

**Downpatrick Pastoral Area**

**Parish of Downpatrick**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023**



**Your Prayers Are Requested for:**

**Anniversaries:** Sr. Colmcille Kennedy, Jackie Walsh, Jim Breen, Sheila Bonner, Molly Walsh, Elaine & Raymond Valentine, Irene Cochrane, Tom Kelly, Mary Ritchie, James Jamison, John & Eileen Burke, Margaret Nolan,

**Weekly Collection:** Offertory £1855 Loose Plate £425, Direct Debits £1880. Thank you for your generosity

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

**Mon: 11<sup>th</sup> Sept: Anniv:** Josephine Torney, Mark McKee, Sarah Williamson-Vaughan

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup>: Anniv:** Agnes Wylie, Brian Kearney, Mary Ritchie,

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup>: Anniv:** Fiona Turley, Jackie Walsh, Margaret Treacy, John & Eileen Burke,

**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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 August/ September 2023:**

Date	Church	Time
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	St. Malachy's	10am

**Evening of Mercy: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 will be an evening dedicated to prayer for Vocations.** Mass at 7.30pm. Fr. Robert McMahon & Thomas Hampton will speak on their personal vocations.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> September, Exposition in St Patrick's will take place from 11am – 4pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet & The Rosary will be prayed from 3pm – 4pm.

**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](mailto: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.

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

As you know, the **Relationships and Sexuality Education (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2023** force all post-primary schools in Northern Ireland — regardless of the school's ethos — to teach girls that they have a right to abortion and how they can get one without the knowledge of their parents.

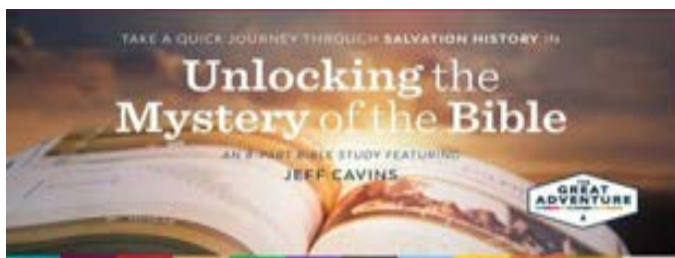
As part of our efforts to have it overturned, we are holding a very important meeting for everyone who objects to abortion lessons in Northern Ireland's schools. The aim of the meeting is to send an unequivocal message to the Government in London: The new law on RSE must be withdrawn and no further measures introduced without a full public consultation.



**Important meeting: "WITHDRAW THE LAW"**

7:30-9 pm, Tuesday 12 September 2023

Europa Hotel  
Great Victoria Street  
Belfast  
BT2 7AP



### Join Us Online

Facilitated by Fr Paul Byrne & Aishling Steen  
from the Living Church Office.

Begins Monday 18th September 2023  
@ 7pm

8 Weekly Sessions: Online Via Zoom  
Concluding with a Retreat Day  
Saturday 18th November 10am - 4pm (Holy Rosary Parish Centre)  
Cost £30

Spaces are Limited. Registration closes on Monday 11th September.

To book your place:  
Call: 028 90690920  
Email: livingchurch@downandconnor.org



**Discovering Christ:** is for anyone who is curious. Enjoy tea/coffee/cake and listen to a thought-provoking talk that is designed to explore the meaning and purpose of your life. After the talk you can share your thoughts — talk as much or as little as you want! Patrick's Place, from September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm — 24<sup>th</sup> October, Call us on 02844612084 to join us !



