



Parish of Newtownards & Comber

(a parish within the Ards Family of Parishes)

Sunday 12th October 2025

28th 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)

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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.

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.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

As we are aware, restrictions in place during the time of pandemic are long past thankfully. The faithful of our parishes have the choice to receive Holy Communion either the tongue as the more traditional form of reception, or alternatively in the hand..

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

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 on 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.

IN SUPPORT OF HUMAN LIFE

During this week we are asked to pray for the following intention:

-this week, we will celebrate the feast day of St Gerard Majella, the patron saint of expectant mothers. We pray for all who work in maternity units with pregnant women, that they may recognise that God is truly with us in each unborn child.

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

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

This weekend, 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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Monthly Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Wednesday 22nd October in St Patricks Church, 10am till 4pm.

Sign up sheets are available at the back of the Church.

Please consider signing-up for an hour of prayer in the presence of Our Divine Lord.

Forthcoming dates for the following months:

Wednesday 19th November, Wednesday 17th December Wednesday 14th January

OCTOBER-THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Pope Leo XIV has called on the faithful to pray the Rosary every day, saying, - "As we begin October, the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary, I invite you to pray the Rosary every day for peace in our world."

The Rosary brings us closer to Our Lord by allowing us to meditate on His life through the eyes of His Holy Mother. Each prayer and mystery is rooted in scripture! According to sacred tradition, the Blessed Virgin Mary conveyed 15 promises to Blessed Alan de la Roche and Saint Dominic. Below are some of the promises:

- Those who faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive signal graces.
- I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary;
- The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell. It will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
- The recitation of the Rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish.
- It will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God.
- It will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things.
- The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish.
- Those who recite my Rosary devoutly, applying themselves to the consideration of its sacred mysteries, shall never be conquered by misfortune.
- The just shall persevere in grace and become worthy of eternal life.

Let us celebrate this month prayerfully by inviting family members, friends, fellow parishioners to pray the Holy Rosary with us!

WE PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

Recently Deceased:

John Saunders, Noel O'Neill.

Months Mind:

Mario Crawford

Anniversaries:

Patrick McDonagh, John Kennedy, Andrew McMullan, Maeve O'Hara,
Kathleen Megarry, Marie Carville, Mary Rice

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 this 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 £1454.27

Monthly offering £1042.34

Non-stop Draw Week 24

£100 Josephine & Paddy Smyth

£50 Mr & Mrs T Breen

£50 Joan McNamara

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

Stop assisted suicide - further action needed!

As we are aware, the 'Assisted Dying Bill' is being discussed in the House of Lords. It should be more accurately entitled the 'assisted suicide bill' which poses a real threat to the lives of the elderly and those who are ill. As Christians we have a duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life. Human Life is sacred, and we all have a responsibility to protect and promote life, politicians included! We are encouraged to write to peers in the House of Lords. Sending a physical letter carries particular weight with Members of the House of Lords. *Right To Life UK has created a simple tool that generates personalised letters to Peers, each focused on a specific area of concern. You can then print them, or copy them out by hand, sign, and post them. Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeersletter to send a letter to Peers asking them to oppose assisted suicide.*

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.

OCTOBER THE MONTH OF THE MISSIONS

During the month of October we focus on the needs of the church on the mission fields. This year Mission Sunday will be celebrated on 19th October. Over 4,000 dioceses of the world are categorized as 'mission dioceses.

Why are all parishes throughout the world asked to support World Mission Sunday?

On World Mission Sunday every Catholic parish around the world celebrates Mass together and has a special collection for *Missio*, the Pope's charity for world mission. World Mission Sunday is one of only three Papal collections and has been especially chosen by the Holy Father to support the mission of the Church via *Missio*. Mission is the responsibility of the whole Church, and this global celebration of World Mission Sunday It is a reminder that we are one family in Christ. This special day is our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to share our faith in Jesus so that all may experience God's love. To donate to the missions visit www.missio.ie/donate

PRISONS WEEK 2025

Prisons week runs from Sunday 12th to Saturday 18th of October. During that time we ask that you pray for prisoners, their families, their victims and communities affected by their crime and incarceration. We also remember those who work both in prisons and in the communities working to rehabilitate and bring healing to all touched by crime. There will be a service to mark prison week in St Anne's Church, Kingsway, Finaghy on Wednesday 15th October at 7pm. All are welcome. Refreshments will be provided following the service.

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

ST COLUMBANUS ' COLLEGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

St Columbanus' College, Bangor will celebrate its 65th anniversary with Mass in St Comgall's 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

SAINT COLUMBANUS COLLEGE 65TH ANNIVERSARY MUSICAL

Lionel Bart's *Oliver!* in St Columbanus' College.

-Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th October

-Tickets: £10/ £8 concession.

Available on Eventbrite.com- search 'St Columbanus' College'

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