

Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

Parish Of Downpatrick

26th Dec 21 / 2nd Jan 22

Your Prayers Are Requested for: Recently

Deceased: Dennis Gough, Kathleen Martin,

Anniversaries David Jenner, Margaret McGrady, Genevieve Walsh, Brian Galbraith, Thomas & Gary Rooney, Kathleen Curran, Mary Fitzsimons, May Leonard, Florence Carson, Mary McCrissican, Susan McCrissican, Kathleen Vance, John Quail, Maurice Hayes, Francis & Teresa Vance, Edwin Vance, Teresa McNaughton, Nicholas McNaughton, Patrick Teggart, James Teggart, Mary Ann Craig, Carmel Coffey, Tommy McManus,

May They Rest In Peace

Baptisms: Baptism can be booked by contacting Mary on 02844612084 Mon – Thurs 9.15am – 2.30pm. From Tuesday 4th January 2022.

A maximum of ten people can attend Baptisms, this includes parents and sponsors.

Weekly Collection: Offertory £2733.50, Loose Plate £365, Direct Debits £1785 (Nov) Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions St. Patrick's @7.30pm:

Monday 3rd Jan 2022: Month's Mind:

Teresa Montgomery, **Anniv:** 1st Anniv: Jim Denvir, Anniv: Susan McCrissican, Cormac Wylie,

Wednesday, 5th: Month's Mind: Christina Dickinson, **Anniv:** Charlie McStay Snr, Maria Laverty, Clare Taggart, Catherine McLeigh

Adoration: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, will resume on Friday 14th January 2022 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

Please Note: THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED UNTIL JANUARY 4th at 9.30am. If you require a priest in an emergency, call 07841101678

READER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER ROTA If you cannot attend on the day allocated to you, please contact one of the other reading team if possible to swap with them.

Weekday Readers:

Mon: J. Lavery

Tues: B. Gribben

Wed: J. Lavery

Thurs: K. Hanna

Fri: M. McGlogan

Sat: M. McGlogan & E. Darragh

Mass During Christmas Week: From December 27th – 31st there will not be an evening Mass. The 9.30am will continue as normal. Evening Mass resumes on Monday 3rd January 2022 at 7.30pm

Confession: The Bishop has advised parishes not to offer individual Confession for the time being. This advice comes after consultation with the Chief Medical Advisor, (Michael McBride.) Parishioners are also reminded of the recommendation by Pope Francis at the start of the Pandemic, to avail of the Act of Perfect Contrition. Please see a copy of this below. The priests of the Parish hope to offer individual confession as soon as it is safe to do so.

Through an act of Perfect Contrition, you can receive the forgiveness of your sins outside of confession, even mortal sins, provided that you determine yourself to correct your life and make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as possible, when it becomes once more available.

- In reality or in your mind kneel at the foot of a crucifix and mentally repeat: "Jesus, my God and my Saviour, in the midst of your agony you remembered me, you suffered for me, you wanted to purify me from my sins".
- Contrition is "perfect" if you repent of your sins because you love God and you sincerely regret having offended Him and having contributed Christ's sufferings on the Cross.
- Recite, slowly and sincerely, an act of contrition focusing on the goodness of God and your love for Jesus: "O my God, since you are so good, I am sincerely repentant for having sinned against you and with the help of your grace I will no longer sin. Amen".
- Make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as possible

150 Years! Our beautiful church of St. Patrick's will be 150 years old in 2022. To mark this wonderful occasion the Parish hope to hold a novena in honour of St. Patrick from March 8th to 16th. Archbishop Martin (Armagh) and Bishop Noel Treanor have already agreed to take part. More details in the new year.

Readings for Christmas Week

26th December – Feast of the Holy Family

1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28

Psalm 83:2-3,5-6,9-10

1 John 3:1-2,21-24

Luke 2:41-52

Monday 27th: Feast of Saint John, The Evangelist

1 John 1:1-4

John 20:2-8

Tuesday 28th Feast of The Holy Innocents

1 John 1:5-2:2

Matthew 2:13-18

Wednesday 29th: Feast of Saint Thomas á Becket

1 John 2:3-11

Luke 2:22-35

Thursday 30th

1 John 2:12-17

Luke 2:36-40

Friday 31st: Feast of Saint Silvester, Pope

1 John 2:18-21

John 1:1-18

Saturday 1st: Feast of Mary Mother of God, World Day of Peace Numbers 6:22-27

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:16-21

Readings for 2nd Week after Christmas

Sunday 2nd January 2nd Week after Christmas

Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2,8-12

Psalm 147:12-15,19-20

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-18

John 1:1-18

Monday 3rd January:

1 John 2:29-3:6

John 1:29-34

Tuesday 4th

1 John 3:7-10

John 1:35-42

Wednesday 5th:

1 John 3:11-21

John 1:43-51

Thursday 6th The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 71:1-2,7-8,10-13

Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Friday 7th:

1 John 5:5-13

Luke 5: 12-16

Saturday 8th:

1 John 5: 14-21

John 3: 22-30