# **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: 4**<sup>th</sup> **Sept: Anniv**: Deceased Members of The McConvey Family,

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Sept: Anniv: Patrick & Bernadette Flynn, Michael Molloy,

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup>	St Brigid's	7pm
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	St Patrick's	5.30pm
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	St Patrick's	10.30am
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	St Malachy's	10am
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	St. Malachy's	10am

**Evening of Mercy:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

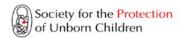
Reintroducing the Programme for Baptism: As part of our Faith Development in our Parish, we will be reintroducing the Programme for the Sacrament of Baptism from November 2023. Parents requesting Baptism for their child after 19th October must give at least six weeks' notice. They are also required to 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.



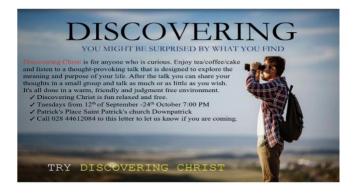
Defending life from the moment of conception



#### Important meeting: "WITHDRAW THE LAW"

7:30-9 pm, Tuesday 12 September 2023

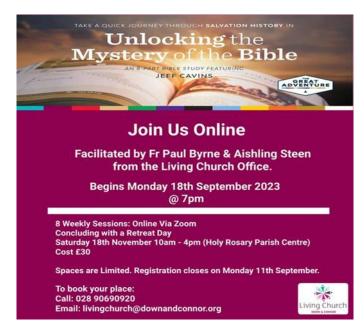
Europa Hotel Great Victoria Street Belfast BT2 7AP



**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 your can share your thoughts — talk as much or as little as you want!

Patrick's Place, from September  $12^{th}$  at  $7pm-24^{th}$  October ,Call us on 02844612084 to join us !







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.