



Parish of Newtownards & Comber

Sunday 13th April 2025
Holy Week

SATURDAY 12th	THIS WEEK Palm Sunday 6pm—6.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 6.30pm Vigil Mass Newtownards
SUNDAY 13th	10am Mass Comber 11.30am Mass Newtownards
MONDAY 14th	9am— 9.20am <i>Confessions</i> 9.30am Mass Newtownards 7pm Penitential Service
TUESDAY 15th	7.30pm Mass Comber
WEDNESDAY 16th	12pm Chrism Mass <i>St Peter's Cathedral Belfast</i>
THURSDAY 17th	HOLY THURSDAY 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Newtownards 10pm Holy Hour
FRIDAY 18th	GOOD FRIDAY 3pm Celebration of the Passion 7pm Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY 19th	HOLY SATURDAY 9pm Easter Vigil

PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

Very Rev. Martin O'Hagan PP
Rev. Andrew Black SSL

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CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE
VISITATION

Killinchy Street Comber BT23 5AP

WE PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

Recently deceased

Sarah Hodgen,

Mawabo Fokova Felicité

Anniversaries

Rita King, Jim Noble, Seamus and
Margret McGuigan, Gino Gamble,

John Higgins, Willie Denvir,

Bernadette Halton,

Kathleen McGuigan.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Weekly Offering £1534.

Monthly offering £1120.

Non-stop Draw Week 50

£100 Jonathan Marshall

£50 Gertie Mc Givern

£50 Francesca Kaziowski

ST PATRICK'S PARISH HALL

Brian McDonald 028 91815051

for all enquiries.

PARISH OFFICE 10am—1pm

Monday—Wednesday—Friday

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PENITENTIAL SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK

BALLYCRAN Sunday 13th 7pm, **NEWTOWNARDS** Monday 14th
7pm, **BALLYGALGET** Tuesday 15th 6pm & **PORTAFERRY** 7pm

**WISHING ALL OUR PARISH COMMUNITY A FRUITFUL
HOLY WEEK IN PREPARATION FOR THE SOLEMN FEAST OF
EASTER**

GOOD FRIDAY UNITED CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMBER

All are welcome to the service at the Main Square in Comber at 1pm.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ wishes to remind the faithful that having properly disposed themselves to receive the Lord in Holy Communion through regular Confession and the one hour fast beforehand they are free to receive Holy Communion either on the tongue or upon the hand.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE THIS LENT GUIDED PRAYER

Most Holy Redeemer Ballyholme, Bangor 13th April 5pm to 6.30pm.

THE PARISH DRAW A big thankyou to all the members and promoters of the Parish draw for their participation during the past year. The £2,000 prize draw will take place this coming week, so good luck to everyone!

The draw will then recommence on Tuesday 29th April. I would appeal to everyone who isn't already a member, to join as the draw is such an important source of income for our Parish. If anyone would like to join please contact the draw team, a promoter, or the Parish office.

NI Hospice fundraiser Ards CCE dancers, singers and guests. 17th April Imperial Bar 8.30pm. Free entry. Donations very welcome. Colum Stalford is doing a big run for this worthy charity.

SVP HELPLINE

07738837984



BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

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RITE OF CONFESSION

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Priest) May the Lord be in your heart and on your lips that you might confess your sins with true sorrow.

Bless me Father for I have sinned, it has been since my last confession.

Act of contrition

Oh my God I am sorry for all my sins. Help me by your grace to never sin again.
Amen.

My relationship with God

Do I love God with all my heart or have I failed to give God my best?

Do I pray and ask God for help or do I forget to ask God into my life?

Do I respect God's Holy Name and the Commandments that he has given to us?

My relationship with others

Do I treat others with respect in my thoughts words and deeds?

Do I help others to come closer to God or do I get in the way?

Do I love others as God loves them?

My responsibility as a Christian

Do I practice patience, self-restraint, modesty and generosity?

Do I live as a faithful Christian in private and in public?

Do I live my life conscious that God loves me and can see and hear me at all times?

THE SAINTS ON CONFESSION

St John Marie Vianney

The good God knows everything, even before you confess it to him, he already knows that you will sin again and, nevertheless, he forgives you. How great is the love of our God that leads him even to voluntarily forget the future in order to forgive us!

St Pio of Pietrelcina

If the poor world could see the beauty of the sinless soul, all sinners, all unbelievers would be instantly converted.

St John Bosco

Never let yourselves be deceived by the devil by keeping silent about some sin in confession out of shame. I assure you, beloved young people, that my hand trembles as I write these lines at the mere thought that a great number of Christians are eternally lost because they have not sincerely declared their sins in confession.

St Ambrose

God makes no distinction; He promised mercy to all and granted His priests the authority to forgive without any exception.

St Teresa of Calcutta

“Don't waste time on what happened before. If something is hurting you inside, preoccupying you, get it out, make a good confession.”

“It is a place where I allow Jesus to take away from me everything that divides, destroys.”

“Only to confession can we go as sinners with sin and come out as sinners without sin.”