

Downpatrick Pastoral Area

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 6th August 2023



Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: John Starkey, Patricia Rooney, Fr. Emmett Dagens,

Anniversaries: Sr. Dorothy, Sr. Elizabeth, Oliver Morgan, Patrick Taggart, Patrick Joseph Taggart, Harry Craig, Oliver O'Hare, Nan McStay, James Magee, Marie Lavery, Seamus Byrne, James Hennedy, John Brady, Joan Mills, Mary & Josephine Hogg, Samuel Holland, Lily Quinn, Gretta Curran,

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

Mon: 7th August: Month's Mind: Joan Farrell,

Wed 9th August: Month's Mind: Damien Cromie,
Anniv: Nan McStay, James Magee, Barry Beswick,

Fri 11th August: Month's Mind: Martha Newman,
Anniv: Dolores Breen,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1,444, Loose Plate £375, Direct Debits £1880. Thank you for your generosity

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

Masses in St. Patrick's: Thank you for the response to my recent talk on 'rescheduling of Masses in St. Patrick's. Accordingly, on Sunday 20th August, we will have a vote at both the 9am and 12 Noon masses on one issue - what time the Mass will be at in St. Patrick's from September 1st - 10.30am or 11am. Also, on that weekend, I would suggest a vote at the Vigil Mass (19th Aug) on whether to have the Vigil at 5.30pm or 6pm. Saul have a Mass at 5pm and a Mass at 6pm would facilitate those who work all day Saturday. I hope after these votes that a new Mass schedule in St Patrick's will be acceptable to most people in the Parish.

CCLI Licence: Some of you will have noticed we now publish a CCLI Licence number on all of our Facebook posts. This is because we are now required to have a license for every event in the Church where we use music. Remember that a songwriter or their estate is entitled to payment in the same way as a joiner or a plumber. When a radio or TV station or a church use a song, the song author is entitled to a fee.

Over the last number of years, companies like CCLI have become increasingly vigilant about the use of copyrighted liturgical music, there are significant financial penalties for using liturgical music without permission, the use of Webcams and 'Facebook Live' highlighted the need for licensing, Facebook actually mute or remove music used in Masses or Liturgical events if they believe the user is not licensed - this happened here in the parish on several occasions.

Some of the liturgical music used is in the Public Domain, meaning it's 'free' from copyright, however a lot of the music is copyrighted, when we use it, we report on a weekly basis to our licensing company who monitor the use of church music. This is also why Churches cannot use secular music - it comes under a different copyright and our licence does not permit or cover its use. The annual licence fee is £530, paid by the parish, this also covers using the digital screens to display words etc.

Parish Mass Schedule for August 2023:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 5 th Aug	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 5 th Aug	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 6 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 6 th	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 12 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 13 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 13 th	St. Colmcille's	11am
Mon 14th Vigil - Feast of the Assumption - St. Patrick's - 7:30pm		
Tue 15th Feast of the Assumption - St. Patrick's - 9:30am		
Tue 15th Feast of the Assumption - St. Colmcille's - 11am		
Sat 19 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 19 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 20 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 20 th	St. Colmcille's	11am
Sat 26 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 27 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 27 th	St. Malachy's	10am

'Evening of Mercy': 18th Sunday OT - Monday 7th August
6:45pm Confessions
7:00pm Rosary
7:30pm Mass, including the sacrament of the sick.
8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers for physical healing.
8:40pm Benediction
All welcome for all or even part of the evening.

Adoration: During July and August there will be Adoration in St. Colmcille's every Wednesday from 3pm - 4pm and in St. Patrick's every Friday from 3pm - 4pm. Everyone welcome. Confessions will also take place between 3pm - 4pm.

Parish Draw: As you know the parish draw was due to be launched again in April 2020. But owing to the Covid pandemic it had to be suspended because our promoters would have been unable to make their returns. Recently, after a meeting with Canon Murray the promoters decided to re-launch the draw in October 2023. It was decided to have only one draw with 31 prizes on the basis of the returns that had been received by March 2020. If anyone still wishes to become a member the final closing date for receipts will be 31st August 2023. The prizes will be: £5000, £2000, 6 x £1000, 10 x £200, 5 x £100, 8 promoters prizes of £30 – a total of 31 prizes, amounting to £15,740. **BANKERS ORDERS:** Those who paid by Bankers Order should cancel their order with their bank with immediate effect, those who have over subscribed on Bankers orders' will have the extra money refunded by cheque. With regards to the method of drawing winners, members who have paid £60, will receive 12 tickets, those who paid £30, six tickets, those who paid £5 one ticket, i.e. One ticket for every £5 paid in. We hope members will be satisfied with these methods of completing the final Draw, which has been disrupted by the difficult circumstances caused by Covid. Owing to the fact that some of our promoters are ill and some are no longer collecting the draw in October will be the last one. Many thanks to all our promoters and members for helping to make a success of the draw over the last few years. The draw brought in a substantial amount for the parish. If a member does not wish to be in the draw, please contact us before 30th August.



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October 16th–20th
Parish Mission 2023
Keep the dates!

RGU Lotto: This week's lotto numbers were 9-18-25-27. Four matched three numbers to share £100. Next week's jackpot is £4900. **PLAY ONLINE USING THE LINK ON FACEBOOK.**

Bus leaving at the back of Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Downs Road, Newcastle at 10:30am sharp. Gather at 10:15am. Cost £20. Please bring pack lunch. Please leave your name and contact number at the parish shop with Eugene or Eileen at 07793557703

Children's Liturgy: The parish hope to resume Children's Liturgy over the coming months. We need volunteers to help with that! If you can spare an hour or two and would like to join us on Sundays for the Mass, please email downpatrick@downandconnor.org