



Parish of Newtownards & Comber

Sunday 15th June 2025

11th Week Ordinary Time Year C

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 14th June	6pm—6.20pm <i>Confessions</i> Vigil Mass 6.30 Newtownards
SUNDAY 15th June	10am Comber 11.30am Newtownards
MONDAY 16th June	9am-9.20am <i>Confessions</i> 9.30am Mass Newtownards
TUESDAY 17th June	7pm 7.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 7.30pm Mass Comber
WEDNESDAY 18th June	9am 9.20am <i>Confessions</i> 9.30am Mass Newtownards
THURSDAY 19th June	9am 9.20am <i>Confessions</i> 9.30am Mass Newtownards
FRIDAY 20th June	9am 9.20am <i>Confessions</i> 9.30am Mass Newtownards Benediction.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

Tricia Clarke
Robina Fulton, Dorthy Watson
Frank Foy, Harris Mc Donald,
Bridget Cardy,
William and Brigid Meredith,
Owen Irvine

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Weekly Offering £1344

Monthly Offering £743

Non-stop Draw Week 7

£100 M,B,D and A Mc Guigan.

£50 Conor Miscandlon.

£50 F O' Connell.

Hearty congratulations to the winners

ST PATRICK'S PARISH HALL

Brian McDonald 028 91815051
for all enquiries.

SACRED HEART NOVENA The Diocesan Sacred Heart Novena begins this Thursday 19 June. Copies of the Booklet are available in the porch. Pray this novena with your family if you can.

THE LOURDES 2025 ASSOCIATE Pilgrims collection will be taken up at all the Masses on the weekends of 21/22 28/29 of June.

CLONARD SOLEMN NOVENA 2025 In honour of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. 18th 26th June .Poster at the back of the Church with all the details. Everyone welcome.

LECTIO DIVINA This will be held in Bangor Parish hall. All very welcome.

SENSORY MASS There will be a sensory friendly Mass at St Colmcille's Church Ballyhackamore, on Saturday 28th June at 12 noon. All very welcome.

LONELINESS This is addressed to men and women of a certain age. Although we can no longer run Marathons, the one thing we have plenty of is time. So lets try and use this gift well. Some of you may be able to give an hour or two to chat and listen, so both parties can gain from this. Contact Mary Boyle on 07534247395 if you can participate.

SUMMER INSTITUTE 1st 3rd of July in Tobar Mhuire led by Patricia Carroll. Registration £90 per person. Accommodation available on request to book call 02844830242.

LION KING St Marys primary school Portaferry presents The Lion King. Tickets on sale from school reception and Blaneys £10 per adult and £5 per child. 7pm in the community centre. Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th and Friday 20th of June. All very welcome.

DAY OF REFLECTION St Annes Cathedral 21st June from 11.30am till 12.30pm

PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

Very Rev. Martin O'Hagan PP
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FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Next Sunday we will celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This beautiful feast affords us the opportunity to reflect on the place that the Most Holy Eucharist plays in our lives. Though in a sense every Mass is a celebration of Christ's Body and Blood, the feast of Corpus Christi in particular is a moment of thanksgiving for this most precious gift.

At different moments in the Church's history devotion to the Most Blessed Eucharist has suffered. When Jesus is mistreated in the Most Holy Eucharist the whole Church bears the responsibility of correcting errors and encouraging faithful worship of God. It is customary on the Feast of Corpus Christi for the Blessed Sacrament to be taken on procession so that Christ may be taken from the Tabernacle to the world as a reminder to us that the Eucharistic Lord is Lord of all the earth.

Individually we can show our love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament by increasing our devotion and reverence for his Body and Blood. Here are some points for reflection to help us celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi and to encourage us to increase our love for Jesus really and truly present in Holy Communion.

- 1 Do I realise that receiving Jesus is the most precious thing in my life? Jesus says, *I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty* (Jn 6:35). The gift of Holy Communion cannot be surpassed by any other gift.
- 2 Do I prepare well to receive Jesus in Holy Communion? The Church teaches us, *"Anyone who desires to receive Christ in Eucharistic communion must be in the state of grace. Anyone aware of having sinned mortally must not receive communion without having received absolution in the sacrament of penance"* (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1415). When we come to Jesus with hearts made pure in Confession we receive what we need as a remedy for our sinfulness.
- 3 How do I receive Jesus? The way in which we receive Holy Communion is a sign of the way we welcome Jesus into our lives. We should be conscious that the moment when we receive Jesus that we do so with humility and great love. If we receive on the hand we should be careful that there are no particles of the sacred host that are not consumed.
- 4 Do I bring intentions to Jesus in Holy Communion? The Church teaches us, *"To the offering of Christ are united not only the members still here on earth, but also those already in the glory of heaven. In communion with and commemorating the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, the Church offers the Eucharistic sacrifice. In the Eucharist the Church is as it were at the foot of the cross with Mary, united with the offering and intercession of Christ"* (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1370). When we receive Holy Communion it is a supreme moment to offer our prayers for souls.
- 5 Do I look forward to receiving Jesus? In former times people had the custom of wearing their "Sunday best" when going to Mass. We come to Jesus as we are, but there is no harm in making Sunday Mass that more special by the way in which we look forward to meeting the Lord.
- 6 Do I greet the Lord when I come into his presence? Catholics have the custom of making a genuflection to the Tabernacle when entering the Church. This is not just a habit but a way of showing our respect for Jesus in his holy dwelling place. When we cannot genuflect we can find another way of greeting the Lord.
- 7 Do I encourage others to foster devotion to the Blessed Sacrament? We can help others to come to Jesus, especially teenagers and the sick so that Jesus can be part of their struggles.
- 8 Do I observe the Eucharistic fast? The law of the Church states, "A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion