



Parish of Newtownards & Comber

(a parish within the Ards Family of Parishes)

Sunday 19th October 2025

World Missions Sunday -Year C

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PARISH PRIEST

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ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION

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ST PATRICK'S PARISH HALL

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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

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 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 Wednesday, we will celebrate the feast day of Pope St John Paul II, patron saint of the Pro-Life movement. We ask for his intercession as we the church seek to support all the vulnerable, especially those at the end of their lives, and that, like him, we would become models of support and charity to all in society.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Monthly Eucharistic Adoration will take place this Wednesday 22nd October in St Patrick's 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

WHY PRAY THE ROSARY?

The Rosary helps us accomplish God's will for our lives.

We can't do what God wants if we're too busy doing what we want. When we pray the Rosary, we allow it to break our will, fifty-nine beads at a time. Nurturing a daily Rosary habit helps us learn patience, become more disciplined, and deny our flesh to better focus on God.

The Rosary strengthens our focus on Jesus.

Every moment of our lives is in equal focus in the Lord's eyes. He holds the entirety of our existence in His gaze; shouldn't we strive to do the same? Too often, we allow worldly distractions to delay what Jesus wants.

Sitting in quiet contemplation is sometimes the best way to hear God's voice. Praying and meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary lets us listen to what God wants. The more we pray, the more familiar we become with His voice, graces, and will for our lives.

Meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary aids us in our quest for sainthood.

To become a saint, we must unite our will with God's will and receive His sanctifying grace. When we pray the Rosary, Mary ensures we're the recipient of God's infinite graces, strengthening our path to sainthood. How great is that?

The Rosary supports family salvation.

The Rosary doesn't just help the person praying. Its reach extends much further.

When we pick up the Rosary, we spend time with God's mother. We're giving her access to our life, problems, and family. Uniting ourselves with Mary makes our family her family, too. And everyone in Mary's family is in heaven! If you're seeking a deeper, more profound conversion for those around you, the Rosary can help.

PREPARING FOR THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

November Dead Lists are available on the tables at the back of both churches. Please take home a list to record the names of family members, friends, neighbours who have died.

Their names will be included in the celebration of Masses during the month of November.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Bryce Haggans Rosanna Edge, Teresa Young, Toman,

Months Mind:

Anniversaries:

Marie & Gerry Carville, Helena McCullough & Thomas McCullough,
Michael Toman, Kathleen Hawkins, Eamon Irvine, Annie Kearney, Muriel Cocoran

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Saturday 1st November

-Holy Day of Obligation-

Masses for the Feast:

Vigil Mass Friday 31st in Church of Our Lady of the Visitation, Comber at 7pm

Saturday 1st November –Mass in St Patrick's at 10am

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

WEEKLY OFFERING £1330.53

Maintenance Fund £540.50

Non-stop Draw Week 25

£100 Mrs McCloskey

£50 Geraldine Pyper

£50 Betty Mc Inerney

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.

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.*

LOURDES ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP COLLECTION

Sincere thanks to the parishioners of Newtownards & Comber for their generous support of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes last July. Your generosity enabled the provision of equipment and supplies needed to care for the sick and vulnerable. A total of £1059.07 was raised.

Thank you!

OCTOBER THE MONTH OF THE MISSIONS

This weekend we celebrate World Missions Sunday.

Pope Leo XIV is urging every Catholic and every parish across the globe to unite in prayer and practical support for missionaries who work alongside communities in need in the most remote and troubled parts of our world.

In recalling his missionary experience in Peru, Pope Leo says: *When I served as a missionary priest and then bishop in Peru, I saw first-hand how the faith, the prayer and the generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities.*

The Pope explains how your prayers and support on World Mission Sunday are vital in spreading the Gospel and in supporting the Church's outreach and mission in very practical ways. Your support, coordinated by *Missio*, helps build churches, chapels and schools and supports missionaries as they enable people to experience God's compassion and love through their care and the witness of their lives.

Please join in responding to our Holy Father's call to 'commit ourselves anew to the sweet and joyful task of bringing Christ Jesus, our Hope, to the ends of the earth.'

To donate to the missions visit www.missio.ie/donate

Thank you for supporting the important work of the missions!

ABIDE IN HIS LOVE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

November 21-23rd

The Great Northern Hotel,, Bundoran.

A beautiful event for women exploring the beauty and gift of their feminine identity in Christ.

Guest speakers include: Sr Mary Madeline Todd O.P., Megan Madden, Fr Barry Braum,, & Mass celebrated by Archbishop Eamon Martin. Check Eventbrite for tickets and more information.

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'

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Every Wednesday 2pm-4pm

in Saint Patrick's Hall. New & existing members very welcome!.

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