

Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

Parish Of Downpatrick

12th March 2023



LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. MAKE DISCIPLES.

Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Fr. James (Jim) Sheppard,
Gary Kinkead

Month's Mind: Michaela Curran,

Anniversaries: Sr. Mary Perpetua, Sr. Therese O' Neill,
Sr. Mary Kieran, Margaret Savage, Colm McSheffrey,
James Galbraith, Maureen Moss, Bernadette McKenny,
Brian McConvey, Brendan Tweedie, Belle Magee, Joe
Devlin, Pat Oakes, Marie Tumelty,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1,585, Loose Plate £150,
Direct Debits £1775, Thank you for your generosity

Mass Intentions, St. Patrick's @ 7:30pm:

Mon: 13th Mar, 7.30pm: Anniv: Paddy Davey,
Billy Murphy,

Wed: 15th Mar 7:30pm: Month's Mind: Michaela Curran,
Anniv: Vera Vaughan & Ignatius Vaughan, Belle Magee,
Brian & Madeleine Gilfedder, Austin & Walter Keating,

Confessions this week: Mon 6:45pm, Fri 3pm-4pm,
Sat 12pm-1pm.

'A Warm Place': There will be no Tea, Coffee & Toast on
7th April (Good Friday). The next Tea, Coffee & Toast will
be on Friday 5th May.

Adoration: There will not be any Adoration on Friday
17th March (St. Patrick's Day). Adoration resumes on
Friday 24th March 11am to 7:15pm.

Stations of the Cross will take place each Wednesday
of Lent at 7pm in St. Patrick's Church. You can attend
in person or join us online on the parish webcam or
Facebook page.

Parish Mass Schedule for March 2023:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 11 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 11 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 12 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12 Noon
St. Patrick's Day Mass Times		
Thurs 16 th	St. Patrick's	7:30pm
Fri 17 th	St. Patrick's (Bilingual)	9:30am
Fri 17 th	St. Colmcille's	11am
Fri 17 th	St. Patrick's	7:30pm
Sat 18 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 19 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12 Noon
Sun 19 th	St. Malachy's	10am
Sun 19 th	St. Colmcille's	11am
Sat 25 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 25 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 26 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12 Noon
Sun 26 th	St. Colmcille's	11am

'Evening of Mercy': 3rd Monday of Lent March 13th.

6:45pm Confessions
7:00pm Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:30pm Mass
8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &
Healing of Memories.
8:40pm Benediction
All welcome for all or even part of the evening.

Walking with Patrick

Date: (rescheduled) 23rd March

Venue: St. Mary's HS, Ardglass Road,

Time: 7:30pm to 9:00pm

Where is our parish now?

What would you like it to be?

What is your vision for our parish?

"The people perish without a vision"

(Proverbs 29:18)

Everyone Welcome

Discussion, Chat, Listening, Prayer

Sorry for any inconvenience caused. The
original event was cancelled due to the
poor weather on March 9th.

Bene Merenti Medal: Mrs. Joan Gilchrist: Fr. Murray presented the Medal to our organist Joan Gilchrist on Sunday 5th March after the 9am Mass. Joan has been involved with the Parish for 50 years - she attends weekly Choir practice and is always available for church events - Weekly Masses, Ordinations, Novenas, Mission, Weddings etc as well as the Easter and Christmas Masses. Joan is an excellent pianist and has, for all of those 50 years given generously of her time - we thank her for her time and dedication and congratulate her on such a prestigious award. The title 'Bene Merenti' is literally Latin for 'Well done'!

'The Way I Clean': Thank you for your generous response to the young people selling the booklet on Sunday 5th March. You donated £1,045 to enable them to attend the World Youth Day with Pope Francis in Portugal this summer. Thank you.

St. Joseph's Young Priests: Meeting on March 15th at 8:15pm. New members welcome.

Offertory Envelopes: The envelopes for the new Offertory Collection Year are available to collect from the Parish Office, during office hours, up until Thursday 30th March. We would encourage parishioners when collecting their own envelopes, to collect envelopes for a friend or neighbour – this would be a huge help to us in the delivery of envelopes throughout the parish.

Turkey / Syria earthquake: We all have seen the tragic pictures of the recent earthquake in the Middle East. Some parishioners have been asking about a collection. So far we have not heard of a collection. In 2022 there was a special collection for the Ukraine. There was a generous response in our parish but the trocaille collection dropped by two thirds. Trocaille are involved on the ground in the Middle East and support many local projects.

If parishioners wish to give something extra to help Turkey / Syria they can do so by putting a cheque or cash into an envelope mentioned 'Turkey / Syria' and leaving it in the boxes in the church – or at the presbytery. For Syria especially we do know that Mary's Meals (a catholic charity) is operating Aleppo (Syria) and providing 500 meals a day to children there. Any cheques can be made out simply to 'Mary's Meals'. Thank you.

Christian Meditation and Movement continues every Sunday, 7pm – 8pm in Patrick's Place. During these sessions, we will reflect upon Lenten themed scripture using Lectio Divina and worship God in a unique way – using body, mind and spirit. Everyone very welcome, please bring a blanket and a mat. Further details available from Philomena 07754877021

Collection for Needy Parishes will take place next weekend. This collection was established to create a special fund to assist 'financially needy' parishes. There are several parishes within the Diocese that have accumulated debt and are financially stretched. However, through financially restructuring schemes it is hoped that many of these parishes, with the aid of this fund, will be able to return to a positive financial position. This collection hopes to help less fortunate parishes return to sound financial footing.

Altar Servers: This is a message for all Primary 5, 6 and 7 children in our parish. There have been no altar servers since Covid. Now Canon Murray would like to invite you to become altar servers at the weekend masses in all the Churches. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to attend Mass in a very special way. If you are interested you can give your name date of birth and a contact number to either your class teacher or to put Parish Secretary Mary Cullen at the Parish office 02844612084. Someone will contact you about training and answer any questions you may have.

RGU Lotto. This week's lotto numbers were 8-16-18-22. Two tickets matched three numbers to share £100. Next week's jackpot is £2800. **PLAY ONLINE USING THE LINK ON FACEBOOK.** Set Dancing Classes every Tuesday evening at 7.30, new members very welcome - contact 07840117232.

