

VACANCY ASSISTANT HOUSEKEEPER BISHOPS HOUSE AND CURIA OFFICES

An opportunity has arisen within our Housekeeping Team to recruit into the role of Assistant Housekeeper, as a Job Share arrangement. Working closely with our Head of Housekeeping, you will be required to provide a reliable and efficient housekeeping service to include cleaning, shopping and cooking duties. This role will support the Head of Housekeeping to ensure a pleasant, welcoming and clean environment for all visitors to the residence and Curia offices. This role is being advertised as a Job Share position. The terms are based on a permanent appointment of two individuals who will be required to work 16 hours each per week. Work pattern to be agreed with the Head of Housekeeping. Having a flexible approach to working hours will be a requirement within the role. Rate of pay: £15.50 gross per hour x 16 hours per week (£12,800 gross per annum) Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: job vacancies and on the Community NI and nijobs.com websites, where terms and conditions relating to the role can also be accessed by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application form. We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria as presented and are interested in playing an active role within the Diocese of Down and Connor. Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Tuesday 2 December 2025 Down and Connor Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer

KNOCK ALL NIGHT VIGIL

Sunday 7th December to Monday 8th December Price £75 includes bed and breakfast
Vigil at 11pm, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Mass at 4am

To book, contact Brendan on 906652111

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

by the Ulster Consort & Ulster Consort Players
in St Philip & St James Church of Ireland, Holywood on Saturday 29th November at 7pm. Tickets will be available at the door or, in advance, via Eventbrite.co.uk

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN SAINT PATRICK'S PARISH HALL

Mondays

Indoor Bowling 7-9pm

Tuesdays

Lacemakers 2-4pm, Dance Class 6.30-7.15pm

Wednesdays

Friendship Club 2-4pm Pickle Ball 7-9pm

Thursdays

Line Dancing 7-9pm

Fridays

Tippy Toes (parents and toddlers) 9.30-11.30am Parish Youth Club 7-9pm

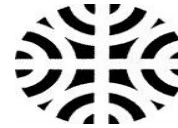
Saturdays

Irish Dancing 10-12 noon

Traditional Irish Christmas

With Ards CCÉ Christmas Concert on 30th November in St Patrick's hall Newtownards (4-6 pm)
Featuring Ards CCE Musicians, vocalists and Irish dancers
Admission £5 Tea/coffee/ballots

Tickets from Mace Store, Brunswick Rd, Bangor or online at wegottickets.com/event/681349



Parish of Newtownards & Comber

(a parish within the Ards Family of Parishes)

Sunday 23rd November 2025

Feast of Jesus Christ, the Universal King -Year C



DIocese OF DOWN AND CONNOR

PARISH PRIEST

Very Rev. Brian McCann PP

Tel: 028 91812137

PERMANENT DEACON

Rev. Derek Le Mahieu

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

Email: newtownards@downandconnor.org

Parish website:

www.newtownardsandcomberparish.com

ST PATRICK'S PARISH HALL

Brian McDonald 028 91815051 for all enquiries.

CONTACTING THE PARISH OFFICE

Please note the parish office hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am-1pm.

During this time, our Parish Secretary, Gail will be happy to deal with many matters including receiving visitors to the parish office, answering the parish telephone, issuing of sacramental certificates, collating information for the parish bulletin, and much more. Parishioners are encouraged to conduct routine matters during these hours.

In addition, outside of parish office hours, the parish now has an answering machine. In cases of **emergency**, that is, for urgent sick calls when a parishioner is seriously ill, and the immediate attention of a priest is required, the answering machine message provides clear instructions as to how contact can be made with Fr Brian in such emergencies.

MASSES DURING THIS WEEK

MONDAY

Newtownards No Mass

TUESDAY

Comber 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY

Newtownards 9.30am

THURSDAY

Newtownards 9.30am

FRIDAY

Newtownards 9.30am

SATURDAY

Vigil Mass Newtownards 6.30pm

SUNDAY

Comber 10am, Newtownards 11.30am

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

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

Saturday 5.45pm+ in St Patrick's

Tuesday evening 7pm+ in Comber

Friday morning 9am+ in 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.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

The Tuesday evening Mass each week in the Church of Our Lady of The Visitation is offered as a novena Mass in honour of Our Lady Of Perpetual Help.

PRAYING OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Tuesdays 7-7.15pm in Comber

Saturday 6-6.15pm in St Patrick's

Sunday 9.30-9.45 in Comber

Mass will be preceded by 15 minutes silence

BE STRONG IN THE LORD!

-A time of Prayer including Act of Dedication to Christ the King

Strengthen Your Catholic Faith, in family homes and parishes.
In celebration of the centenary of the Feast of Christ the King
Make Christ the King of our Hearts

An evening of prayer conducted by *Human Life International*
Includes Veneration of the Relics of Saint Therese of Lisieux
Come along to the Minor Hall, St Patrick's Hall, Newtownards
This Wednesday 26th November 7pm All welcome.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

Recently Deceased: Ellen Toole

Anniversaries:

James Denvir, Irene Denvir, Tom Halton, Bill McIlroy, Margret Carville, Kathleen Magee,
William Lennon, Henry Harkness, Susie Trolan, Kathy Armstrong, Pat Hollinger,

PRAYING FOR OUR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

Next weekend at Masses, we will pray for parishioners whose funerals have taken place in either St Patrick's or Comber during the last 12 months. We will pray for their happy repose and for the on-going consolation of their family members and all who continue to miss them. dearly.

MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS OF OUR DIOCESE

The annual Mass will take place this Tuesday 25th November in Saint Peter's Cathedral, celebrated by the bishop. All welcome

IN SUPPORT OF HUMAN LIFE

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

-As we contemplate the kingship of Christ, we ask that He rule each of our hearts. We pray that He guides the hearts of parliamentarians to protect all human life, especially the most vulnerable: the unborn and the dying

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.

LET'S STEP UP!

Jesus Youth Ireland

Jesus Youth is a Catholic missionary movement with Pontifical approval from the Holy See. The movement is rooted in prayer and committed to evangelization. It empowers young people to be active witnesses to Christ in their daily lives. The movement is organizing an outreach event titled, 'Let's Step Up.' The event is seeking to rekindle faith, build fellowship among youth and invite many back to the life of the Church

Let's Step Up

Saturday 6th December 9.30am-3.30pm in St Anne's Parish Hall.
Kingsway, BT10 ONE All young people welcome!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

WEEKLY OFFERING £1145.82

IRISH BISHOPS COMMISSIONS £428

Non-stop Draw Week 30

£100 Mrs P Murray

£50 Mrs A McDonald

£50 Mrs G McClintock

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL IN OUR PARISH

Christmas Cards are available at the churches in our parish this weekend with a minimum donation requested of £3 per pack.

Christmas Dinner this year will take place on 7th December in St Patrick's Hall. Tickets at £10 are available this weekend.

The Christmas Appeal will be launched on weekend of 6/7th December.

Once again the food bank has kindly agreed to provide SVP with Christmas hampers. Parishioners are invited to donate non-perishable food items to the foodbank. The help received from the foodbank will depend on the amount of non-perishable food collected. SVP is also pleased to receive support from a new community initiative led by Tracy Boyd McVea, with backing from Councillor Stephen Irvine. Additional collection points for such items available at the Link, Salvation Army, both in Regent Street. Thanks from SVP!

WELCOME MINISTRY IN OUR PARISH

A number of parishioners have already volunteered to be involved in the Welcome Ministry in Newtownards and Comber. The ministry will be initially focused on the weekend Masses. It is an exciting ministry.....please consider joining the ranks. If interested, please leave your name and contact details into either the parish office or the sacristy after Mass.

There will be a meeting for interested volunteers this Monday evening in the Parochial House, Newtownards 7-7.45pm

CHRIST OUR ANCHOR

Writings by Fr James O'Kane, Priest and Theologian
(former curate in Newtownards and Comber)

Includes unpublished homilies on the Christian Life, the Holy Mass, the Sacraments and much more.

To order visit: www.shanway.com or tele-02890222070 RRP £12.99

NOVENA IN PREPARATION FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

30th November until 8th December

This Advent season we are invited to pray a Novena towards the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on the 8th December. A booklet will be available at both churches next weekend.

We will pray our novena prayers at the Masses on Sunday the 30th Nov, and then in St Patrick's on Mon 1st, Weds 3rd, and Fri 5th Dec at 7pm. In St Mary's, Comber on Tues 2nd at 7.30pm Mass and Thurs 4th Dec at 7pm. The Novena prayers will also be prayed at the Vigil Mass on Sat 6th, at Masses on Sun 7th, finishing on the Feast Day (8th December) at both Masses. As a parish let us combine our prayers, as we prepare to celebrate the Lord's birth in Bethlehem on the first Christmas day, by contemplating Our Blessed mother's role in God's great salvation story.

USEFUL NUMBERS

DOWN AND CONNOR BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY 07563195580

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL HELPLINE 07738837984