

Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

Parish Of Downpatrick

19th December 2021

Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Dennis Gough

Anniversaries Sarah Jane Digney, Richard Fitzsimons, Alex McMullan, Kathleen Morgan, Alan Gordan, Harry Robinson, Donnagh Robinson, Gerard Blaney, Bridget Blaney, William Doc Morrison, John & Molly McCormick, Thomas & Mary O'Brien, Terry Ritchie, Maura Savage, Liam McGlogan, Bernard McMinn, Terence McKee,

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 £1681, Loose Plate £290, Direct Debits £1785 (Nov) Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions St. Patrick's @7.30pm:

Monday 20th: Anniv: Hannah Teresa Yeats, Liam McGlogan, Terence Walsh, Justas Mikeleeicius, John & Molly McCormick, Thomas & Mary O'Brien, Terry Ritchie, Terence McKee, (Mary Lopez (Currently ill)),

Wednesday, 22nd: Anniv: Jean Smyth, Winnie & Charles Reid, Ethna Kennedy, Roisin Kelly, Thomas Fagan, Thomas & Gary Rooney, Gerard & Bridgit Blaney,

Confessions: Confessions: Wednesday & Friday 3pm -4pm. Saturday 12 Noon to 1pm.

Adoration: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays 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

READER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER ROTA is available in the church porch. 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

St Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal: Christmas is approaching and with it the colder weather and at this time hardship is felt even more keenly. We will all have noticed the increase in fuel and grocery costs over the last few months and no doubt those on low incomes – who struggle even on a daily basis - will have felt it to the point where it is literally a choice of “heat” or “eat”. We would appreciate your support this Christmas.

Parish Carol Service: Sunday 19th December 5pm - 6pm, featuring our Parish Choir, with contributions from Cora Kelly and the congregation. This is a public event, no tickets required. Also Available via the webcam and Facebook Page.

Christmas Masses : Once again, as in 2020, it is sad that we cannot offer Masses in our smaller churches. All Christmas Masses will be in St. Patrick's, we have 140 places for each Mass available. Teams of Volunteers will ensure that the church is sanitized between Masses. Please God, we will be able to celebrate Masses in St. Malachy's, St. Colmcille' and St. Brigid's in 2022.

Parishioners – will have to book a place at the remaining Masses they wish to attend. **Because of the limited number of places and the expected volume of calls, This CAN ONLY be done by PHONE. PLEASE DO NOT EMAIL BOOKINGS and PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE BOOKING MESSAGES ON THE VOICEMAIL.**

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR TICKETS AT THE PARISH OFFICE FROM MONDAY 20TH TO THURSDAY 23RD DECEMBER FROM 9:30AM TO 2PM.

Mass Times are as follows:

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL FOR BOTH CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY. 5.30pm & 7:30pm Mass is FULLY BOOKED, THERE ARE LIMITED SPACES LEFT NOW FOR THE REMAINING MASSES.

24th December 9.30pm

Christmas Day 9am & 12 noon

St. Stephen's Day: 9am, 12 Noon & 5pm (No Booking required) **Mass daily at 9:30am in Christmas week; No Evening Masses.**

New Years Day: 12 Noon (No booking required)

The 'Normal' Rota will resume for the Saturday Evening 1st January Vigil Mass at 5:30pm.

RGU Numbers: This week's lotto numbers were 17-18-19-24. One person matched three numbers. Next week's jackpot is £2300. play online using the link on Facebook.

The Synod on Synodality: Preparing to listen

Pope Francis has affirmed that: "A synodal Church is a Church which listens. The faithful People, the Bishops, all listening to each other; and all listening to the Holy Spirit." Listening from a place of prayer is the foundation of our synodal process, and it requires an open mind and heart, without prejudice.

As pilgrims on this synodal journey we recognise that no one person has the answer and that through authentic listening everyone has something to learn. The faithful people, the college of bishops, the Bishop of Rome: all listening to each other, and all listening to the Holy Spirit.

This week we pray that we will be a listening church; listening to the Holy Spirit prompting the Church to be attentive to the missionary dream of God's love reaching everyone and inspired by God's love that we reach out to care for all humanity. This week we invite you to pray; **Come Holy Spirit,**

Make our ears to hear, make our eyes to see, make our mouths to speak, make our hearts to seek, make our hands to reach out and touch the world with your love. Amen.

Readings for the Fourth Week of Advent

4th Sunday of Advent:

Micah 5: 1-4

Psalm 79

Hebrews 10: 5-10

Luke 1: 39-45

Monday 20th:

Isaiah 7:10-14

Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday 21st

Readings of the Day

Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18

Luke 1:39-45

Wednesday 22nd:

1 Samuel 1:24-28

Luke 1:46-56

Thursday 23rd

Malachi 3:1-4,23-24

Luke 1:57-66

Friday 24th:

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16

Luke 1:67-79