

Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

Parish Of Downpatrick

29th May 2022

Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Month's Mind Patricia Kearney, Joe Cunningham,

Anniversaries: Paddy Rice, Bridie Rice, Mary Rea, Brendan Keenan, Lily O'Flynn, Daniel Quinn, Jim Lennon, Jim Vance (Australia),

May They Rest In Peace

Baptisms: Baptism can be booked in person only by contacting Mary at the Parish Office Mon – Thurs 9.15am – 2.30pm.

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1,324 Loose Plate £184 Direct Debits £1787, Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions St. Patrick's @7.30pm:

Monday 30th: Month's Mind: Patricia Kearney

Anniv: Assumpta Taggart, Anna Murphy, Tommy Vance, Mary Elizabeth McAuley,

Wednesday 1st June:

Month's Mind: Joe Cunningham

Anniv: David Doran,

Friday 3rd: Anniv: Bella & Frank Ritchie, Betty Smyth,

Mass Schedule May:

Sunday 29th May – St Colmcille's Church 11am

Confessions: Confessions will take place on Monday 6:45pm – 7:20pm, Friday at 3pm to 4pm and on Saturday at 12pm to 1pm.

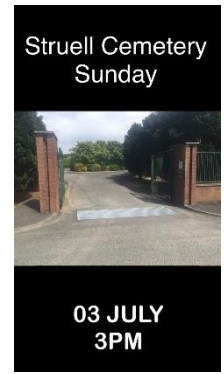
Adoration on Fridays: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, will take place every Friday from 11.00am to 7:30pm (Mass time) *If there is a funeral Mass on a Friday these times will be modified and parishioners will be informed*

Following Christ is a seven-week journey that inspires those who have begun a relationship with Jesus to deepen that relationship by learning and growing in basic disciplines and truths practiced by Christians since the early Church. Our next Following Christ course will be on Tuesday 31st May. The course will end on 21st June and will

include a day-long retreat on Saturday 11th June. Venue: Patrick's Place. **You are still able to come, even if you haven't been to any previous sessions.**



Killough Road Cemetery Sunday
Cemetery Sunday
dates and times at Killough Road and Struell.



Tea & Toast: Tea & Toast has resumed and will continue each Friday after 9:30am Mass.

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 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.

Boiler Replacement at St. Patrick's Church: The boiler has now been replaced in St. Patrick's - We are grateful for your understanding and patience during the installation. The total cost for the boiler was just under £33,000. We thank CTS for their pleasant demeanour and hard work over the last two weeks whilst they worked on the project. Thank you also to Sean Fitzsimmons for helping bring the project together and assisting along the way.

Do you or somebody you know suffer from addiction? Addiction to Alcohol, Drugs, Gambling, Pornography, Food, Internet etc. steals life from so many people. Please come to the shrine of Matt Talbot in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean Mc Dermot street, Dublin, on Sunday 12th June at 2pm, and join our annual national pilgrimage to pray for the miracle of freedom from all these addictions. For more information, visit www.mattalbotprayersociety.com or contact vita@mattalbotprayersociety.com (028) 71262894



As restrictions ease and confidence grows, growing numbers are returning to Mass. Parish groups are beginning to meet more regularly – though some met right through the pandemic through Zoom. However since the beginning of Covid several groups have depleted in number. **Also our lists of readers and Eucharistic ministers have diminished. Can you spare some time during the month (on a rota basis) to Act as a Reader or Eucharistic Minister? (Could the lady who recently volunteered to be a reader contact the office again please?)**

Some Parish groups are also looking for new volunteers

*St. Vincent de Paul Society, (Weekly Meetings)

*The Legion of Mary (Monthly Meetings)

*The Parish Pastoral Council. (Meet every two Months)

*The Finance Committee (meet quarterly)

*St. Joseph's Young Priests Society (Monthly Meetings)

* The Parish Social Committee, (a New committee we hope to form in the coming weeks to help organise more social events for all age groups within the parish).

* The Bethany Bereavement Group – Meetings to be confirmed

* The Parish Baptism preparation – Meetings to be confirmed

If you have some time (no more than an hour or maybe two a month) why not offer your services. Just ring the parish office at 44612084 or email us at downpatrick@downandconnor.org

Calling ALL ADORERS of the Blessed Sacrament in DOWN & CONNOR: National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday 18th June (Corpus Christi weekend) leaving Belfast City Centre at 6.15 am. Cost £22, bring a packed lunch. Contact Harriet 07812098991 or Maureen 07745093530 to inquire or book a seat. For more information click on the link below.

www.eucharisticadoration.ie All Ireland Rosary: The All Ireland Rosary Rally will take place in Knock on Saturday 4th June from 1.30 pm. The main celebrant will be Archbishop Okolo, Papal Nuncio to Ireland. Homilist: Bishop Michael Duignan. Rosary Talk: Fr. Marius O'Reilly. If interested in travelling by coach, contact Paddy 07979501228 or Siobhán 07857251422 by text anytime or call after 5pm.

Readings for Eastertide Week:

Sunday – 29th May Ascension Sunday

7th week of Eastertide

Acts of the Apostles: 1: 1-11

Psalm: 46: 2-3, 6-7

Ephesians 1: 17-23

Luke 24: 46-53

Monday – 30th

Acts 19: 1-8

John 16: 29-33

Tuesday – 31st

Acts 20: 17-27

John 17: 1-11

Wednesday – 1st June St. Justin, Martyr

Acts: Acts 20: 28-38

John 17: 11-19

Thursday – 2nd

Acts: 22: 30; 23: 6-11

John 17: 20-26

Fri – 3rd St. Charles Lwango, Martyr, Uganda

Acts: 25: 13-21

John 21: 15-19

Saturday 4th

Acts: 28: 16-20, 30-31

John 21: 20-25

ACCORD: WE ARE NOW RECRUITING VOLUNTEER FACILITATORS

- Are you an excellent communicator with an enthusiasm for supporting couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage and future family life? Formal training will be provided in presenting and facilitating our Marriage Preparation Programmes.
- Gain on going support and Continuous Personal Development by being part of the Accord Marriage Preparation team
- Our programmes are engaging and interactive and cover topics such as good communication skills, how to deal with conflict and the responsibility and significance of the Sacrament of Marriage We want to hear from you!

For N. Ireland, Please contact Brenda on

02890 233002 or Email: info@accordni.com

Web: www.accordni.com

Shalom World TV: Fr. Murray recently recorded some programmes for Shalom World entitled 'Luminous' - two of the episodes will broadcast on June 2nd and June 7th respectively - at 7am on those mornings. The episodes will be available after the broadcast times on Shalom World TV, we will inform parishioners of those times once we have them.