

Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

Parish Of Downpatrick

11th June 2023



LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. MAKE DISCIPLES.

Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Olive McCashin, Rosaleen Correra,

Recently Deceased Other Parishes:

Jim Cleland (Australia),

Anniversaries: Jim Curran, Marty Kearney, Lily Mullan, Terry Denvir, Thomas Breen, Hugh King, Michael Logue, Harry Hogg, Mark, Barney & Maureen Fitzsimons,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1,661, Loose Plate £381, Direct Debits £1155. Thank you for your generosity.

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

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

Mon: 12th June 7:30pm: Anniv: Marty Kearney, Jim Curran, Mark Fitzsimons, Barney & Maureen Fitzsimons,

Recently Deceased: Jim Cleland (Australia),

Wed: 14th June 7:30pm: Anniv: Hugh & Ellen King,

Fri: 16th June 7:30pm: Month's Mind: Kathleen Fisher, Anniv: May Cusack, John Cusack, Ciaran Taggart,

St. Malachy's: The Diocesan property and facilities committee agreed to the installation of a new boiler in St. Malachy's. This decision was ratified by the Diocesan Trustees on 25th May 2023. Tenders will now be put out for this work.

Adoration: Thank you to all the parishioners who attend the Friday Adoration / Exposition. Could we particularly encourage attendance during the period 4pm – 6pm which is rather poorly attended?

19th June: The clergy are attending a retreat on 19th June. There will not be a 9:30am Mass on that day. Mass as usual on Monday evening at 7:30pm. Bishop Donal McKeown has requested that all clergy attend the retreat.

Downpatrick Pro-Life Group hope to organise a bus to the 'Rally For Life' in Dublin on Saturday 1st July. If you are interested in travelling, please contact the parish office on 02844 612084.

Parish Mass Schedule for June 2023:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 10 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 11 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 11 th	St. Colmcille's	11am
Sat 17 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 17 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 18 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 18 th	St. Malachy's	10am
Sun 18 th	St. Colmcille's	11am
Sat 24 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 25 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 25th – Cemetery Sunday – Killough Road 3pm		
Sun 2nd July – Cemetery Sunday – Struell 3pm		

'Evening of Mercy': Sunday after Corpus Christi, Monday 12th June.

6:45pm Confessions

7:00pm Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30pm Mass

8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament including prayers for inner healing

8:40pm Benediction

All welcome for all or even part of the evening.

Baptism Course: One of the 'casualties' of Covid was the Baptism Course which the parish offered to young parents prior to the birth of their child. It is hoped to restart this course in the early Autumn. There will be a couple of training sessions in the presbytery in preparation for this course. These will take place on Tuesday 13th June and Tuesday 27th June at 7:30pm – 8:30pm. Anyone who would like to be involved in this and who would like to pass on their faith to the next generation is warmly invited to turn up on these evenings.

Killough Road Cemetery: Grass cutting and tidying of the Cemetery has been scheduled for Saturday 10th and Thursday 22nd June. Whilst our contractor does his best to control stray grass etc, we cannot guarantee that some graves may be affected, it may be advisable to either cover your family grave or leave any Cemetery Sunday preparation until after the cut on June 22nd.

Pass the basket: Due to Covid we had to install the boxes at the front of the church to enable parishioners to hand in their envelopes or make donations. From May 20th / 21st we would like to restore the basket system for collection. The boxes will also remain in place for the time being.

Feast of the Sacred Heart (Fri June 16th): Please try to make a visit to the Church on this special day where the intention is 'prayer for the Priests and Vocations.'

The Diocese of Derry & Clogher are travelling to World Youth Day in Lisbon and have a small number of seats available. The group leave Dublin travelling to Porto on July 25th, spending a week in a Parish in Porto, and then travelling via Fatima to Lisbon, Leaving to fly home on Monday 7th August. Bishop Donal McKeown will lead the group. The trip is open to anyone aged 18 and over and the total cost is £1000. If you are interested, the parish will help with costs. Please contact us on 02844612084 to get more information.

Legion of Mary: Will visit homes in the Marian Park/Rathkeltair area of the town over the next few weeks with the Fatima Statue.

'The Letter' Screening of the film has been postponed until the season of creation in September 2023.

Cemetery Sunday in the Parish of Downpatrick:

Killough Road, Sunday 25th June @ 3pm.
Struell, Sunday 2nd July @ 3pm.

Visitors & Parishioners are invited to join us for readings, prayers and the rosary. Individuals, please bring Holy water for Blessing of graves. Service will be 30 mins approx.

Learn about High Crosses and the impact of Christianity on Celtic art! The 2nd International Celtic Art Conference is coming to The Saint Patrick Centre, Downpatrick, June 8-10. Tickets for seminars/outings with artists and scholars are available at Eventbrite. Details www.saintpatrickcentre.com

Art Exhibition: St. Mary's HS & De La Salle HS will be displaying their GCSE & A Level Art "young imagination 2023" pictures in the St. Patrick Centre. It will open on Thursday 15th June between 4pm – 5pm. The exhibition will last from 16th to 27th June. Everyone welcome to see the pictures during these dates.

Tobar Mhuire Summer Institute 22nd – 23rd June
"Blessed are the Peacemakers" Speakers: Fr Chris Monaghan CP: Set My People Free – Peacebuilding in the Scriptures Peter McBride: Trauma as a spiritual fracture Brian McKee: Imagining a new and shared future together Each day begins at 10 am with tea/coffee and finishes each afternoon with optional liturgy at 4.30pm. Conference Costs: £40 per day (to include tea/coffee/light lunch) Residential Cost for Evening meal / Bed and Breakfast: £75 – single / £60 shared (plus conference cost) For further information or to book your place: Contact Tobar Mhuire T: 0284483044 Email: secretary@tobarmhuire.com

Day for Life is celebrated this year on Sunday 18 June. The theme is 'Listen to Her' and focuses on the experience of one Catholic woman in the aftermath of abortion. It tells of her journey towards healing. The hope is that this will help people to listen, to understand and to respond with compassion.

Local Cemetery Sunday Dates:

Downpatrick

Killough Road 25th June at 3pm
Struell 2nd July at 3pm

Dunsford

Dunsford 18th June at 3pm

Strangford

St Malachy's Kilclief Cemetery – Sunday 16th July at 3pm

Saul

Ballycruttle Cemetery – Sunday 30th July at 3pm

Saul Cemetery – Sunday 6th August at 3pm

Kilmore /Killyleagh

Sunday 11th June at 3pm in St Mary's Star of the Sea, Killyleagh 6pm in Holy Family, Teconnaught on June 11th

Lough Derg 2023 The Living Church Office are organising a three-day pilgrimage to Lough Derg. The Pilgrimage will be led by Jim Deeds. Dates: Friday 30th June – Sunday 2nd July 2023. Cost £90 includes luxury coach transfers. Bus departs 9am Friday 30th June from Glengall Street. Places are limited so early booking is recommended. Contact Claire Tel: 02890 690920 Email: livingchurch@downandconnor.org

HELP! Volunteers needed urgently. The hospitality sector everywhere is struggling - and so is Drumalis. We would greatly appreciate any help you could offer towards sustaining the ministry of hospitality and healing here. To have a chat about this, please phone Maura on 07736324250. Thank you!

Dunsford & Ardglass pilgrimage to Knock: One day pilgrimage on July 4th for booking & further information contact Mary 07895098189.

Jill's passionate interest in intellectual disability and theology has developed over many years and represents an integration of her academic background and her personal experience as the mother of Rebecca, who has profound and complex intellectual disabilities. Takes place Friday 23rd June Between 10am to 1pm, Living Church, 120 Cliftonville Road, Belfast. To book your place contact Louise: Tel: 07922437679 or Email: l.mcquillan@downandconnor.org