PARISH OF NEWTOWNARDS & COMBER

SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME &
SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER-FEAST OF JESUS CHRIST, THE UNIVERSAL KING

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MASSES DURING THIS WEEK

Monday 16th November	No Mass
Tuesday 17th November	Comber 7.30pm
Wednesday 18th November	Newtownards 9.30am
Thursday 19th November	Newtownards 9.30am
Friday 20th November	No Mass
Saturday 21st/Sunday 22nd November	Weekend Masses at usual times.
Monday 23rd November	No Mass
Tuesday 24th November	Comber 7.30pm
Wednesday 25th November	Newtownards 9.30am
Thursday 26th November	Newtownards 9.30am
Friday 27th November	Newtownards 9.30am

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 9am+ in St Patrick's
Saturday 5.45pm+ in St Patrick's

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.

DIVINE OFFICE

Morning Prayer of the Church is celebrated in St. Patrick's Church on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning at 9.10am.
All welcome!

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

For enquiries, contact the Parish Office on 02891812137

PARTICIPATION IN THE HOLY MASS-- Scripture Verses.

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

This Sunday-33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year A
First Reading-Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20, 30-31
Psalm 127
Second Reading-1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Gospel-Matthew 25:14-30

Next Sunday-Feast of Christ, the Universal King -Year A
First Reading-Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Psalm 22
Second Reading-1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Gospel-Matthew 25:31-46

CONTINUOUS PRAYER FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

During this month of November we are asked to pray for all our beloved dead.

PRAYING WITH POPE LEO XIV

During the month of November, Pope Leo invites us to join with him in prayer for the following intention:
-Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity with those who have less.

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.
In addition, donations of non-perishable items can be deposited in the designated containers in both churches. Donations will be passed on to the local foodbank for distribution.
The SVP Christmas Appeal will take place on the weekend of the 21st/22nd November. Members of the parish conference will speak at Masses.

Christmas cards are available after Mass-minimum donation of £3 a pack.
The Christmas Dinner will be on Sunday the 6th of December at 3pm in St. Patrick's Parish Hall. Tickets at £10 available after Mass.

MONTHLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 25th November 10am to 4pm in St Patrick's Church. Please sign-up in advance to spend some time in prayer in the presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. There was a good attendance last month, with at least three adorers present in the Church for each hour. Thanks to all who participated.

SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Thanks to parishioners for their generosity to recent collections.
14th/15th November-there are two collections: the ***Weekly Offering*** in support of the parish and the ***Annual Collection for the Irish Bishops Commissions.***
21st/22nd November- the ***Weekly Offering*** in support of the parish.
The ***Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal*** will take place after Mass.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The club meets in St Patrick's Parish Centre, Newtownards every Wednesday 2pm-4pm. Do come along to form and renew friendships. The club provides many opportunities for company, conversation and activities with many events organised throughout the year. Please spread the word-invite friends along too!

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY AT SAINT PATRICK'S

The members of the parish hospitality team will provide tea/coffee and toast in the parish hall following Mass in St Patrick's on Sunday 29th November. Do come along to experience the hospitality and meet fellow parishioners.

USEFUL NUMBERS

Saint Vincent de Paul Helpline	07738837984
Down & Connor Bereavement Support	07563195580
St Patrick's Funeral Catering Team	07769796997

TIDY-UP SATURDAY

Following on from the 'tidy-up' Saturday in October, for those who would like to participate in a 'follow-up' day, on Saturday 21st November 10am-12noon, you will be most welcome! Do come along to the minor hall at St Patrick's for the final 'tidy-up' before winter! The ladies of the hospitality team will provide 'the elevenses!

WEEK OF WITNESS FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

One in ten Christians, 220 million people, live in countries where they are persecuted for their faith. The charity Aid to the Church in Need, which works to support them, is organising a Week of Witness from November 15-22 to highlight their plight with a special appeal for parishioners to pray for the suffering Church on *'Red Wednesday'* November 18. More information is available at www.acnireland.org

SAINT FAUSTINA'S PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS

Eternal Father,
turn your merciful graze
upon the souls suffering in Purgatory,
who are enfolded in the
Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus.
I beg you, by the sorrowful Passion
of Jesus Your Son,
and by all the bitterness
with which His most sacred Soul was flooded,
manifest Your mercy to the souls
who are under Your just scrutiny.
Look upon them in no other way
than through the Wounds of Jesus,
Your dearly beloved Son;
for we firmly believe that there is no
limit to Your goodness and compassion.
Have mercy, O Lord,
have mercy on the Poor Souls in Purgatory.
May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

In Preparation for and in Celebration of the Feast of Jesus Christ, the Universal King

O Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations.
We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You,
O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice and all good things.
Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth.
Guard us we pray Most Faithful One.
Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgment.
Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against you.
Jesus, You are a King of Mercy.
We have deserved Your Just Judgment
Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.
We trust in Your Great Mercy.
O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before You and pray;
May Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognized on earth.
Amen

SAINT COLUMBANUS FESTIVAL

Commemorating the life of Saint Columbanus & Saint Gall
21st-22nd November

The influence of the monastic heritage in Bangor and throughout Ireland still pertains today in the Irish place names. This sense of place was carried by St. Columbanus and his followers in the 6th & 7th centuries. Events during this year's festival include:
St Columbanus Lecture-A Sense of Place
Stained-Glass Window Tour, Columban Way Walk, St Columbanus Ecumenical Church Service in St Comgall's Church.
For information: www.firendsofcolumbanusbangor.co.uk

KNOCK ALL NIGHT VIGIL FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Departing Clonard Monastery 1pm on Monday 7th December, returning 8th December 12noon. Includes All Night Vigil at 11pm, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Benediction, concluding with Mass at 4am Price £75 includes dinner and breakfast. Tel: Brendan 90665211