

Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

Parish Of Downpatrick

27th February 2022

Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Margaret Doran, Leonard (Lenny) Fitzsimons, Jim Perry (Loughinisland), Eddie Dougherty (Dublin),

Month's Mind: Sean Fitzpatrick, Jimmy Trainor, Angela Murray,

Anniversaries: Liam Lynn, Kathleen Rooney, Mary Crane, Veronica Stockdale, George & Jean Peacock, Henry Craig, Charlie Craig, Imelda Millar, Annie & Michael Carr,

May They Rest In Peace

Baptisms: Baptism can be booked by contacting Mary on 02844612084 Mon – Thurs 9.15am – 2.30pm.

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1,300 Loose Plate £316, Direct Debits £1710 Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions St. Patrick's @7.30pm:

Monday 28th 7.30pm: Month's Mind: Sean Fitzpatrick **Anniv:** James (Jimmy) Perry, Gerard McAuley,

Wednesday 2nd March 7.30pm:
Month's Mind: Jimmy Trainor,

Friday 4th March 7.30pm:
Month's Mind: Angela Murray,
1st Anniv: Maureen McKeown,
Anniv: Gerry Tracey,

Adoration: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, will take place every Friday from 11.00am to 7:30pm (Mass time)

If there is a funeral Mass on a Friday these times will be modified and parishioners will be informed

Confession in St. Patrick's have resumed as follows:
Monday's 6.45pm – 7.20pm, Wednesday 3pm - 4pm
Friday 3pm – 4pm, Saturday 12 Noon – 1pm

'The GIFT': Is a 'Hybrid' course the Parish is offering – Hybrid meaning that you can attend either in person at St. Patrick's or by logging onto the webcam at www.stpatricksdowpatrick.com or on our facebook

page at 7.30pm, because of The Gift programme is for anyone who wishes to deepen their faith, grow in prayer, come to know the person of the Holy Spirit, become more open to the Spirit's Gifts. We are at week 4 this Tuesday (1st March), for one hour, 7.30pm – 8.30pm – You can attend online through the parish webcam or you can attend in the church itself.

'What's God saying to the Church?'

A worldwide webinar is available on Tuesday 1st March at 6pm. – You can watch it in your own home; just register via the details on the parish Facebook page. – The speakers include Bishop Robert Barron, Fr. James Mallon and Revd. Nicky Gumbel. The parish WILL NOT be showing this at 7:30pm as previously mentioned. It will show a recording at a later date to be decided.

The Parish Bulletin Is now available in the church porch – please take a copy and bring it home with you.

Reader Rota: The new rota is in the porch at St. Patrick's, please, if you cannot read on your allocated day/time, try to ensure that a fellow reader can cover you.

Ash Wednesday: Ashes for the beginning of Lent will be distributed during Mass at 9:30am and 7:30pm. Parishioners are reminded that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of FAST AND ABSTINENCE. for anyone from 14 – 65 years of age. Stations of the cross: will be celebrated every Wednesday at 6:30pm starting on March 2nd. This prayer can be attended in the church or also online.

Shalom World: Parishioners – if you go to the parish webpage you will see the letters SW in a small circle at the bottom of the homepage. Click on this and you will be taken to the whole exciting world of Shalom World Programs.

This Ash Wednesday Pope Francis is inviting everyone to make this coming 2nd March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace and especially in The Ukraine. He's asking believers to dedicate themselves intensively to prayer and fasting. He also asks the Queen of Peace to preserve the world from the madness of war.



UPDATED GUIDELINES: Following the announcement from Robin Swan on February 15th, ALL restrictions in Northern Ireland have now been eased. **It is important to note that the Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays remains suspended at this time**

With Immediate Effect: ALL seating is now open in St Patrick's Church – NO Limit on numbers attending Mass, Weddings or Funerals.

CONFESSION WILL REMAIN IN THE TRANSEPT AREA OF THE CHURCH FOR NOW – THE SIGN OF PEACE REMAINS SUSPENDED FOR NOW – HOLY WATER FONTS ARE TO REMAIN EMPTY FOR NOW. – PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING IN SO FAR AS POSSIBLE – PLEASE DO NOT CROWD INTO PEWS, THERE ARE PLENTY OF SPACES FOR EVERYONE!

BAPTISM – NO RESTRICTION ON NUMBERS, however, for the safety all attending a Baptism, we ask that you keep your group as small as possible and that your group all sit together in one area of the church. –

Mass in St. Colmcille's will go ahead on February 20th as arranged, no booking required. All seating will be open as normal.

Updates on Resumption of Masses in St. Brigid's, St. Colmcille's and St. Malachy's will be available via the Parish Bulletin, Facebook and the Website over the coming days.

YOU ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO WEAR A FACEMASK AND CONTINUE TO SANITISE YOUR HANDS ON ENTERING/LEAVING CHURCH

Readings for the 7th Week of The Year

8th Sunday of The Year (C) & Beginning of Lent

February 27th: Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8
Psalm 91: 2-3, 13-16, 1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Luke 6:39-45

February 28th: 1 Peter 1: 3-9, Mark 10: 17-27

March 1st: 1 Peter 1:10-16, Mark 10:28-31

March 2nd: Ash Wednesday Joel 2: 12-18,
2 Corinthians 5: 20 – 6:2, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

March 3rd: Deuteronomy 30: 15-20,
Luke 9: 22-25

March 4th: Isaiah 58: 1-9, Matthew 9: 14-15

March 5th: Isaiah 58: 9-14, Luke 5: 27-32

150 Years! The Church of St. Patrick was formally blessed and consecrated in 1872. The Transept was added in 1993. To celebrate this historic event in our parish, there will be a NOVENA in honor of St. Patrick from March 8th – 16th 2022.

All services & public events are open to the public. Booking not required.

Timetable:

March 8th 10:30am St. Brigid's PS
Sisters of St. Clare Sr's Martina & Elaine 7:30pm

March 9th: 11am OLSP PS, 1:15pm St. Patrick's GS
The Ecumenical Aspect Rev Henry Hull 7:30pm

March 10th 10:30am St. Colmcille's PS
'Jesus Heals' Koinonia John the Baptist 7:30pm

March 11th: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament including parish groups and parishioners from 11am to 7:15pm with Benediction at 6:45. 7:30pm Youth event led by Youth Initiatives.

March 12th Confessions 12pm – 1pm and 4pm –5pm.

March 13th Mass celebrated by Bishop Treanor 12pm.

March 14th 'Slemish Day' – a day of prayer and fasting in imitation of Patrick. followed by Mass at 7.30pm Celebrant: Bishop Paul McAleenan

March 15th Mass celebrated by Archbishop Eamon Martin (Armagh) 7:30pm

March 16th 11:05am St. Mary's HS, Fr. John Murray PP Mass 7:30pm "150 years from maintenance to Mission."

Join Fr. Murray on the 16th at 11am to 12:30pm and 3pm to 5pm as he visits houses in parish (doorstep only) to give out the Novena prayer. ALL ARE WELCOME. Meet him at St. Patrick's steps at 11am and 3pm.

Additional Information:

- A. The normal 9:30am Mass (10am Saturday) will take place during these days.
- B. A prayer card for the Novena will be distributed from March 1st