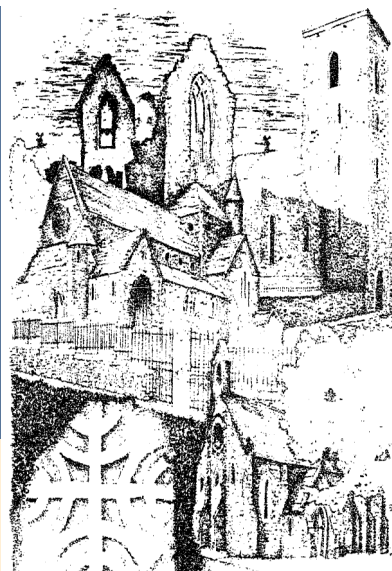


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CANDLES In the interests of their own safety, children are not permitted to light candles at the shrine. Parents please note: All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Weekend of 18th/19th 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: Una Crossey, Jim Galway, Anne McCool.

Anniversaries: Bridget & Jeremiah Walsh, Anthony Arthurs, Raymond Heron, Cara Rose Williams, Joseph M. Edgar.

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.

SVP TRIP TO CARLINGFORD

The SVP trip to Carlingford takes place on Saturday 22nd June. Tickets at £10 each will be available from members after all Masses on the weekend of 25th/26th May.

COMBER

Come along and browse the large selection of plants available for sale in the grounds of Our Lady of the Visitation Church, Comber, Sunday 26th May after 10.00am Mass. There will be refreshment available. Everyone welcome.

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.

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: 24th 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.

LAUDATO SI' WEEK

The week beginning Sunday 19th May 2024 has been set aside by Pope Francis to reflect on 'Care for Creation' with the theme 'Seeds of Hope'. It is an opportunity time to remind ourselves of the messages contained within the encyclical **Laudato Si'** - here is one A/B/C selection: A: St. Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life ... B: other living beings have a value of their own in God's eyes: 'by their mere existence they bless him and give him glory'... C: Society as a whole and the state in particular are obliged to defend and promote the common good.

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DIOCESAN NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

May 30th to June 7th, the Feast of the Sacred Heart. As Bishop Alan McGuckian begins his time as bishop of the diocese he would love everyone in the diocese to join him in nine days of prayer asking Jesus to give us a new heart. Many people among us are weary or wounded, hurting in one way or another. He wants us to make a novena for each other, aware that we are brothers and sisters in Christ. The prayers will be available in a booklet you can pick up at Mass or read online; it will also include a piece of scripture and a reflection for each day for those who wish to go a little deeper. Bishop Alan's hope is that this novena will be prayed either individually or together as parishes, groups, schools or families. Even young children can join in with the short prayers.

FINANCE CORNER

WEEKLY OFFERING:
Weekly Offering: £1,108
Maintenance Fund: £858

PARISH 2000 CLUB DRAW - 3
£100 - Julia Twite 302
£50 - Roisin McCaul 88
£50 - Patsy Major 138
Collector's Prize: Brian McDonald