

## Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

### Parish Of Downpatrick

15th May 2022

#### Your Prayers Are Requested for:

**Recently Deceased:** Jacqueline Trainor, Noreen McStay, Desmond O'Toole, Thomas Gilgunn, Anne Price, Colette Park (Newcastle), Paddy Fitzsimmons (Castlewellan),

**Month's Mind:** Patrick Graham, Kathleen Laverty, Myra O'Connell, Agnes Vint, Josephine Nixon,

**Anniversaries:** Sr. M. Aluysius, Sr. M. Leontia, Alf Oakes, Lily Connor, Alice Gargan, Jackie Graham, Gerry Magee, Mary Harris, Harry Harris, John Clifford, John Farrell,

*May They Rest In Peace*

**Baptisms:** Baptism can be booked in person only by contacting Mary at the Parish Office Mon – Thurs 9.15am – 2.30pm.

**Weekly Collection:** Offertory £2,027 Loose Plate £177 Direct Debits £1787, Thank you for your generosity.

#### Mass Intentions St. Patrick's @7.30pm:

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup>: Month's Mind:** Patrick Graham

**Anniv:** John Clifford,

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>: Month's Mind:**

Kathleen Laverty, Myra O'Connell,

**Anniv:** Joseph Hale, Sean Deegan, George & Teresa Boyle, Paula McGoldrick,

Frankie McKenna,

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>: Month's Mind:** Agnes Vint,

**Anniv:** Marie-Lou Mullan, Lilly & Jack Moore, Deceased members of the Moore family,

#### **Mass Schedule May:**

**Saturday** 14<sup>th</sup> May – St. Brigid's Church 7pm **Sunday** 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> May – St Colmcille's Church 11am

**Confessions:** Confessions will take place on Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 3pm to 4pm and on Saturday at 12pm to 1pm.

**Adoration on Fridays:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, will take place every Friday 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*

**Following Christ** is a seven-week journey that inspires those who have begun a relationship with Jesus to deepen that relationship by learning and growing in basic disciplines and truths practiced by Christians since the early Church. Our next Following Christ course will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May. The course will end on 21<sup>st</sup> June and will include a day-long retreat on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Venue: Patrick's Place.

Killough Road  
Cemetery Sunday



26 JUNE  
3PM

#### **Cemetery Sunday**

**2022:** After two years of the blessing of the graves by Bishop Treanor alone, we are delighted to welcome families back to pray for their loved ones

Struell Cemetery  
Sunday



03 JULY  
3PM

who lie at rest in the Belfast cemeteries. Milltown Cemetery - City Cemetery - Sunday 15th May. Hannahstown Cemetery - Sunday 29th May. All ceremonies are at 3pm.

**Tea & Toast:** Tea & Toast has resumed and will continue each Friday after 9:30am Mass.

**Confirmation:** Over the next two weeks our P7 children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The celebrant will be Fr. Murray. Please pray for them at this time.

This week the Bunscoil pupils of Our Lady and St. Patrick's will be confirmed on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

**Canonisations:** On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May Pope Francis will canonise 10 Blesseds of our church including Blessed Charles de Foucauld. You can watch the ceremony live on EWTN or Shalom TV.

**The Obligation to attend Mass:** on Sundays and Holy Days: With the easing of Covid 19 restrictions, it is encouraging to see a return to a fuller liturgical life in our parishes. Thankful that we can once again gather as communities of faith, the Irish Bishops have announced that attending Mass on Sunday and Holydays of Obligation will once again be deemed an essential expression of Faith. As always, those whose health is vulnerable or who are unwell will not be under any obligation to attend Mass.



As restrictions ease and confidence grows, growing numbers are returning to Mass. Parish groups are beginning to meet more regularly – though some met right through the pandemic through Zoom. However since the beginning of Covid several groups have depleted in number. **Also our lists of readers and Eucharistic ministers have diminished. Can you spare some time during the month (on a rota basis) to Act as a Reader or Eucharistic Minister?**

Some Parish groups are also looking for new volunteers

- \*St. Vincent de Paul Society, (Weekly Meetings)
- \*The Legion of Mary (Monthly Meetings)
- \*The Parish Pastoral Council. (Meet every two Months)
- \*The Finance Committee (meet quarterly)
- \*St. Joseph's Young Priests Society (Monthly Meetings)
- \* The Parish Social Committee, (a New committee we hope to form in the coming weeks to help organise more social events for all age groups within the parish).
- \* The Bethany Bereavement Group – Meetings to be confirmed
- \* The Parish Baptism preparation – Meetings to be confirmed

If you have some time (no more than an hour or maybe two a month) why not offer your services. Just ring the parish office at 44612084 or email us at [downpatrick@downandconnor.org](mailto:downpatrick@downandconnor.org)

**Trocaire:** Donations to Trocaire this year are down significantly (approx 75%). Parishioners were extremely generous during the collection in support of the Ukraine - we would ask, if you can see your way to making even a small donation to Trocaire, to help them to continue their essential work in other countries. Thank you for your understanding and support.

**Rosary at the Grottos:** The Rosary will be prayed each day during the month of May at hundreds of grottos around the Island of Ireland. To see a list of locations, or to register a grotto (or other suitable location) simply visit [www.coastalrosaryireland.ie](http://www.coastalrosaryireland.ie) You can also register by texting 087 278 6552. We are praying for Ireland and for peace in the world.

### Readings for Eastertide Week: Sunday – 15<sup>th</sup> May 5<sup>th</sup> week of Eastertide

Acts of the Apostles: 14: 21-27

Psalm: 144: 8-13

Apocalypse 21: 1-5      John 13: 31-35

#### Monday – 16<sup>th</sup>

Acts 14: 5-18      John 14: 21-26

#### Tuesday – 17<sup>th</sup>

Acts 14: 19-28      John 14: 27-31

#### Wednesday – 18<sup>th</sup>

Acts: 15: 1-6      John 15: 1-8

#### Thursday – 19<sup>th</sup>

Acts: 15: 7-21      John 15: 9-11

#### Friday – 20<sup>th</sup>

Acts: 15: 22-31      John 15: 12-17

#### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>

Acts: 16: 1-10      John 15: 18-21

### **ACCORD: WE ARE NOW RECRUITING VOLUNTEER FACILITATORS**

- Are you an excellent communicator with an enthusiasm for supporting couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage and future family life? Formal training will be provided in presenting and facilitating our Marriage Preparation Programmes.
- Gain on going support and Continuous Personal Development by being part of the Accord Marriage Preparation team
- Our programmes are engaging and interactive and cover topics such as good communication skills, how to deal with conflict and the responsibility and significance of the Sacrament of Marriage We want to hear from you!

For N. Ireland, Please contact Brenda on 02890 233002 or Email: [info@accordni.com](mailto:info@accordni.com)  
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**RGU Lotto.** This week's lotto numbers were: 18-19-21-27. Three people matched three numbers. Next week's jackpot is £3200.  
PLAY ONLINE USING THE LINK ON FACEBOOK.