient and comprehensive cleaning service to ensure the Parish Centre is clean, tidy and in an orderly condition at all times. Rate of pay: £11.44 gross per hour. Full details can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: **JOB VACANCIES**. Closing date for applications will be at 12.00 noon on Tuesday 7th May 2024.

FINANCE CORNER

WEEKLY OFFERING:

Weekly Offering: £1,344

PARISH 2000 CLUB DRAW - 52

£2,000 - Eithne Clements 309

£750 - Eileen McCann 244

£250 - James Conway 283

Trocaire Total: £5,853.28 including St. Mary's P.S. £565.46