

Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

Parish Of Downpatrick

5th December 2021

Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Moira Quail, Teresa Montgomery, John Hughes, Christina Dickinson,
Anniversaries: Sadie Savage, John Trainor, Pat Hunt, Sr. M. Joseph Deeny, Sr. Brigid Quinn, Kathleen Ward, Patrick Ward, Harry & Mary McIlMurray, Rae Pleasants, Gerry White, Michael McAleese, Martha Diamond, Jean & Frank Connolly,
May They Rest In Peace

Baptisms: Baptism can be booked by contacting Mary on 02844612084 Mon – Thurs 9.15am – 2.30pm.

A maximum of ten people can attend Baptisms, this includes parents and sponsors.

Weekly Collection: Offertory £685, Loose Plate £125, Direct Debits £1785 (Nov) Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions St. Patrick's @7.30pm:

Monday 6th: Anniv: Maudie Perry, Agnes McAleenan, Michael McAleenan, Francis McAleenan,

Wednesday, 8th: 1st Anniv Maura Megahey, **Anniv:** Herman McConvey, Patrick & Isobel Morgan, Rae Pleasants, John Hanna, Frank O'Connor,

Friday 10th: Anniv: Hugh Kearney, Catherine O'Lone, James Savage, Mary & Mark Noble,

Confessions: Confessions: Wednesday & Friday 3pm -4pm. Saturday 12 Noon to 1pm.

Adoration: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays from 11.00am to 7:30pm (Mass time)
If there is a funeral Mass on a Friday these times will be modified and parishioners will be informed

Feast Of The Immaculate Conception: Mass for the Holy Day – 9.30am and 7.30pm in St. Patrick's.

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will be closed on December 8th.

READER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER ROTA is available in the church porch. If you cannot attend on the day allocated to you, please contact one of the other reading team if possible to swap with them.

Weekday Readers:

Mon: J. Lavery

Tues: B. Gribben

Wed: J. Lavery

Thurs: K. Hanna

Fri: B. Turley

Sat: M. McGlogan & E. Darragh

St Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal: The SVP Annual Appeal this year will take place on 11th/12th December. Christmas is approaching and with it the colder weather and at this time hardship is felt even more keenly. We will all have noticed the increase in fuel and grocery costs over the last few months and no doubt those on low incomes – who struggle even on a daily basis - will have felt it to the point where it is literally a choice of “heat” or “eat”. The Society of Vincent de Paul is there to help those families and individuals and, we do so, and can only do so with your help - thank you for that. As ever, throughout the year and in spite of the necessary COVID restrictions, the parishioners of Downpatrick have been very generous and unstinting in their support. If you can make a donation to the Appeal there are envelopes available at the Parish Office, or the Vincent's Shops at Ballymote & Irish Street and please remember that if you are a tax-payer do use a Gift-Aid envelope whereby we can recoup the tax from HMRC. Unfortunately, we still cannot have face-to-face collections but there will be a designated box in the Church for any donations – large or small – all of which are most appreciated. Thank you for your support and prayers, and you remain in ours.

The Church Boiler at St. Patrick's:

Apologies! Apologies!

Our Church boiler is old! It was installed at the time of the transept in 1992. It has given service beyond its 'sell date'!

A new boiler is tied in with the purchase of St. Michael's Parish Centre on Irish Street. When the legal papers for the centre are signed this month a new boiler can be ordered and installed. In the meantime the parish is doing all it can to fix the current boiler. Currently there are six electric heaters in the church. We are sorry for any

inconvenience but we are doing all we can to rectify the situation.

Christmas Masses : Once again, as in 2020, it is sad that we cannot offer Masses in our smaller churches. All Christmas Masses will be in St. Patrick's, we have 140 places for each Mass available. Teams of Volunteers will ensure that the church is sanitized between Masses. Please God, we will be able to celebrate Masses in St. Malachy's, St. Colmcille' and St. Brigid's in 2022.

Parishioners – will have to book a place at whatever Mass they wish to attend. **Because of the limited number of places and the expected volume of calls, This CAN ONLY be done by PHONE. PLEASE DO NOT EMAIL BOOKINGS and PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE BOOKING MESSAGES ON THE VOICEMAIL.**

Mass Times are as follows:

24th December 5.30pm, 7.30pm & 9.30pm (**Booking Essential**)

Christmas Day 9am & 12 noon (**Booking Essential**)

St. Stephen's Day: 9am, 12 Noon & 5pm (No Booking required)

New Years Day: 12 Noon (No booking required)

The 'Normal' Rota will resume for the Saturday Evening 1st January Vigil Mass.

We are currently drawing up the rota for Christmas Masses and would ask that **Readers** contact Mary to let us know what their availability is for Masses over that period. If you are available to read at any of the following Masses, please let us know as soon as possible. We also require **Two stewards** for each Mass – please either call to the office or let us know your preference/availability via the WhatsApp group.

RGU Numbers: This week's lotto numbers were 3-11-15-20. Four people matched three numbers. Next week's jackpot is £2100. play online using the link on Facebook.

Readings for the 2nd Week in Advent

2nd Sunday of Advent (Year C in Lectionary)

Sun 5th December

Baruch 5:1-9

Psalms 125

Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

Luke 3:1-6

Mon 6th: Saint Nicholas, Bishop

Isaiah 35:1-10

Luke 5:17-26

Tues 7th Feast of Saint Ambrose,

Isaiah 40:1-11

Matthew 18:12-14

Wed 8th Dec The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Genesis 3:9-15,20

Psalms 97:1-4

Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12

Luke 1:26-38

Thursday 9th Dec Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Isaiah 41:13-20

Matthew 11:11-15

Fri 10th Dec Our Lady of Loreto

Isaiah 48:17-19

Matthew 11:16-19

Sat 11th Dec Saint Damasus I, Pope

Ecclesiasticus 48:1-4,9-12

Matthew 17:10-13