

Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

Parish Of Downpatrick

10th April 2022

Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Anne Patterson, Sean Connor (Saul), Tony Keown, Marie (Maura) O'Connell, Kathleen Laverty, Laurance McCartan (Killyleagh),

Anniversaries: Sr. Angela Deignan, Sean Mooney, Paddy Lynch Snr, Pat Lynch Jnr, Lionel Pleasants, Michael McCabe, Nellie Craig, Leonard Craig, Dessie Craig, Henry Smyth, Stephen Rice, Ann Sloan,

May They Rest In Peace

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

Weekly Collection: Offertory £2,260, Loose Plate £110, Direct Debits £1710, Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions St. Patrick's @7.30pm:

Monday 11th 1st Anniv: Sean Mooney,
Anniv: Terry Bell, Paddy Lynch Snr, Pat Lynch Jnr, Lionel Pleasants, Stephen Shannon, David & Sarah Shannon,

Wednesday 12th: 1st Anniv: Stephen Rice,
Anniv: Ann Murphy, Ellen O'Hare, Josie Cunningham, Maureen Croskery,

The Parish Bulletin Is now available in the church porch – please take a copy and bring it home with you.

Lent: Stations of the cross: will be celebrated every Wednesday at 6:30pm . This prayer can be attended in the church or also online.

Divine Mercy Chaplet: The Chaplet will be recited each Friday in St. Patrick's starting on Friday 1st April at 3pm. All welcome.

Mass Schedule April:

Saturday 2nd & 9th & 30th– St. Brigid's Church 7pm

Sunday 17th & 24th – St Colmcille's 11am

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, from Easter Sunday 17th April, 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.

Holy Land: Good Friday Collection for Catholics in The Holy Land: A collection for the welfare of Christians in the Holy Land will be taken up on Good Friday. Your continued support is sincerely appreciated.

UKRAINE COLLECTION: Parishioners donated a very generous £6915 to the recent collection for Ukraine. This money will assist the work of Caritas in helping and supporting those affected by the current situation in the area. We are extremely grateful for your generosity.

Easter Retreat at SMA Dromantine Retreat Centre
Wed. 13th (5.00pm) – Easter Sun 17th (9.00am)
This will be an opportunity for quiet reflection as you celebrate the ceremonies of the Easter Triduum. It begins with the Seder Meal on Wed. and ends with Dawn Mass and Easter breakfast. Cost (inc. accom. and meals) £340 / E400 Tel. 028 30821964 admin@dromantineconference.com

Parish Envelopes:

Are you a new parishioner or have you started working? will you please support your parish financially? We have been distributing the New Parish Offertory Envelopes over recent weeks - out of a Parish of approx 11,000 people, we delivered 697 boxes of envelopes. Weekly contributions to the parish through offertory envelopes is vital - If you don't have a box of envelopes, why not consider asking us for a box? or alternatively, use the QR code located on the notice board in the porch of St. Patrick's Church to donate. If you would like to donate via standing order, contact the Parish Office on 02844612084 and we will be happy to help. We thank sincerely, all those who contribute to the Parish, your support is deeply appreciated.

Holy Week Ceremonies:

Palm Sunday: Usual Masses

9th April 7pm St. Brigid's

Holy Thursday: Morning Prayer 9:00am

Mass of Chrism (St. Peter's Cathedral) 11am

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm

Followed by quiet adoration Holy Hour

(Directed) 10:00pm.

Good Friday: Morning Prayer 10:00am

Ecumenical prayer walk with the Christians of the town. (Meet behind the Down Recorder office at 1pm.) Short walk to St. Patrick's Centre.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00pm

Stations of the Cross (with Taize chants)

7:30pm

Holy Saturday: Morning Prayer 10am

Easter Vigil: 9:00pm

Please note No Mass at 5:30pm

Easter Sunday Masses:

6:00am Struell Wells

9:00am St. Patrick's

11:00am St. Colmcille's

12:00pm St. Patrick's

Confessions:

Holy Thursday – After evening Mass

Good Friday – After afternoon service and after Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday – 10:30am to 1pm

Readings for Holy Week

Palm Sunday Year C

Procession Gospel: Luke 19: 28-40,

Readings for the Mass: Isaiah 50: 4-7,

Psalm Response: 21: 1-9, 17-20, 23-24,

Philippians 2: 6-11, Luke 22: 14 -23; 56,

Monday 11th April

Isaiah 42: 1-7, John 12: 1-11,

Tuesday 12th

Isaiah 49: 1-6, John 13: 21-33, 36-38,

Wednesday 13th

Isaiah 50: 4-9, Matthew 26: 14-25,

Holy Thursday 14th (Morning)

Chrism Mass (in the Cathedral)

Isaiah 61: 1-3, 6, 8-9,

Apocalypse 1: 5-8, Luke 4: 16-21

Holy Thursday 14th (Evening)

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14,

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26, John 13: 1-15

Good Friday 15th (3pm)

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Isaiah 52: 13-53:12, Psalm 30: 2,6,12-13,15-17

Hebrews 4: 14-16; 5:7-9, John 18: 1-19:42

The Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday) 16th

Several readings will be chosen from these:-

Genesis 1:1-2:2, Genesis 22: 1-18,

Exodus 14: 15 – 15:1, Isaiah 54: 5-14

Isaiah 55: 1-11, Baruch 3:9-15, 32 – 4:4,

Romans, 6: 3-11, Luke 24, 1-12,

Easter Sunday 17th

Acts of the Apostles 10: 34, 37-43,

Colossians 3: 1-4, John 20: 1-9,

Adoration on Fridays: There will be no Exposition on Good Friday (15th April) and on Easter Friday (22nd April). The Exposition will resume on 29th April.

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 You can also register by texting 087 278 6552. We are praying for Ireland and for peace in the world.

Bulletins and Masses: There will be two bulletins next weekend. One will cover Easter Sunday (17th April) and the other bulletin will cover Sunday (24th April). There will be no evening Mass between Monday 18th to Friday 23rd April. Anniversaries and Month's Mind Masses (for Monday 25th April onwards) should be booked through the Parish Office during Holy Week.

Parish Office Closure: The Parish Office will be closed from Good Friday and will open again on Monday 25th April.