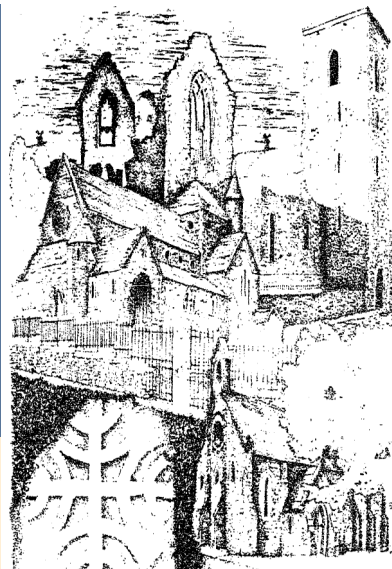


# Parish of Newtownards & Comber

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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 11th/12th 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:** Alec Gilmore  
**Month's Mind:** Jimmy McMenamin

**Anniversaries:** William Kells, Clara Coffey, Bernard O'Hara, Beata Mielnik, Lauranne Gillispie, Esteban Segundo Figueroa, Joseph McCullough Snr., Hugh James Crawford, Ann Miskimmins.

## PENTECOST IRELAND

**Saturday 18th May.** A family day to experience the power of the Holy Spirit through talks, worship, confession, adoration, workshops, prayer ministry, fellowship and Mass. Our main speaker is from Oisín Martin CFR and Bishop Alan will celebrate the vigil Mass for Pentecost.

## FOSTER CARE

**Foster Care Fortnight** runs from Monday 13th to Sunday 26th May. For more information, call HSC NI Foster Care on 08000720137 or visit [adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net](http://adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net)

## 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

NO Mass on Thursday  
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."

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will take place in St. Patrick's on Wednesday 15th May 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.

## KNOCK 2024

Final payments are now due from Knock pilgrims travelling on 8/9 June. Accommodation numbers need to be confirmed to St Mary's as soon as possible. Payment can be made to Anne Stafford contact number 07714822045 or Brenda Cafolla on 07530156389

## 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.

## FINANCE CORNER

**WEEKLY OFFERING:**  
Weekly Offering: £1,592  
Priest's Stipend: £1, 734

**PARISH 2000 CLUB DRAW - 2**  
£100 - Gertie McGivern 356  
£50 - Celia Magill 207  
£50 - Rebecca & Aidan Mullan 292