

Thanks to those who gave so generously to the Weekly Offering collection of last weekend which came to £1274, and the Parish Maintenance Collection which came to £709.

This weekend, there are two collections: the **Weekly Offering** in support of the parish and the **Autumn Voluntary Collection** in support of the priests of the diocese.

NEWTOWNARDS & COMBER PARISH NON-STOP DRAW

Winners for Week 21

15th September 2026

£100 no.47 Laura Campbell
£50 no.53 Eithne Begley
£50 no.209 Joan Patterson
Collector's Prize £50-Rita Gamble

Congratulations to all the winners!!!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN THE DIOCESE OF DOWN & CONNOR

Down & Connor Diocese is renewing and developing its Diocesan Adoration Lay Committee in order to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes throughout the diocese.

You are welcome to attend an information evening at one of these two venues:

Thursday 1st October The Parish Centre, 2 Broughshane Rd, Ballymena at 8pm
Friday 2nd October St Patrick's Centre, Market St, Downpatrick at 8pm

SAINT PATRICK'S YOUTH CLUB

St Patrick's Youth Club usually takes place September to April on Friday evenings in St Patrick's Hall, 7-9pm. Generations of children and young people have been members of the club, and have benefitted greatly from their experiences over the years. The club caters for the P3-P7 age group. In order to comply with statutory and diocesan requirements, volunteers are required for the re-commencement of the Youth Club. As an adult, if you are interested, or to find out more, please provide your name and telephone number and kindly leave your details into the sacristy or the post-box at the parish office.. Students at university could also benefit from the experience in their C.V! Expressions of interest will be passed onto the youth club committee. Training and safeguarding training will be organized for volunteers.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club resumes in St Patrick's Hall on Wednesday 23rd September 2-4pm

Do come along to make and renew friendships.

The friendship club provides many opportunities for company, conversation, activities with many events organized throughout the year. Please spread the word-invite friends along too!

TIPPY TOES Mothers & Toddlers Group

Every Friday morning during term--time in St Patrick's Parish Centre 9.30-11.30am

Join us for some breakfast

£3 includes toast, juice, tea/coffee

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Sincere thanks to those who regularly donate to the SVP box at weekend Mass.

Your generosity helps many needy individuals and families in these challenging times.

USEFUL NUMBERS

DOWN & CONNOR BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY 07563195580

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL HELPLINE 07738837984 ST PATRICK'S FUNERAL CATERING TEAM 07769796997

St Patrick's Irish Dancing Club

Classes have resumed/ 'Little Cygnets' parent and toddler class Saturdays 10-10.30am

For info email stpatrickside@gmail.com



Parish of Newtownards & Comber

(a parish within the Ards Family of Parishes)

Sunday 20th September 2026

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time-
Year A



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

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Newtownards BT23 4JD

CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION

Killinchy Street Comber BT23 5AP

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Parish website:

www.newtownardsandcomberparish.com

Facebook: Parish of Newtownards & Comber

ST PATRICK'S PARISH HALL

Brian McDonald 028 91815051 for all enquiries.

MASSSES DURING THIS WEEK

MONDAY

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 to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession at the following times:

Tuesday 7pm+ in Comber

Friday morning 9am+ in St Patrick's

Saturday 5.45pm+ 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.

PRAYING OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Saturday 6-6.15pm in St Patrick's

Sunday 9.30-9.45am in Comber

Tuesday 7pm in Comber

Mass will be preceded by 15 minutes silence

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.

NEWTOWNARDS & COMBER PARISH-OUR MISSION

Responding to our baptismal call, we come together in prayer and worship to celebrate the word and the Eucharist. Having been fed at these tables we are sent out to witness to Christ by announcing and living out the Gospel. In this way we pass on the gift of faith to future generations.

NEWTOWNARDS & COMBER PARISH EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The monthly Eucharistic Adoration will take place in Saint Patrick's Church, Newtownards on the following Wednesdays, 10am until 4pm. The period of Adoration will conclude with the celebration of Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The dates are as follows:

October 21st,	November 18th,	December, 16th,
January 20th,	February 17th,	March 10th,
April 14th,	May 19th,	June 17th.

"The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love." — St. John Paul II

CONTINUOUS PRAYER FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Following on from our recent Parish Prayer Day on the 7th of the month, we are asked to remember in daily prayer the following intention:

We pray for those going through the difficult and painful experience of divorce and separation.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY IN NEWTOWNARDS & COMBER PARISH

St Patrick's Church hosts the Children's Liturgy at the 11.30am Mass each Sunday. All children aged 6 to 11 are welcome. New registration/consent forms need to be completed for all children attending. Forms can be obtained from children's liturgy team-members at the 11.30am Mass. Please return completed forms in a sealed envelope to the sacristy. Any adults who would be interested in assisting with Children's Liturgy would be most welcome.

Please speak to the members of the children's liturgy team after Mass this weekend.

BE STILL AND KNOW-The Art of Silent Prayer

If you are interested in learning more about how to develop silent prayer, do come along this Thursday evening at 7pm to St Patrick's Racquets Club. Cup of tea/coffee also available!

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN HELPING THE BEREAVED

On-going support of the bereaved, in terms of offering a listening ear, support, reassurance and company is an important aspect of the church's ministry of consolation. Training has been organized in the Pathways to the Future Office in this diocese. Application forms are available in the church sacristies after Mass.

'TIDY-UP' SATURDAY-

Saturday 17th October 10am-12noon.



Have you an hour or two to spare on Saturday 17th October?

We plan to host a 'tidy-up' Saturday for the grounds around St Patrick's Church.. As autumn sets in, and in advance of winter, you are invited to come along to help.

Refreshments will be provided. Bring along your rakes, brushes, shovels, buckets and gloves! We will meet at the minor hall at St Patrick's at 10am.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

Recently Deceased:

Raymond Heath, Patrick Donaghy, Madge Gilmore.

Anniversaries:

Leo & Helena Rowsome, Kathleen McDonald, Albert Fusciardi, Dessie McGuigan (1st), Bridie Joyce, Margaret Byers, John McDonald, Mary-Ann Gausden, Pat McCann, Isobella Rolt, Dominic O'Hara, Philomena Crummy, Margaret McAuley (1st.)

IN SUPPORT OF HUMAN LIFE

During this week we are asked to pray: *for all those who have just learned they are expecting a baby and have troubled hearts. Let us pray that the Lord Jesus would remove anxiety and fear from their lives and pour His saving grace into their hearts.*

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 24th September 2026 12noon-2pm
in Ards Leisure Centre
All welcome!

PARTICIPATION IN THE HOLY MASS-- Scripture Verses.

For those who would like to prepare for Mass in advance:

<i>This Sunday 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year A</i>	<i>Next Sunday-26th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year A</i>
First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9	First Reading Ezekiel 18:25-28
Psalms 145	Psalms 24
Second Reading Phillipians 1:20-24, 27	Second Reading Phillipians 2:1-11
Gospel Matthew 20:1-16a	Gospel Matthew 21:28-32

PIONEER GATHERING-- Sunday 27th September

A meeting for all Pioneers who are interested in helping to renew and strengthen the Pioneer Association in Down & Connor will take place on Sunday 27th September in Holy Family Church, Newington Avenue, Belfast. This gathering is open to all Pioneers, especially those who would like to support a fresh start, new energy and renewed commitment within our diocese.

OUR LADY'S ROSARY FESTIVAL

will take place from 12th to 18th October 2026. Join us for a week of events to honour Our Blessed Lady, ending with the annual Belfast Rosary Procession. The procession will leave St Malachy's Church, Alfred St, Belfast at 2.30pm on Sunday 18th October, and finish at St Peter's Cathedral. A full list of events can be found on the poster at the back of the Church and online at belfastrosaryfestival.com

ABIDE IN HIS LOVE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran November 20th-22nd
Speakers include: Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan, Nashville Dominicans, Kimberlee Wooling, Fr Barry Braum and Bishop Fintan Gavin, (Bishop of Cork & Ross.)
Book on Eventbrite: tickets €70 + Eventbrite fees, or €50 for students.