



Parish of Newtownards & Comber

Sunday 20th April 2025
Easter Week

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 19th	HOLY SATURDAY Easter vigil 9pm Newtownards
SUNDAY 20th	EASTER SUNDAY 10am Mass Comber 11.30am Mass Newtownards
MONDAY 21st	EASTER MONDAY 9am– 9.20am <i>Confessions</i> 9.30am Mass Newtownards
TUESDAY 22nd	No Mass
WEDNESDAY 23rd	No Mass
THURSDAY 24th	EASTER THURSDAY 9am– 9.20am <i>Confessions</i> 9.30am Mass Newtownards
FRIDAY 25th	EASTER FRIDAY 9am– 9.20am <i>Confessions</i> 9.30am Mass Newtownards

WE PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

Sebastian Kanhye, Betty Mc Donald,
Christiane Vallee, Gloria Cairns,
Derek Kearney, Agnes Smyth,
Michael O Connell, Frank Falls,
Maureen Edgar,
Cardinal William Conway.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Weekly Offering £1381
Maintenance Fund £696

Non-stop Draw Week 50

£2,000 Marie O' Neill
£750 Gertie Mc Givern
£250 Claire Kirkwood
Hearty congratulations to the winners

ST PATRICK'S PARISH HALL

Brian McDonald 028 91815051
for all enquiries.

PARISH DRAW Congratulations to the winners of the £2,000, £750 and £250 prizes in this weeks Draw. Once again thank you to all the members and promoters of the draw, for their participation. During the past year. The Draw recommences 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.

DIGITAL COLLECTION The Parish has recently purchased 2 digital collection plates. The one for Newtownards church is up and running and in position beside the Candelabra at Our Lady's Shrine. The one for Comber Church will hopefully be up and running by Sunday 4th May. This enables Parishioners and visitors to make contributions to the offertory collections and the 2nd collection on the relevant Sundays, purchase candles for the candelabra or any books or papers for sale in the porch, as well as making your donation for Trócaire during the Easter season. Many of you will be familiar with such a device, it is easy to use. Once you touch the screen to start, follow the instructions . If you wish to gift aid you will need an email address, only the offertory and 2nd collections can be gift-aided. A receipt will be sent to you.

EASTER DUTY The Church obliges the faithful to take part in the Divine Liturgy on Sundays and feast days and, prepared by the sacrament of Reconciliation, to receive the Eucharist at least once a year, if possible during the Easter season. But the Church strongly encourages the faithful to receive the holy Eucharist on Sundays and feast days, or more often still, even daily.

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1389.

PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

Very Rev. Martin O'Hagan PP
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PARISH OFFICE 10am—1pm

Parish Office will be closed on Monday.
Wednesday and Friday normal hours resume.
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SVP HELPLINE
07738837984



BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT
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Christ has Risen! He has truly Risen Alleluia!



The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the foundation for our hope as Christians. Many struggle wearily through the year burdened by one thing or the other. On Holy Saturday, as the flames from the Paschal fire illuminate the darkening night, the unquenchable light of Christ comes to set us free from the darkness and the burdens that fall upon us. Jesus promises us a peace that the world cannot give, and in a world increasingly weighed down by war and violence, we see the need for the peace that the Prince of Peace offers us. The great triumph of Christ over sin and death comes through the pain of His Passion and Death upon the Holy Cross. As we unite our sufferings to His Cross may we also be one with Him in celebrating our liberation through His rising from the dead.

On behalf of Fr Martin O'Hagan and myself I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Holy Easter. To the myriad volunteers who ensure the fruitful and dedicated service of our Parish is maintained, I add a sincere word of thanks. To the sick and housebound we send our prayers and blessings that you will know the comfort of Jesus in this Holy season. To those who have wondered from their faith and have been missing from our celebrations we pray that you will find your way back to Jesus and come to receive the welcome He longs to give to you.

We can only imagine the joy of Mary the Mother of God on the morning of the Resurrection. Our Lady never lost faith in her Divine Son but had to see Him suffer the indignity of the Cross and the sorrow of laying His body in the tomb. May we share in Our Lady's joy at Jesus' rising from the dead and may the peace of the Risen Lord flow from the Tabernacles of our churches to every home and heart in Newtownards and Comber.

Fr Andrew Black