Downpatrick Pastoral Area

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 17th September 2023



Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Br. Eustace McSweeney,

Una Killen, Margaret Farrell,

Anniversaries: Maura Craig, Margaret Magorrian, Vera Marron, Chris Fairfield, Kathleen Laverty, Rowland Quail, Briege Logue, Kathleen Brady,

Pat McDonald, Tom McComb,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1239 Loose Plate £305, Direct Debits £1880. Thank you for your generosity

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

Mon: 18th Sept: Anniv: Maura Craig,

Wed 20th: 1st Anniv: Maria Perry,

Fri 22nd: Anniv:

Month's Mind: Loreto Reid, Month's Mind: Jim Cahalane,

Confessions this week: St. Patrick's Mon 6:45pm, Fri 3pm-4pm, Sat 12pm-1pm.

Legion of Mary Knock Trip: The annual L.O.M trip will take place on 24th September, everyone welcome. The usual price of £20, the same as the Rosary Rally trip paid on booking. There will be one stop going and one stop coming back, where you can buy food. Or you can take a packed lunch which can be eaten at Knock, where you can buy tea or coffee. The same bus times apply; Castlewellan 6:30am, Downpatrick 6:45am, Crossgar 7am and Saintfield 7:15am. To book & pay, ring Colette on 07732610247.

Parish Draw: The deadline for receipt of final payments for the Parish Draw is Monday 18th September. Promoters with outstanding returns are asked to submit returns to the office on or before that date.

TEA/ COFFEE after Mass: Unfortunately, because of a lack of volunteers, we are unable to continue with tea/coffee after Mass on Fridays. In order to continue, we would ask anyone who can spare some time on a Friday morning, to contact Mary at the Parish Office.

Parish Mass Schedule for September 2023:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 16 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sat 16 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 17 th	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 17 th	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 23 rd	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 24 th	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 24 th	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sat 30 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sat 30 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 1 st Oct	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 1 st Oct	St. Malachy's	10am

'Evening of Mercy': 24th Sunday OT – Monday 18th Sept

6:45pm Confessions

7:00pm Rosary

7:30pm Mass

8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with prayers for freedom from worry & anxiety.

8:40pm Benediction,

All welcome for all or even part of the evening.

Reintroducing the Programme for Baptism: As part of our Faith Development in our Parish, we will be reintroducing the Programme for the Sacrament of Baptism from November 2023. Parents requesting Baptism for their child after 19th October must give at least six weeks' notice. They are also required to undertake a "Preparing Your Child for Baptism" course. The dates for these courses along with the Baptism application form and further important information can be obtained from the Parish Office. At the time of making your booking with Mary, the Parish Secretary, you will be invited to attend Mass on a Sunday before your Baby's Baptism when your child will be introduced and welcomed into to the Parish Community.

Adoration: From Friday 8th September, Exposition in St Patrick's will take place from 11am – 4pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet & The Rosary will be prayed from 3pm – 4pm.

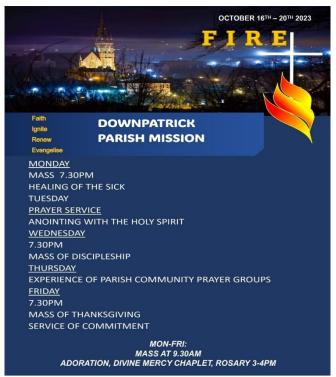
Lectio Divina: Will resume in the Parochial House each Tuesday from September 19th at 11am. New Members always welcome!

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society: Meeting in Parochial House on Wednesday 20th September 8:15pm.

Mothers Prayers: Join us each Wednesday in Patrick's Place 10:00am to 11:15am as we pray for our children and grandchildren. All Welcome.

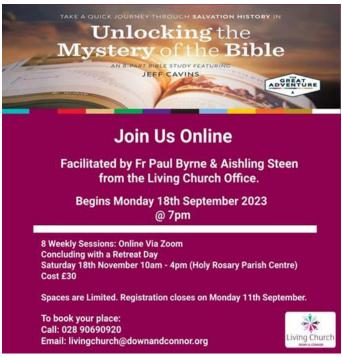
Finance Committee Meeting: Parochial House, Wednesday 20th September at 8:10pm.





Parish App: Keep Up to date with all the latest news in the Parish! Reader & Eucharistic Rota are also available on the App.. to download onto your phone, google Parish 365 and follow the onscreen instructions — if you have difficulty installing the app, contact Mary at the Parish Office and we can help. If you have an android phone and are having difficulty downloading the App, please email support@edtap.com and one of the technical team will help. Remember — The App is FREE and has all the most up to date Parish Information.

Pause for Hope: Bringing together in prayer: those who have or have had cancer and, their loved ones and, those who care for them, doctors and nurses, those with special skills involved in the investigation and treatment of cancer, those in authority who have responsibility for providing resources our scientists trying to find the cure. Clonard Monastery, Belfast Sunday, October 22, 2023 – 3.30pm





Eucharistic Ministers: Who visit Parishioners in their own homes, are asked to email the parish office at downpatrick@downandconnor.org giving the name and address of the homes visited. Alternatively, please contact Mary on 02844612084 with the details.

Prayer Groups:

Lectio Divina meet each Tuesday at 11am in the Parochial House

Legion of Mary meet each Tuesday at 1pm in the Parochial House

St. Michael's Prayer Group meet each Thursday at 7pm in the Parochial House

If you would like to join any of the groups, please just call in on the day the group meet for prayer. Everyone is always welcome!

RGU Lotto: This weeks numbers were 1, 19, 25 & 28. Four tickets matched three numbers to share £100. Next Weeks Jackpot is £5500. PLAY ONLINE USING THE LINK ON FACEBOOK.