

## Downpatrick Pastoral Area

### Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023



#### Your Prayers Are Requested for:

**Recently Deceased:** Craig Smith, Imelda McCormick, Joseph Layden, Myrtle (Martha) Newman, Gus Burns, Lily Loughlin, Joan Farrell, Damian Cromie, John English, Richard Boyd (USA),

**Anniversaries:** Patrick Flynn, Ethel Flynn, Robert Savage, Eithne Mullan, Isobel Jamison, Philip Murphy, James Magorrian, Daniel Smyth, Patrick (Pat) Braniff, Jim Lennon, Rosena McCartney, Susan Teggart, Elizabeth Stitt, Sean Tumelty, Jim Tumelty, Tommy McCartan, Bernadette & Bernard Morgan,

**Weekly Collection:** Offertory £1,960, Loose Plate £549, Direct Debits £1200. Thank you for your generosity

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

**Mon: 24<sup>th</sup> July: 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv:** Harry Sheridan,  
**Anniv:** William Wade, Brendan & Clare King, Pat & Joyce O'Reilly, Sean Tumelty, Jim Tumelty, Tommy McCartan,

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July: Month's Mind:** Roisin Ward,  
**Anniv:** Sammy Sharvin,

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> July: Anniv:** Mona & Joe O'Reilly, Jenny Rowden, James & Mary Magorrian, Patrick (Pat) Braniff,

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

**'Evening of Mercy':** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July  
6:45pm Confessions  
7:00pm Rosary  
7:30pm Mass  
8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Face prayers.  
8:40pm Benediction  
All welcome for all or even part of the evening.

**Adoration:** During July and August there will be Adoration in St. Colmcille's every Wednesday from 3pm – 4pm and in St. Patrick's every Friday from 3pm – 4pm. Everyone welcome.

## Parish Mass Schedule for July / August 2023:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	St. Colmcille's	11am
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	St. Colmcille's	11am
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	St. Colmcille's	11am
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy's	10am

**Masses in St. Patrick's:** Thank you for the response to my recent talk on 'rescheduling of Masses in St. Patrick's. Thank you for the positivity, and also for the appreciation of the difficulties imposed by an ageing clergy and the regular need – sometimes at short notice, to cover neighbouring parishes. The response to my suggestion did, however, raise some issues which need to be resolved. Last Sunday, as Celebrant at St. Colmcille's, I outlined the proposal and suggested that future Mass times at St. Colmcille's would need to be tweaked. Given two choices, 10am or 12 Noon, the attendees, almost unanimously voted for 10am. Some responses to my talk on the change in St Patrick's raised other questions – could it be changed to 10.30am? Accordingly, on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August, we will have a vote at both the 9am and 12 Noon masses on one issue – what time the Mass will be at in St. Patrick's from September 1st – 10.30am Or 11am. Also, on that weekend, I would suggest a vote at the Vigil Mass (19<sup>th</sup> Aug) on whether to have the Vigil at 5.30pm or 6pm. Saul have a Mass at 5pm and a Mass at 6pm would facilitate those who work all day Saturday. I hope after these votes that a new Mass schedule in St Patrick's will be acceptable to most people in the Parish.

**Parish Draw:** As you know the parish draw was due to be launched again in April 2020. But owing to the Covid pandemic it had to be suspended because our promoters would have been unable to make their returns. Recently, after a meeting with Canon Murray the promoters decided to re-launch the draw in October 2023. It was decided to have only one draw with 31 prizes on the basis of the returns that had been received by March 2020. If anyone still wishes to become a member the final closing date for receipts will be 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023. The prizes will be: £5000, £2000, 6 x £1000, 10 x £200, 5 x £100, 8 promoters prizes of £30 – a total of 31 prizes, amounting to £15,740. **BANKERS ORDERS:** Those who paid by Bankers Order should cancel their order with their bank with immediate effect, those who have over subscribed on Bankers orders' will have the extra money refunded by cheque. With regards to the method of drawing winners, members who have paid £60, will receive 12 tickets, those who paid £30, six tickets, those who paid £5 one ticket, i.e. One ticket for every £5 paid in. We hope members will be satisfied with these methods of completing the final Draw, which has been disrupted by the difficult circumstances caused by Covid. Owing to the fact that some of our promoters are ill and some are no longer collecting the draw in October will be the last one. Many thanks to all our promoters and members for helping to make a success of the draw over the last few years. The draw brought in a substantial amount for the parish. If a member does not wish to be in the draw, please contact us before 30<sup>th</sup> August.

**Site of Boys Primary School:** As Parishioners will be aware, the site has now been sold. It was sold by St. MacNissi's Educational Trust. The parish were simply 'caretakers' after the school closed. The proceeds of the sale will allow St. MacNissi's Educational Trust to settle the significant outstanding grant recoverable from the Department for Education and to re-imburse Downpatrick parish for the school demolition and associated costs. The remainder of the proceeds from the sale will be reinvested in the future education of young people across the Diocese of Down and Connor. Parishioners will be notified via the bulletin of any further updates. Contrary to recent rumours – the playing fields at St. Dillon's Avenue HAVE NOT been sold.

**Children's Liturgy:** The parish hope to resume Children's Liturgy over the coming months. We need volunteers to help with that! If you can spare an hour or two and would like to join us on Sundays for the Mass, please email [downpatrick@downandconnor.org](mailto:downpatrick@downandconnor.org)

**St. Malachy's Ballykilbeg:** Work has just finished on the installation of a replacement boiler in St. Malachy's Church. The new system is up and running well. Thank you for your patience during the time it took to get the project off the ground. The interior of the church will be repainted in the next couple of weeks.



**Light the Fire**  
August 6<sup>th</sup> Hill of Slane

Sr. Briege McKenna    Fr. Pablo Escriva de Romani    Archbishop Eamon Martin    Dana

12.15 Praise & Worship

1pm Gathering

1.15pm Rosary  
Dana & Music Ministry will sing Light the Fire

2pm Mass  
• Talks • Eucharistic Healing Service

4.30pm Depart for home

For further enquiries please email: [hillofslaneaugust6@gmail.com](mailto:hillofslaneaugust6@gmail.com)

• Please bring a fold up stool •

*in the spirit of*  
WYD IRELAND 2023  
*Mary arose and went with haste*

Bus leaving at the back of Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Downs Road, Newcastle at 10:30am sharp. Gather at 10:15am. Cost £20. Please bring pack lunch. Please leave your name and contact number at the parish shop with Eugene or Eileen at 07793557703



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