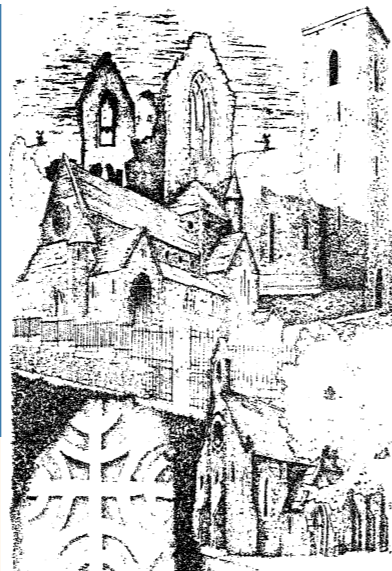


# Parish of Newtownards & Comber

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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.



## MASS TIMES

Weekend of 18th/19th January 2025.

Week day 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:** Masses as normal except for Tuesday at 9.30am in Our Lady of the Visitation, Comber.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday the 22nd from 10am -4pm. Come away awhile into His presence.



## 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:



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)

**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.

Office is open in the Minor Hall on Mon, Wed and Friday from 10am to 1pm. The Entrance (Brown door) faces the Church.

Cleaning team C 24th January.

### 4 CORNORS FESTIVAL 2025

The 4Corners Festival is a unique faith based initiative that brings people together from across Belfast through innovative events designed to foster connection, understanding and reconciliation. Running from 31st January till 9th February. This years festival explores the theme through music, art, prayer and shared experiences. Everyone is very welcome.

### ACCORD

Accord supports couples preparing for the Sacrament of marriage. By training as a facilitator with Accord. Contact Accord on [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie) or call 01-5053112.

### FIRST COMBER WOMENS GROUP

Invitation to first Comber Presbyterian womans group 19th February speaker Mr Walter Hope from Samaritans Purse. We will meet in the welcome center at 1.30pm .All very welcome.

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club reopens 22nd January 2-4pm. All very welcome.

Weekly Offering: £1217.30 Maintenance Fund £647.88.

Non Stop Draw: Week 38 £ 100 Mr David P yper.  
£ 50 Robert Major.  
£ 50 Bernard O' Hara Jnr

## DEATHS

Months mind. Martha O' Sullivan.

**Rec deceased :** Kathleen Savage, Mary Donoghue, Frankie O Donnell, Michael Mc Hugh, Denis Gilmore,

### ANNIVERSARIES.

Michael Corcoran, James Foy, Francis Mc Avera, Charles Twite, Margret Colaluca, Alphonsus Tracey, Kieran and Eleanor Mc Erlane, Phil Jones, Jim Mc Donagh, Kay Clarke, Margret Stephens, Bishop Mageean, David Mc Mullan, Alan George, Elaine Douglas, Denis Barritt, Wilfred and Isabella Rolt, Patrick and Elizabeth Mc Cann, Linda O' Neill, Dolour Robinson,

### 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](http://www.downandconnor.org/lourdes).

### BULLETIN

LL notices for the bulletin including anniverseries must be left in the parish office by Wednesday at 12 noon. By calling to the office Mon and Wednesday from 10am to 1pm.

By telephoning the office on 02891812137.

### Prayer of 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. Rejoicing with you and supporting one another. We ask this in your Holy name amen.