

Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

Parish Of Downpatrick

26th February 2023



LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. MAKE DISCIPLES.

Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Month's Mind: Patrick Magorrian,

Anniversaries: George & Jean Peacock, Maria Graham, Dennis Collins (Bangor), Henry Craig, Kieran Craig, Harry Russell, Vera Beattie, Annie Quinn, Liam Lynn,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1,445, Loose Plate £170, Direct Debits £1775, Thank you for your generosity

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

Monday: 27th Feb, 7.30pm: Anniv: Brendan Burns, Kathleen & Robert 'Bobby' Philips, Harry Russell,

Wednesday: 1st March 7:30pm:

Month's Mind: Patrick Magorrian

Anniv: Maureen McKeown,

Friday: 3rd March 7:30pm: Anniv: Gerry Tracey, Marie Canavan,

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

'A Warm Place': The next tea & coffee will be on Friday 3rd March. All are welcome – from 10:00am.

Discovering Christ: Why not do this parish course which takes place every Tuesday (7pm-9pm) in Patrick's Place (Crypt of St. Patrick's). The course started on February 14th but you can still join on the 21st or 28th. Just turn up, you will be welcome.

Trocaire boxes will be available in the churches from Sunday 19th February. Please take one for your home and whatever you save through abstinence from alcohol to chocolate etc can be given to Trocaire to help those who fast all the time without choice.

Parish Mass Schedule for February / March 2023:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 25 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 25 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 26 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 26 th	St. Colmcille's	11am
Sat 4 th March	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 4 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 5 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12 Noon
Sun 5 th	St. Malachy's	10am
Sun 5 th	Ardglass	11:30am
Sat 11 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 11 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 12 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12 Noon
Sat 18 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 19 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12 Noon
Sun 19 th	St. Malachy's	10am
Sun 19 th	St. Colmcille's	11am
Sat 25 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 25 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 26 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12 Noon
Sun 26 th	St. Colmcille's	11am

'Evening of Mercy': 1st Monday of Lent February 27th.

6:45pm Confessions

7:00pm Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30pm Mass with anointing of the sick during Mass

8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – with prayers for physical healing

8:40pm Benediction

All welcome for all or even part of the evening.

Altar Servers: This is a message for all Primary 5, 6 and 7 children in our parish. There have been no altar servers since Covid. Now Canon Murray would like to invite you to become altar servers at the weekend masses in all the Churches. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to attend Mass in a very special way. If you are interested you can give your name date of birth and a contact number to either your class teacher or to put Parish Secretary Mary Cullen at the Parish office 02844612084. Someone will contact you about training and answer any questions you may have.

Stations of the Cross will take place each Wednesday of Lent at 7pm in St. Patrick's Church. You can attend in person or join us online on the parish webcam or Facebook page. This devotion will begin on Wednesday 1st March (1st week of Lent)

Offertory Envelopes: The envelopes for the new Offertory Collection Year are available to collect from the Parish Office, anytime up until Thursday 30th March. We would encourage parishioners when collecting their own envelopes, to collect envelopes for a friend or neighbour – this would be a huge help to us in the delivery of envelopes throughout the parish.

Christian Meditation and Movement continues every Sunday, 7pm – 8pm in Patrick's Place. During these sessions, we will reflect upon Lenten themed scripture using Lectio Divina and worship God in a unique way – using body, mind and spirit. Everyone very welcome, please bring a blanket and a mat. Further details available from Philomena 07754877021

Applications are now being accepted for our Diocesan Youth Team trip to Lourdes in July 2023. Cost is £690 per person sharing, which includes return flights, transportation, full board accommodation, and insurance. Date: 11th – 17th July 2023. All applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 24 from July 2023. Limited Spaces available. For more information, please contact Lourdes@downandconnor.org

Special Belfast Pilgrimage to Fatima: last remaining places 9-14th June 2023. Ex Dublin for Feast Day of Saint Anthony Patron Saint of Portugal. Visit Saint Anthony's birthplace and baptismal font in Lisbon. Contact James Treacy 0035361921470

SVdP: THANK YOU. The Downpatrick conference of St Vincent de Paul would like to extend our thanks to the Priests and Parishioners, the Schools and local businesses, and all who contributed to our 2022 Christmas Appeal. Since the Appeal from the altar back in November, through December and into the early weeks of January 2023 donations totalled £20,867! Thank you all for each and every contribution and a special word of thanks for a recent anonymous donation of £1,800. Your generosity has enabled us over a difficult Christmas period, and indeed will enable us in the coming months, to help those who look to the Society for assistance. These are difficult financial times for many but as ever you have supported those in the community who are in most need of help. Your donations have helped us provide, in December alone, £7,380 towards oil and a further £4,535 for electricity, gas, food and general help for Christmas. In 2022 SVdP, in the greater Downpatrick area, provided assistance towards:

- food/household provisions £12,452
- Clothing/Furniture/White goods £21,471
- Oil/Electricity/Gas £39,740
- School uniforms and activities £2,998.

Walking with Patrick

Date: 9th March

Venue: St. Mary's HS, Ardglass Road,

Time: 7:30pm to 9:00pm

Where is our parish now?

What would you like it to be?

What is your vision for our parish?

“The people perish without a vision”

(Proverbs 29:18)

Everyone is welcome

Discussion, Chat, Listening, Prayer

Rally For Life will take place on Saturday 11th March at Custom House Square, Belfast at 2pm. At this critical time, thousands of voiceless and defenceless future unborn babies in NI urgently need you to be their voice. If we don't speak up for them – then who will? Please join us and be the voice for the voiceless.

RGU Lotto: This week's lotto numbers were 3-5-11-19. Six tickets matched three numbers to share £100. Next week's jackpot is £2600. PLAY ONLINE USING THE LINK ON FACEBOOK. Set Dancing Classes every Tuesday evening at 7.30, new members very welcome - contact 07840117232.

Arise Catholic Family Festival 2023: Calling families to come and join us in Tramore, Co. Waterford as we celebrate Easter together in the Sunny southeast. Make new friends with other families, share in wonderful celebrations of Holy Mass, and experience great teaching and seminars. Age-appropriate content is offered across the age groups. Dates April 10-13th 2023. This is an initiative of the Diocese of Waterford and Lismore and the Tine Network. For more details go to www.arisefamilyfestival.ie