

Downpatrick Pastoral Area

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 14th April 2024



Your prayers are requested for:

Recently Deceased: Gordon McKeown, Vera McCartan, Tony McCabe, Sean Mackel, Denis Keenan,

Recently Deceased Other Parishes: Sean Denvir (Saul)

Month's Mind: Charlie Fitzpatrick

Anniversaries: Sr. Angela, Pat Lynch, Lionel Pleasants, Jim & Paddy Hamilton, Conor McKeating, Isobel McKeating, Charlie Mount, Margaret & Henry McCaffrey (Annsborough), Betty Byrne, Agnes Vint, John Fitzsimons, Susan Trainor, Brian McGrady, Damian McGrady, Gerard McGrady,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1632, Loose Plate £590, Direct Debits £1971. Thank you for your generosity

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

Mon 15th April: Anniv: Kathleen Doyle, Kevin Curran, Pat Lynch, Lionel Pleasants, Jim & Paddy Hamilton,

Wed 17th April: Anniv: Brian McGrady, Damian - McGrady, Gerard McGrady, Joe Cassidy,

Fri 19th April: Month's Mind: Charlie Fitzpatrick,

1st Anniv: Geoff Flanagan, Oliver Walsh,

Anniv: Brigid McKervey, Maurice Smith,

BAPTISMS: We welcome Amelia-Rose, Kacey Leigh, Amelia Samantha into our Parish Family.

Four weeks' notice required for all Baptisms. Baptism Courses are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month in Patrick's Place. Parents of children for Baptism are only required to attend the course on **one** evening, usually lasting just over an hour. Baptisms can **ONLY** be booked by calling, in person to the Parish Office, Mon – Thurs 9.30am – 2pm.

Confessions:

Monday 6:45pm – 7:30pm

Friday 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Saturday 12Noon – 1:00pm

Parish Mass Schedule for April / May 2024:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 13 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 14 th	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 14 th	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 20 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 20 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 21 st	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 21 st	St. Colmcille's	10am
Tues 23 rd , Celebration of St. Mary's HS – St. Patrick's 11am		
Sat 27 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 28 th	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 28 th	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 4 th May	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 4 th May	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 5 th May	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 5 th May	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sat 11 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 12 th	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 12 th	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 18 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 18 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 19 th	St. Patrick's	10:30pm
Sun 19 th	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sat 25 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 26 th	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 26 th	St. Malachy's	10am

Priests of the parish: The priests of the parish continue to cover the parish of Strangford and Kilclief. This weekend (April 13th/14th) they will also be looking after the parish of Saul.

'Evening of Mercy': Monday 15th April 2024

6:45pm Confessions,

7:00pm Rosary,

7:30pm Mass,

8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

8:40pm Benediction, with prayer for those suffering addictions.

All welcome for all or even part of the evening.

Celebration of St. Mary's High School 1957 - 2024:

Mass in St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday 23rd April at 11am. We invite everyone, past pupils, friends, former staff and parishioners to join us for the Mass. Refreshments will be available in the school after Mass. Join us as we share memories of the school and pray for our new school going forward.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society: Meeting in Parochial House on Wednesday 17th April at 2pm. New members welcome.

Music in Parish Churches: The parish are now fully licensed to use **LITURGICAL MUSIC ONLY** at all events in the Church – usage of hymns is reported on a weekly basis to our licensing company. **We do not have permission or licensing to use secular music** in any form. Musicians visiting the Church for events, must contact the Parish Office and complete a copyright form prior to their event.

Musicians/Singers not engaged on a voluntary basis by the Parish must also provide insurance details to the Parish Office prior to visiting the Church for any event. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Church Media: Masses from St Patrick's Church can now be viewed via a Fire stick – search 'Church Media' and add to favorites to enable viewing.

Safeguarding: Our parish safeguarding information is on the posters at the back of every church, in Patrick's Place and in the Parochial House. If you have any concerns, suspicions or wish to make an allegation of child abuse contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Office Philip O'Hara, designated liaison person, 02890492798, Mob 07534992124 or email Philip.ohara@soddc.org

Marriage Enrichment: Marriage Enrichment Weekend, 26 – 28 April 2024, Co. Kildare: an opportunity to energise communication and romance in your marriage! Visit: www.marriageencounter.ie/marriage-encounter-weekend

Parish Liturgy Team: The Parish are developing a Liturgy Team to act as a resource to promote and enhance parishioner involvement in weekend Masses. If you would like to be involved in this exciting new initiative, please let us know, by email downpatrick@downandconnor.org or calling into the parish office, alternatively, We will hold our first meeting on April 16th at 7.30pm in the Parochial House – anyone interested is invited to come along to the meeting.

Apostolic Work: Would like to extend sincere thanks to all who supported their fundraising events over Christmas – The amount raised to date is £1332, this money had been forwarded for use in supporting projects in the developing world. Your ongoing support is sincerely appreciated.

RGU Lotto. This week's lotto numbers were 18-20-21-25. No tickets matched three numbers to share £100. Next week's jackpot is £1900. **PLAY ONLINE USING THE LINK ON FACEBOOK.**

Computer Skills? Can you help? The parish is looking for people to help with the laptop in St. Patrick's for Masses and other services. We have a small very generous and dedicated team of helpers already but we do need more. If you can help please contact the parish. Tel: 44612084
email downpatrick@downandconnor.org



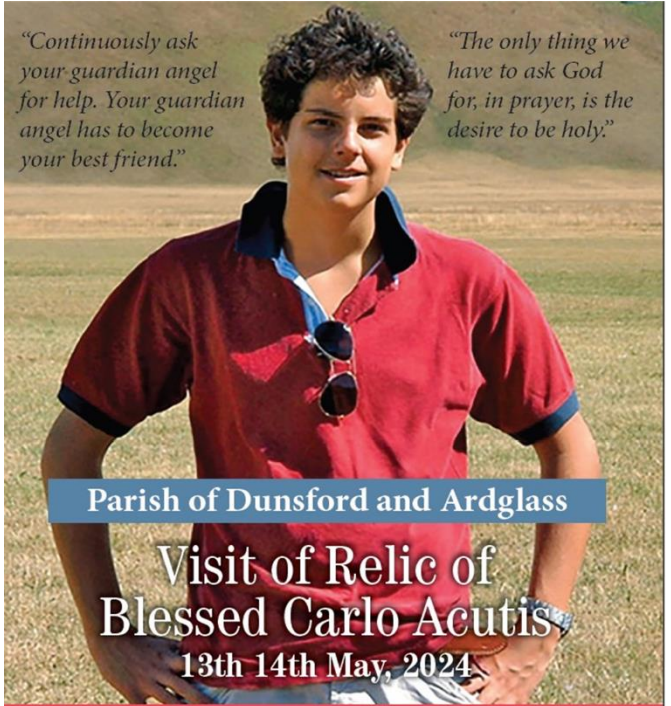
DIOCESAN HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS SUNDAY

On the Vigil of the Feast of the Good Shepherd, a Holy Hour will be prayed before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in every Cathedral in Ireland for Vocations

JOIN US IN ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL BELFAST
20TH APRIL 2024

5:30PM - VIGIL MASS FOR VOCATIONS SUNDAY

6:30PM HOLY HOUR FOR DIOCESAN VOCATIONS



"Continuously ask your guardian angel for help. Your guardian angel has to become your best friend."

"The only thing we have to ask God for, in prayer, is the desire to be holy."

Parish of Dunsford and Ardglass

Visit of Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis
13th 14th May, 2024

St Nicholas' Church, Ardglass
Monday 13th May 9.30am - 10pm

St Mary's Church Chapeltown, Dunsford
Tuesday 14th May: 9.30am - 1pm

"To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan".