

Downpatrick Pastoral Area

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 3rd September 2023



Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased : Jim Cahalane, Norah Cromie,

Recently Deceased: (other parishes) Louis Rice, (Killyleagh), Eimear Mann (Nee Vaughan, Saul Road), Mary Coughlan, (Teconnaught),

Month's Mind: Patricia Rooney

Anniversaries: Veronica McKinney, Helen Reilly, Tony Oakes, Marie Wilson, Margaret Hynds, Agnes McKeown, Mary & Kathleen Carson, Maureen Laverty, Catherine McAlinden, Ena Vaughan, Joseph McGrady,

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

Mon: 4th Sept: Anniv: Deceased Members of The McConvey Family,

Wed 6th Sept: Anniv: Patrick & Bernadette Flynn, Michael Molloy,

Fri 8th September: Anniv: Matthew McMullan, Dominic McIlmail, Patricia Rodgers, Rosemary McCarthy, Sharon Bell, Malachy Doherty, Patrick McShane

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1695 Loose Plate £575, Direct Debits £1880. Thank you for your generosity

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.

Fountain Foodbank: Acknowledge with sincere thanks the donation of £25 received in the church collection last weekend.

Parish Mass Schedule for August/ September 2023:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 2 nd	St Brigid's	7pm
Sat 2 nd	St Patrick's	5.30pm
Sun 3 rd	St Patrick's	10.30am
Sun 3 rd	St Malachy's	10am
Sat 9 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 10 th	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 10 th	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sat 16 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sat 16 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 17 th	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 17 th	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 23 rd	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 24 th	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 24 th	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sat 30 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sat 30 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 1 st Oct	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 1 st Oct	St. Malachy's	10am

Evening of Mercy: Monday 11th 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 8th September, Exposition in St Patrick's will take place from 11am – 4pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet & The Rosary will be prayed from 3pm – 4pm.

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.

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. Please make this meeting a priority and come along. We are asking people to register for the meeting.



Important meeting: “WITHDRAW THE LAW”

7:30-9 pm, Tuesday 12 September 2023

Europa Hotel
Great Victoria Street
Belfast
BT2 7AP

Living Church, Belfast
One Day Retreat

Saturday 23rd September 2023

Cost £55
Includes: Return Coach
Tea, Coffee & Scones on Arrival
Light Lunch
Retreat Day - Concluding with Mass

For information & bookings contact:
Claire Carmichael
Tel: 028 90690920
Email: livingchurch@downandconnor.org

Sanctuary of Saint Patrick, Pettigo, County Donegal
www.loughderg.org | info@loughderg.org | +353 (0)71 98 61518

TAKE A QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH SALVATION HISTORY IN

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

AN 8-PART BIBLE STUDY FEATURING JEFF CAVINS

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

YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED BY WHAT YOU FIND

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 in a small group and talk as much or as little as you wish. It's all done in a warm, friendly and judgment free environment.

- ✓ Discovering Christ is fun relaxed and free.
- ✓ Tuesdays from 12th of September -24th October 7:00 PM
- ✓ Patrick's Place Saint Patrick's church Downpatrick
- ✓ Call 028 44612084 to this letter to let us know if you are coming.

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Christian Meditation and Movement

RESUMES ON 24TH SEPTEMBER
SUNDAYS 7-8PM

PATRICK'S PLACE
EVERYONE WELCOME
BRING A MAT AND BLANKET

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT
PHILOMENA 0775487702T

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.