PARISH OF NEWTOWNARDS & COMBER

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR A

8TH NOVEMBER 2026 DIVINE OFFICE PSALTER: WEEK 4

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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.

MASSES DURING THIS WEEK

MONDAY
No Mass
TUESDAY
Comber 7.30pm
WEDNESDAY
Newtownards 7pm
THURSDAY
Newtownards 9.30am
FRIDAY
No Mass
SATURDAY
Vigil Mass Newtownards 6.30pm
SUNDAY
Comber 10am, Newtownards 11.30am

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!

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

The Tuesday evening Mass in the Church of Our Lady of the Visitation, Comber is offered as a novena Mass in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. All welcome!

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

For enquiries, contact the Parish Office on 02891812137

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

-every Sunday during the 11.30am Mass in St Patrick's
Children aged 6-11yrs welcome.

PARTICIPATION IN THE HOLY MASS-- Scripture Verses.

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

This Sunday-32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year A
First Reading-Wisdom 6:12-16
Psalm 62
Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel-Matthew 25:1-13

Next 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

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.

PRAYING FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recently Deceased:

Leo Croan, Ciara Mageean, Ken McGaughey

Anniversaries:

Victor McKibbin, James Anderson, Emmanuel & Thresiammi Mani, Dorina Hughes, George Gibbs, John Mayberry, Joan Lambarton, John Dynes, Philomena Corcoran, Mary Coulter, Joan McNamara (1st,) Eva Dorrian, Flora Maria Cafolla.

INDULGENCES FOR THE HOLY SOULS

During the month of November the Church urges us to pray fervently for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The motivation behind our prayer is to free the deceased of the effects of their sins so that the Lord will welcome them to the happiness of heaven. Through our prayer, we can also gain Plenary Indulgences for the Holy Souls, that is the remission of temporal punishment due to sin, for sins already forgiven.

1st-8th November -by those who visit a cemetery, praying for the Holy Souls and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father, including the Our Father and the Apostle's Creed.

In order to obtain the plenary indulgence for the Holy Souls, we need to be in the state of grace, that is, we must have attended the Sacrament of Confession, and received Holy Communion recently.

A PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful,
grant to the souls of Your servants departed the
remission of their sins,
that, through our pious supplications,
they may obtain the pardon which they have always
desired.
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

APOSTOLIC VISIT TO SOUTH AMERICA

Pope Leo XIV will visit Uruguay, Argentina, and Peru visiting ten cities within these countries from 6 to 17 November 2026, marking his seventh apostolic journey outside Italy and his first visit to the Americas since his election in May 2025. Pope Leo was a missionary priest and later bishop in Peru for many years. Let us all accompany him in our prayers during these days, and pray also for the vitality of the churches in the countries. You can follow the various stages of his trip on EWTN or www.holysee/va

SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

This weekend are two collections, the ***Weekly Offering*** in support of the parish and the ***Parish Maintenance Collection.***

Thanks to those who contributed so generously to the collections of last weekend. The Weekly Offering came to £1768 ,and the Monthly Offering came to £1103.

NEWTOWNARDS & COMBER PARISH NON-STOP DRAW

Week 28 3rd November 2026

£100 no.111	Colette Black
£50 no.259	Roselies Boyle
£50 no.300	Fionnuala O'Connor

Congratulations to all the winners!

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!

USEFUL NUMBERS

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

IN SUPPORT OF HUMAN LIFE

During this week we are asked to pray for the protection of life:

- Let us pray for fathers and mothers of growing families, that their relations and friends, and the wider community, would rally around them with encouragement, support, friendliness and love.

TIDY-UP SATURDAY

Following on from the 'tidy-up' Saturday in October, for those who would like to participate in a 'follow-up, come along 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 MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

November Dead Lists are available after Mass this weekend. Please take a list home to record the names of your deceased loved ones, family, friends, neighbours and particularly those who have no living relatives to pray for them. Please return to the 'November Dead box' in either Church. Upon return, the envelopes will be opened, read, and placed near the altar for the celebration of Masses during this month. The offerings enclosed are used to support the priests of the diocese.

In addition to the November Dead Lists placed near the altar, parishioners may like to consider displaying memoriam cards of loved ones on the display boards in the churches. The display is an expression of our love for the deceased, helping others to remember them, and encourages prayer for the happy repose of their souls.

ANNUAL MASSES FOR THE DEAD

On the weekend of 7th/8th November we will include in the Masses those whose funerals have taken place in the churches of the parish over the last twelve months. We also welcome their family members and pray God's consolation for them as we gather in prayer as a parish community.

SHORT-TERM PLEDGE FOR THE HOLY SOULS

The month of November offers a special opportunity to make a small sacrifice in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We invite parishioners and friends to consider taking a **Short-Term Pledge** throughout November. **Pioneer Offering –**

"I promise, in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to abstain from all intoxicating substances until the end of November."

Please consider joining with others in prayer, sacrifice and support for those affected by addiction.

CONTINUOUS PRAYER FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

On Saturday, 7th November, we celebrate our Parish Prayer Day from midnight to midnight. You are invited to spend time in prayer for the particular intention for this month: ***We pray for our beloved dead.***

You may like to take a look at the resources for prayer for marriage and family life which are available to read on the display stands at the back of both churches.

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 SVP Conference will speak at Masses to provide us with an idea of their charitable work.

Christmas cards are available after Mass-minimum donation of £3

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.

WEEK OF WITNESS FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

One in ten Christians, 200 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 15th to 22nd to highlight their plight, with a special appeal for parishioners to pray for the suffering Church on 'Red Wednesday' November 18th. More information is available at www.acnireland.org

ABIDE IN HIS LOVE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

November 20-22nd in Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran.

Speakers include: Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan, Nashville Dominicans, Kimberlee Wooling, Fr Barry Braum and Bishop Fintan Gavin (Cork & Ross.) Book on Eventbrite:- tickets 70 Euro, 50 Euro for students.

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