



# Parish of Newtownards & Comber

(a parish within the Ards Family of Parishes)

**Sunday 21st September 2025**

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

DIocese of Down and Connor



## PARISH PRIEST

Very Rev. Brian McCann PP  
Tel: 028 91812137

## ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

71 Upper North Street  
Newtownards BT23 4JD

## CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION

Killinchy Street Comber BT23 5AP

## PARISH OFFICE (located in St Patrick's Hall)

Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 10am-1pm  
Tel: 028 91812137

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Parish website:

[www.newtownardsandcomberparish.com](http://www.newtownardsandcomberparish.com)

## ST PATRICK'S PARISH HALL

Brian McDonald 028 91815051 for all enquiries.

## Meditating on the Mysteries of Christ's Life

The Holy Rosary is prayed in Saint Patrick's every Saturday evening before Mass (6.10pm onwards). Please come along to join in prayer for the needs of our parish, and the needs of the church and the world. *"I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary." (Our Lady)*

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

The Tuesday evening Mass each week at 7.30pm in the church of Our Lady of The Visitation is offered as a Novena Mass in honour of Our Lady Of Perpetual Help.

## MASSSES IN THE PARISH DURING THIS WEEK

### MONDAY

Newtownards 9.30am

### TUESDAY

Comber 7.30pm

### WEDNESDAY

Newtownards 9.30am

### THURSDAY

Newtownards 9.30am

### FRIDAY

Newtownards 9.30am

### SATURDAY

Newtownards 6.30pm

### SUNDAY

Comber 10am, Newtownards 11.30am

## SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

You are most welcome to come along to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession at the following times:

Saturday evening 5.45pm-6.25pm in St Patrick's

Tuesday evening 7pm in Comber

Friday morning: 9am St Patrick's

## THE DIVINE OFFICE

Morning Prayer of the Church is celebrated in St Patrick's Church Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 9.10am. All welcome.

**Please note:** This Tuesday 23rd September change of Mass-time. The pupils of St Mary's P.S. in Comber will celebrate their opening of year Mass at 9.30am in Comber Church. Parishioners very welcome. **No 7.30pm Mass on that day!**

## ORDINATION TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

By the grace of God, we look forward to the Ordination to the Diaconate of Derek Le Mahieu on Saturday the 4th October in St Peter's Cathedral. Derek has conducted his pastoral placement in the Parish of Newtownards and Comber. Please keep Derek in your prayers in these coming weeks. A **Holy Hour of Prayer** for Derek will be celebrated in Saint Patrick's Church on Monday 29th September, the Feast of the Archangels 7-8pm. Please come along to pray for Derek and support him by your presence on that evening.

## IN SUPPORT OF HUMAN LIFE

Each weekend in the parish bulletin we will be including a focus for daily prayer for the protection of human life in our world. During the coming week we are invited to pray for the following intention:

*-we pray for pregnant women who feel they are facing a difficult decision. We ask that they be given hope, and through the love of God, accept the gift of life.*

## OUR LADY'S ROSARY FESTIVAL 2025

Organised by the Legion of Mary & Knights of Saint Columbanus.

4th to 12th October

Come and join is for a week of events to honour Our Lady, ending with the Annual Belfast Rosary Procession on 12th October

### Saturday 4th October

The Camino of St Michael the Archangel beginning with 11.30am Mass in St Michael's Church, Finaghy Road North. Visits to nine churches honouring the nine choirs of angels finishing at St Mary's, Chapel Lane.

**Sunday 5th October** Family Fun Day 12pm. Join us at St Colman's Hall, Lambeg for a family fun day with games, snacks, face painting, bouncy castle and much more.

**Monday 6th October** Ask a Catholic Priest 7pm St Paul's Parish Centre, Falls Road Got questions about the Catholic Church? Ask Father! Followed by tea & refreshments.

**Tuesday 7th October** From gangland to promised land 7pm St Anne's Church., King-sway. Ex-London gangster John Pridmore shares his journey from crime to Christ.

**Wednesday 8th October** Eucharistic Healing -experience Jesus' healing love through Mary: Eucharistic Adoration, Sacrament of Confession. Where? Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Moneyglass.

**Thursday 9th October** Be Reconciled St Mary's Church, Chapel Lane, 6pm Eucharistic Adoration, Sacrament of Confession & Mass. Refreshments afterwards.

### Friday 10th October

All Night Adoration at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Antrim Road. 8pm-8am

**Saturday 11th October** Youth Retreat at (16-35yrs) St Paul's Parish Centre, Falls Road. New to the faith or looking to grow deeper and build community? Join us for Mass, talks, fellowship and more

**Sunday 12th October** Annual Rosary Procession from St John's Church, Falls Road to St Peter's Cathedral, beginning at 2.30pm. Followed by a Catholic organization's fair in the cathedral hall.

For more information, please visit: [belfastrosaryfestival.com](http://belfastrosaryfestival.com)

### WE PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

#### *Anniversaries:*

Isabella and Wilfred Rolt, Patrick and Elizabeth McCann  
Russell Bowden, Margret Byers, Jean Byers, John McDonald  
Dominic O'Hara, Seamus Denvir., John Cranston, James Andrew Mc Cullough  
Alfie Jonston, James Bailie, Pat McCann., Mary Ann Gausden.

### Requiescant in Pace

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

St Patrick's Parish Hall, every Wednesday 2-4pm.

The group has resumed after the summer holidays.

New and existing members welcome. Do come along and make new friends!

**ST PATRICKS YOUTH CLUB** St Patricks Youth Club has re0opened. The Youth Club takes place in the Parish Hall on Friday evenings. Children- p3 to p7 welcome . Register via link on the parish of Newtownards and Comber Facebook Page.

**SVP** We are in need of a double buggy. If anyone can help please contact SVP on 07738837984. Thank you.

#### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

Weekly Offering £1200  
Maintenance fund £688

#### **Non-stop Draw Week 21**

£100 Dan Walsh

£50 Stephen Fields

£50 Lucy Roddy.

*Hearty congratulations to the winners*

**DOWN AND CONNOR BETHANY BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**  
07563195580

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL HELPLINE**  
07738837984

### CHILDREN PREPARING TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS

Parents of children at non-Catholic schools, and who wish them to be presented for the Sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation during this school year, should contact the Parish Office, leaving name and contact details so that we can begin to organise their preparation for the respective celebration. Deadline for applications is Friday 24th October 1pm.

**INDOOR BOWLS** New indoor Bowls starting Monday nights from 6.30pm till 8.30pm. Stop for tea and biscuits and a chat afterwards. Also free during the month of September. Coaching and equipment provided for all new members. St Patricks Hall Newtownards We supply everything. For more INFO message us on face book St Patricks bowling club.

### JUBILEE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE DIOCESE OF DOWN & CONNOR

*at Clonard Monastery, Belfast.*

*Friday, 26th September at 7.15pm*

*A time of prayer and reflection led by Bishop Alan McGuckian S.J.*

*All youth and young adults welcome!*

### CARING FOR OUR NEIGHBOUR

Autumn is here. This time of year can be somewhat lonely, even depressing, particularly for those who live alone. Have you a little time available to visit someone who is lonely? Do you know someone who would like a visit? If interested, please contact Mary Boyle on 02842 520171

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

-takes place every Sunday during the 11.30am Mass in St Patrick's Church.

All children p3-p7 welcome.. Parents must complete a registration form.

### EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Thinking about becoming Catholic or want to deepen your understanding of the faith? The Diocesan RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a journey of faith, formation, and community for adults who wish to explore the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. It is open to those who are not baptised, those baptised in another Christian tradition, or Catholics who wish to reconnect with their faith. The 2025-2026 programme begins on Wednesday 1st October and runs weekly from 6.30-8.00 pm at St Mary's Hall, Chapel Lane, Belfast. Sessions include prayer, teaching, discussion, and time for questions. Spouses, fiancés or friends are welcome to attend alongside participants. All are welcome, whether you are exploring faith for the first time or returning after some time away. To register or find out more, please email [rcia@downandconnor.org](mailto:rcia@downandconnor.org) or scan the code.



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### Students at Queen-Welcome Back to Chaplaincy!

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's reopens on **Monday 15 September** at **42 University Road**, with **weekday Masses** resuming and **Sunday evening Mass** back on **21 September at 8.00pm** in the Canada Room, Lanyon Building. Our full programme returns—Awaken, Blest, Bible study, Canticle Choir, Frassati Fellowship, QUB Trócaire, Order of Malta and Thomistic Institute lectures. Whether new or returning, come and join us at **Mosaic Café**, in the **Chapel**, or the **Common Room**—a place to meet, pray and belong. For more visit [qubcatholic.org](http://qubcatholic.org)

### LOURDES WITH THE 'RISE AND SHINE TRUST.'

The Rise and Shine Trust, are welcoming guest applications for our fully supported and funded pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes, France next Easter, 2026. Who Can Apply? Young people aged 11-30\* with additional needs (full care and support provided) \*Children under 11\* with additional needs or serious/terminal illness (must be accompanied by a parent or guardian).

We are also seeking \*volunteer carers\* to join us in supporting our guests in Lourdes.

If you are interested or have questions, contact Jarlath (07855802011) Or Apply

Online: [www.riseandshine.ie](http://www.riseandshine.ie) Closing date for receipt of all applications is \*October 15th.\*