

# 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 4th/5th May 2024

## MASS TIMES

Weekday Masses in St. Patrick's on **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday** at 9.30am. 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.

## 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.

## HALL BOOKINGS

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

## 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:** V. Rev. Canon Brendan Beagon, Caitlin Robb.

**Anniversaries:** Joe Crilly, Tommy Rolt, Roy McDonald, Frank Rogan, Mary McGeehan.

## 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. 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.

## COLUMBANUS COMMUNITY FOLK FESTIVAL

**Bangor 9th to 16th June.** A full week of headline concerts/gigs and sessions including **Sands family**, **Bangor Abbey** Sunday 9th June at 7pm and **Celtic Soul**, Parish Centre, Saturday 15th June. Doors open 7pm, licensed bar. Tickets available Thomas shop Bangor or online. More info on full festival: **Ards CCE Facebook.**

## 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.

**May Intention:** Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life  
**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: 10th May

## 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."

## PAIGE'S CAFE

Paige's Cafe this Sunday after 11.30am Mass. All welcome.

## COMBER COFFEE MORNING

There will be a coffee/tea morning in the Parish Hall, Comber after the 10.00am Mass this Sunday. All welcome.

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The Rosary Rally will take place on **Saturday 11th May at 4pm** at **St Oliver Plunkett Church**, Lenadoon, Belfast in the car park at the Grotto of Our Lady of Mercy. **Everyone welcome to come and pray the rosary and prayers of Our Lady of Fatima.** This initiative is being held at the same time throughout Ireland in different venues.

## PARISH CENTRE CLEANER

We are seeking to recruit a **Parish Centre Cleaner** within Bangor Parish. **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: £1,368

**PARISH 2000 CLUB DRAW - 1**

£100 - Kinga Kula 150

£50 - Jenny Garrett 151

£50 - Christian Kirkwood 220

Collector's Prize: Nuala Garrett