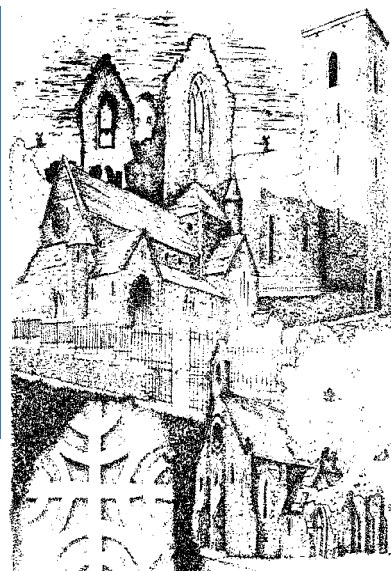


# Parish of Newtownards & Comber

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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 25th/26th 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:** All Masses as normal except no Mass on Tuesday.

## 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

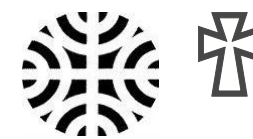
## PRAYER TO ST ROCH

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 D 31st 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.

## PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

As we move forward with reconstitution and formation of our parish pastoral councils. I would like to invite parishioners interested in becoming part of the PPC to the following information evening. Monday 17th February St Patricks parish hall , North Street ,Newtownards .BT234JD. Tea/coffee served from 6.30pm meeting begins 7pm till 9pm.

## COME WITH ME MY LOVE

February 1st Good Shepherd Church Ormeau Road Belfast. Prayer and song in the company of Bridgid of Kildare. Written and led by Brieige O' Hara, music by Mairead Duffy. All welcome no booking needed.

Weekly Offering:£ 1275.08  
Down Connor living church £575.

Non Stop Draw: Week 39 £ 100 Jenny Garrett.  
£ 50 Phyllis Adair.  
£ 50 Declan Mullan.  
Collectors prize £50 Phyllis Gilmore.

## DEATHS

Recently deceased: Leonora Williams, Patrick Walsh, Fr. James O'Kane PE.

## ANNIVERSARIES.

William James Mc Donald, Bridgid Mullan, Angela Collins, Caire Mc Williams, Caroline Thompson, Dennis Law, Ella Halton, Mary Kennedy, Nancy Crilly, Robert and Greta Bowden, Joshua Kelly, Delia Mc Clarran, Bobby Napier, Laurence Braniff, Milagros, Damostenes, Mark Denis, Marcelito.and Anthony Maglasang.

## 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

All notices for the bulletin including anniversaries 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.