

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 21st/22nd December 2024.

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.

HALL BOOKINGS

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

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday and Tuesday 9.30am.

Mass times for Christmas: Christmas Eve 6.30pm St Patrick's Church N'ards, 10pm Our Lady of the Visitation, Comber.

Christmas Day 10am St.Patrick's Church, N'ards.

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 &



December : The needs of families.

SVP Helpline for Newtownards and Comber: [07738837984](tel:07738837984)

Parish Office Hours: Monday –Wednesday– Friday, 10am-1pm..

Bethany Bereavement Service: [07563195580](tel:07563195580)

Office is open in the Minor Hall on Mon, Wed and Friday

WEBCAM: I wish to advise that Masses will be broadcast over the internet. We will be broadcasting 24/7. Anyone experiencing difficulties or requesting a recording of an event with the parish Webcam should contact Church Media directly by phoning 028 87738494.

from 10am to 1pm. The Entrance (Brown door) faces the Church.

Details of our **Parish Pilgrimage** to Tuscany and Rome from the 4th to the 11th August for the Holy Year. 1195Euro. Please contact the Office for a brochure

ST PATRICKS RACQUETS CLUB.

St Patricks racquets club will be having a Quiz evening. Everyone is very welcome. It will be held in the Pavilion Friday 27th December 8pm. Max 6 persons per team. Cost is £3 per person. Come along and have some fun.

TROCAIRE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Trocaire. Christmas gifts will be sold at the back of the Chapel after all Msses By buying a gift you are helping someone in need.

A very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year to all Parishioners and all connected with our lives and a big thanks for all the wonderful support, generosity and kindness, simply amazing.

St Vincent de Paul Collection has raised £6475, wow, what a fantastic result. Thanks to our anonymous donor who gave £2000. This will make such a difference to so many.

Weekly Offering: £ 1216.65

Non Stop Draw: Week 32 £100 Julie Cromie

£50 Michael Hutchinson

£50 Roy Mc Cullough

DEATHS

Rec deceased : John Brennan, Carmel Mc Guckian. Martha O Sullivan., Anna Mayberry.

ANNIVERSARIES.

Pat Mc Mullan, Norman Mc Mullan, Keith Perkins, Davie and Molly Smyth, Christina and Jim Johnston, Michael Denvir, Frank Denvir, Rose Barritt, Maggie Wells, John Wells, Bell Watson, Michael Skurlund Olsen.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is seeking Doctors Nurses and adult helpers for the 40th Diocesan Pilgrimage in 2025. The pilgrimage is from the 10th to the 15th of July. Volunteers receive a subsidised fare .For more info visit www.downandconnor.org/lourdes.

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

God of Love

You are with us in every transition and change.

As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence and abounding love.

We thankyou for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us. We thankyou for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work .

Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.

We ask this in your Holy Name..

AMEN

BULLETIN

ALL notices for the bulletin including anniverseries must be left in the parish office by Wednesday at 12 noon.

1. By calling to the office Mon and Wednesday from 10am to 1pm.
2. By telephoning the office on 02891812137.

4. By post.