



Parish of Newtownards & Comber

(a parish within the Ards Family of Parishes)

Sunday 5th October 2025

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

DIocese of Down and Connor



PARISH PRIEST

Very Rev. Brian McCann PP
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ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION

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PARISH OFFICE (located in St Patrick's Hall)

Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 10am-1pm

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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.

PARISH PRAYER DAY

Continuous Prayer Day 7th of every month.

-For marriage family life forgiveness and mercy.

MASSES IN THE PARISH DURING THIS WEEK

MONDAY

Newtownards No Mass

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.

PARISH WHATSAPP COMMUNICATION

A whatsapp method of communication within the parish exists; its purpose is to disseminate important information within the parish, e.g. temporary changes to weekday Mass-time. If you are not included already, but would like to be, please contact Aine in the sacristy, or contact the parish office.

ORDINATION TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

Heartiest congratulations to Deacon Derek following his ordination to the permanent diaconate this weekend. He and two others were ordained by Bishop Alan McGuckian in a beautiful ceremony in St Peter's Cathedral. We pray that the Lord who has begun his good work in him, bring it to fulfilment.

We welcome Deacon Derek to assist at the altar at the 11.30am Mass in St Patrick's this weekend, and we all look forward to offering our best wishes and prayers for him. We include Derek's wife Elaine and his two daughters in our prayers.

IN SUPPORT OF HUMAN LIFE

Each weekend in the parish bulletin we include a daily prayer intention for the protection of human life in our world. During the coming week we are invited to pray for the following intention: *The Church commemorated our Guardian Angels this week. Let us ask Our Lord to direct our Guardian Angels to watch over and care for all of us, and particularly those who are in need of special protection like little babies and children, and the unborn.*

OUR LADY'S ROSARY FESTIVAL 2025 4th to 12th October

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

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. 7-9pm.

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

WE PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

Recently Deceased: Dessie Mc Guigan, Ashley Mc Clurg

Anniversaries:

Teresa O'Rourke, Rose Donaghy, Terence Carnie, Mary and George Hollinger, Hugh Magill
Mary O'Neill, Joe Mullan Richard Mc Kee, Mary Dynes.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS

During the month of October, Pope Leo asks us to join with him in prayer for the following intention:

-Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

MASS OF THE ANGELS

The Mass of the Angels will be celebrated on Tuesday 14th October in the Church of Our Lady Of The Visitation, Comber at 7.30pm. For anyone who has suffered the tragic loss of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, direct medical intervention or any other circumstances, regardless of age. Contact Bronagh in confidence on 07563195585 All welcome

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Weekly Offering £1431.33

Non-stop Draw Week 23

£100 Liam Bradley

£50 Marie Mc Guigan

£50 Roselies Boyle

Hearty congratulations to the winners

DOWN AND CONNOR BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

07563195580

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL HELPLINE

07738837984

On behalf of Saint Vincent de Paul, grateful thanks to the generous donors of a double-buggy which will make a real difference to a family in need. SVP remains always grateful for the help and support from parishioners which can be witnessed first hand very regularly.,

1700 YEARS OF THE NICENE CREED

2025 marks is the 1700th anniversary of the first council of Nicaea During that council the Nicene Creed was formulated; it is one of the creeds used at Mass, , which has been prayed in churches and parishes for 1700 years. The Creed unites all Christians, as we all profess the core beliefs that unite us in Christ.

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.

ST COLUMBANUS ' COLLEGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

St Columbanus' College, Bangor will celebrate its 65th anniversary with Mass in St Comgall' Church Bangor on Tuesday 14th October 7.30pm. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alan McGuckian. All past and present pupils, parents and staff all very welcome

TAIZE CHANT

Deacon James will lead a candle-lit hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament with Taize chant on Wednesday 8th October in Our Lady Of The Visitation Comber from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. The monthly celebrations will alternate between St Comgall's Bangor and Comber. A beautiful way to take time out and in the candle lit ambiance sit with God present in his word and sacrament.

VETERANS OF WWI

The Comber and district War Memorial and Pillars working Group have drawn up a list of upwards of 70 names of the fallen from WWI that have been omitted from the War Memorial in Comber Square. If you are related to someone who is commemorated on the War Memorial, we would like to hear from you. You can write to Trevor Cummings, veterans champion at Ards and North Down Borough Council, 2 Church Street Newtownards .

OCTOBER THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The Rosary is one of the greatest and most powerful devotions in the Catholic Church. It was in fact our Lady that gave the Rosary to St Dominic, who after three days of intense prayer and fasting had a vision in which our Lady gave him the Rosary describing it as "the weapon the Blessed Trinity wants to use to reform the world." Revealed in three sets of mysteries: Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious, with 150 Hail Mary's for the 150 Psalms, the Rosary was then preached by St Dominic to successfully convert the heretics of his day by explaining to them the mysteries of the faith. In response, Pope Leo XIII observed, "*Thanks to this new method of prayer... piety, faith, and union began to return; and the project and devices of the heretics to fall to pieces.*"

The Blessed Mother appeared throughout recent centuries promoting the recitation of her Rosary. She appeared to St Bernadette at Lourdes in 1858 bearing a golden Rosary in her hand. In all 18 of those apparitions, Our Lady prayed the Rosary along with St Bernadette, saying the prayers other than those directed to herself. Our Lady of Fatima, who appeared in 1917 to three shepherd children, was also holding a Rosary. She described herself as "the Lady of the Rosary" and urged all people to pray the Rosary daily for the conversion of sinners and to bring peace to the world.

Saint Pope John Paul II added the Luminous Mysteries (The Mysteries of Light) bringing the total to 20 mysteries of the Holy Rosary. Let us join with Our Lady in prayer during this month.

CHILDREN PREPARING TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS

Parents of children at non-Catholic schools, and who wish them to be presented for the Sacraments during this year should contact the Parish Office by Friday 17th October 1pm

INDOOR BOWLS-St Patrick's Hall Mondays 6.30-8.30pm. For further information contact Annette 07534333049 or Declan 07742526471