Parish Notices

5th/6th December 2020

We Remember Our Deceased Family & Friends:

Recently Deceased: Agnes O'Hare (Ballydugan Road)**,** Fr. Patrick McKenna (Australia) Formerly Teconnaught

Anniv: Sr. M. Joseph, Sr. Brigid, Rae Pleasants, The Hamilton Family, John Trainor, Patrick & Kathleen Ward, Elizabeth, Hugh & Dick Hazard, Patricia Hunt, Colin Whiley, May Halloran, John Halloran, Alice McGrady, Alice Lennon, Kathleen O'Reilly, Michael McAleese, Rosaleen Byers, Robert Bonner, Michael Boyd,

We also Remember Our Diocesan Clergy: Fr. Shaun McClafferty, Canon Hugh Starkey, Canon Joseph Conway, Fr. Francis A. McCorry, Fr. Hugh Roe O'Donnell, Fr. Oliver McStravick,

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Mass Intentions: All of the following Masses will be available online at churchmedia.tv or on the parish Facebook page:

Monday 7th December, 7.30pm: Michael & Agnes MacAleenan, Francis McAleenan,

Wednesday 9th December, 7.30pm: Herman McConvey, Patrick & Isobel Morgan, Jim Ferguson, Kathleen Miley, Bridie Rooney,

Friday 11th December, 7.30pm: Hugh Kearney, Jean Smyth, Edna Kelly,

Saturday 12th December, 5.30pm: 1st Anniversary John Hanna & Vincent Blaney

Sunday 13th December, 12 Noon: Month's Mind: Siobain Robinson

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Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Holy Day of Obligation – Tuesday 8th December: All Masses can be viewed online via ChurchMediaTV and via the 'Downpatrick Parish' Facebook page. The following Masses will be: Monday 7th December at 7:30pm and Tuesday 8th December at 9:30am.
The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 8th December. For Emergencies only please phone 07841101678.

Parish Covid Update: The Parish office is closed to the public. Callers are advised to ring the Parish Office on 02844612084 with any queries, or email us at downpatrick@downandconnor.org if you need to call to the office, please contact us beforehand to arrange a suitable appointment.

St. Patrick's Church is closed for all Masses until Friday 11th December**, however it is open for private prayer as follows: Monday – Thursday 10.30am – 4pm daily and Sundays 2.30pm – 6pm.**

Confessions are available as usual on Fridays from 3-4pm and Saturdays from 12 Noon. PLEASE NOTE these are the only confession times available.

Lockdown Restrictions Ending: The current Lockdown ends at **midnight on Thursday 10th December**. The Mass on Friday 11th December at 9:30am will be open to the public (and from then onwards).

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Friday 11th December from 11:00am to 4:00pm with confessions at 3:00pm and Benediction at 3:50pm.

The Isaiah Course Continues as usual this Thursday evening 10th December at 7.30pm.

Advent Penitential Service: Sunday 20th December at 5:00pm to 5:30pm. This will be an online service of prayer, scripture and music to help us prepare our hearts and souls for the coming of Christ.

SVDP Christmas Appeal 2020: The Annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas collection will take place at the Masses on 12 & 13 December. Sadly because of the current restrictions this will not be a Church door collection but there will be a box on the Altar step where any donation can be left. Donations may also be given to the clergy or left at the Parish office during working hours.

We in the Society never fail to be amazed at the generosity of parishioners, businesses, schools and groups in the area and indeed the donations we receive around now not only help with the extra requests for help at this particular time, but enables us to provide assistance to local families and individuals throughout the year.

As you will be aware this year in particular has been particularly difficult for many families. Your ongoing support helps us tackle poverty in all its forms and we have been able to assist many families with the basic essentials – food, heating, furniture, clothing, school uniforms etc. etc.

We are as ever grateful for any contribution you can make and thanks to all who have continued to make donations even in the absence of the "Red Box" Church door collections. (Can we remind anyone who is a tax-payer that donations can be increased by 25p for each £1 donated by using the Gift Aid envelopes which are available at the Parish Office.)

Thank you for your support and prayers and we wish all of you a safe, happy & Peaceful Christmas.

Bereavement Candles: Candles lit in memory of loved ones during the Bereavement Mass are still available from the Parish Office for collection – please ring in advance of calling.