



Parish of Newtownards & Comber

Sunday 20th July 2025

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

THIS WEEK

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| SATURDAY 19th July | 6pm-6.20pm <i>Confessions</i> Vigil Mass 6.30 Newtownards |
| SUNDAY 20th July | 10am Comber 11.30am Newtownards |
| MONDAY 21st July | 9am-9.20am <i>Confessions</i> 9.30am Mass Newtownards |
| TUESDAY 22nd July | 7pm 7.20pm <i>Confessions</i> 7.30pm Mass Comber |
| WEDNESDAY 23rd July | 9am-9.20am <i>Confessions</i> 9.30am Mass Newtownards |
| THURSDAY 24th July | 9am-9.20am <i>Confessions</i> 9.30am Mass Newtownards |
| FRIDAY 25th July | 9am-9.20am <i>Confessions</i> 9.30am Mass Newtownards <i>Benediction</i> |

WE PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

Agnes Smyth, Geraldine Mc Guinness,
Michael and Betty Bambridge,
May Corcoran, James Corcoran,
Patrick Corcoran, Fr Robert Murphy,
Fr Joseph Magee, Michael O'Neill
Andrew Stafford, Kathleen Miskelly

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Weekly Offering £1319

Maintenance fund £749

Non-stop Draw Week 12

£100 Mary Keltai.

£50 Johnathan Marshall

£50 Sarah Donaghy.

Hearty congratulations to the winners

ST PATRICK'S PARISH HALL

Brian McDonald 028 91815051

for all enquiries.

WELCOME HOME FR MARTIN We Look forward to welcoming Fr Martin back to the parish next Sunday evening from his well deserved sabbatical. There will be tea and coffee in the hall after the 11.30 Sunday Mass to give Fr Andrew a chance to say goodbye.

LECTIO DIVINA will resume again in August. Thank you to all who attended.

CATHOLIC FAITH On Slane hill the Archbishop of Armagh will symbolically light the fire of faith, hope and love. There is a bus trip to Slane it leaves St Michael The Archangel 10am sharp Sunday 3rd August and returns 7.30pm. Cost is £17 pp children go free. Bring a packed lunch. If you are interested please contact Catherine at the Parish office on 02895904304.

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT TRAINING We have dates for anyone who would be interested in becoming a Bethany volunteer. The training will take place in Dublin. The dates are October 4th and 18th. November 1st, 15th and 29th. If anyone would be interested please contact Anie on 07706076850. Thankyou.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament—Why does the priest put a veil over his hands to give the benediction? When a priest gives a blessing he usually makes the sign of the cross over a person or object. When the priest imparts benediction from the monstrance however, it is Jesus who gives the blessing and not the priest. The priest puts on the humeral veil over his shoulders and covering his hands when taking up the monstrance to demonstrate that the blessing does not come from his own hands but from Jesus, who is really and truly present in the Eucharist.

Communion fast—what is the practice of the Catholic church with regard to fasting before Holy Communion? The Church invites the faithful to fast for one hour before receiving Holy Communion. This means that for the hour before we receive Jesus at mass we abstain from any food and drink with the exception of water and medicine. This ancient practice disposes the soul to yearn for Jesus who is the Bread of Life and to prepare our bodies to welcome him into our lives.

PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

Very Rev. Martin O'Hagan PP
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