

Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

Parish Of Downpatrick

22nd May 2022

Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Rosemary Hannigan, Jacqueline Trainor,

Month's Mind John Fitzsimons, Tommy McCrissican

Anniversaries: Sr. M. Teresa, Sheila McAllister, Christina Morrison, Maria Byrne, Sylvester Vaughan (Snr), Deirdre Robinson, Marie-Lou Mullan, William McKeating, Seamus Kelly, John Kelly, Bill Smyth, Brian Martin,

May They Rest In Peace

Baptisms: Baptism can be booked in person only by contacting Mary at the Parish Office Mon – Thurs 9.15am – 2.30pm.

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1,266 Loose Plate £80 Direct Debits £1787, Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions St. Patrick's @7.30pm:

Monday 23rd: Month's Mind: John Fitzsimons,

Anniv: Joseph & Josephine Denvir,

Wednesday 25th: Anniv: Clare Campbell, Samuel & Sarah Griffin, Frank Forbes,

Friday 27th:

Month's Mind: Tommy McCrissican

Anniv: Una Burke, Paddy Rice, Bridie Rice, Mary Rea, Olivia Cullen,

Mass Schedule May:

Sunday 22nd & 29th May – St Colmcille's Church 11am

Confessions: Confessions will take place on Monday 6:45pm – 7:20pm, Friday at 3pm to 4pm and on Saturday at 12pm to 1pm.

Adoration on Fridays: 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*

Following Christ is a seven-week journey that inspires those who have begun a relationship with Jesus to deepen that relationship by learning and growing in basic disciplines and truths practiced by Christians since the early Church. Our next Following Christ course will be on Tuesday 24th May. The course will end on 21st June and will include a day-long retreat on Saturday 11th June. Venue: Patrick's Place. **You are still able to come, even if you haven't been to the first session.**

Killough Road
Cemetery Sunday



26 JUNE
3PM

Cemetery Sunday

2022: After two years of the blessing of the graves by Bishop Treanor alone, we are delighted to welcome families back to pray for their loved ones

Struell Cemetery
Sunday



03 JULY
3PM

who lie at rest in the Belfast cemeteries.

Hannahstown Cemetery - Sunday 29th May.
All ceremonies are at 3pm.

Tea & Toast: Tea & Toast has resumed and will continue each Friday after 9:30am Mass.

Confirmation: During this week the P7 pupils will be confirmed in St. Patrick's by Fr. Murray. The Schedule is as follows:

Monday 23rd – Our Lady & St. Patrick PS

Tuesday 24th – St. Brigid's PS

Wednesday 25th – Downpatrick PS

Thursday 26th – St. Colmcille's PS

All services at 2pm can be viewed on the parish webcam.

The Obligation to attend Mass: on Sundays and Holy Days: With the easing of Covid 19 restrictions, it is encouraging to see a return to a fuller liturgical life in our parishes. Thankful that we can once again gather as communities of faith, the Irish Bishops have announced that attending Mass on Sunday and Holydays of Obligation will once again be deemed an essential expression of Faith. As always, those whose health is vulnerable or who are unwell will not be under any obligation to attend Mass.



As restrictions ease and confidence grows, growing numbers are returning to Mass. Parish groups are beginning to meet more regularly – though some met right through the pandemic through Zoom. However since the beginning of Covid several groups have depleted in number. **Also our lists of readers and Eucharistic ministers have diminished. Can you spare some time during the month (on a rota basis) to Act as a Reader or Eucharistic Minister?**

Some Parish groups are also looking for new volunteers

- *St. Vincent de Paul Society, (Weekly Meetings)
- *The Legion of Mary (Monthly Meetings)
- *The Parish Pastoral Council. (Meet every two Months)
- *The Finance Committee (meet quarterly)
- *St. Joseph's Young Priests Society (Monthly Meetings)
- * The Parish Social Committee, (a New committee we hope to form in the coming weeks to help organise more social events for all age groups within the parish).
- * The Bethany Bereavement Group – Meetings to be confirmed
- * The Parish Baptism preparation – Meetings to be confirmed

If you have some time (no more than an hour or maybe two a month) why not offer your services. Just ring the parish office at 44612084 or email us at downpatrick@downandconnor.org

A Prayer by Telephone: The Sisters of Mercy "Bethany" 34 Point Road, Dundalk Welcome any person who may wish to request prayer, especially during these difficult times. All requests are confidential. Tel:00353429331602 9am – 9pm Daily. **One of the sisters will be happy to Listen and Pray with you**

All Ireland Rosary: The All Ireland Rosary Rally will take place in Knock on Saturday 4th June from 1.30 pm. The main celebrant will be Archbishop Okolo, Papal Nuncio to Ireland. Homilist: Bishop Michael Duignan. Rosary Talk: Fr. Marius O'Reilly. If interested in travelling by coach, contact Paddy 07979501228 or Siobhán 07857251422 by text anytime or call after 5pm.

Readings for Eastertide Week:

Sunday – 22nd May 6th week of Eastertide

Acts of the Apostles: 15: 1-2, 22-9

Psalm: 66: 2-3, 5-6,8

Apocalypse 21: 10-14, 22-23 John 14: 23-29

Monday – 23rd

Acts 16: 11-15

John 15: 26-16:4

Tuesday – 24th

Acts 16: 22-34

John 16: 5-11

Wednesday – 25th

Acts: 17: 15, 22 – 18:1

John 16: 12-15

Thursday – 26th Feast of St. Philip Neri

Acts: 18: 1-8

John 16: 16-20

Friday – 27th Feast of Augustine of Canterbury

Acts: 18: 9-18

John 16: 20-23

Saturday 28th

Acts: 18: 23-28

John 16: 23-28

ACCORD: WE ARE NOW RECRUITING VOLUNTEER FACILITATORS

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For N. Ireland, Please contact Brenda on

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Shalom World TV: Fr. Murray recently recorded some programmes for Shalom World entitled 'Luminous' - two of the episodes will broadcast on June 2nd and June 7th respectively - at 7am on those mornings. The episodes will be available after the broadcast times on Shalom World TV, we will inform parishioners of those times once we have them.