

Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

Parish Of Downpatrick

5th March 2023



LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. MAKE DISCIPLES.

Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased Other Parishes:

Bishop David O'Connell (Cork) auxiliary in Los Angeles,
Joe Walsh (Enniskillen),

Month's Mind: Kathleen Flood, Alice Deegan,
Damien Fitzsimons,

Anniversaries: Sr. Mary Agnes, Sr. Margaret,
Robert McCalister, Bob McAlister, Alice Boyd, Betty
Kelly, Jim Rice, Eileen McVeigh, Brian Rice, James &
Sarah Halpin, Angela Smyth, Oonagh Carson,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1,981, Loose Plate £295,
Direct Debits £1775, Thank you for your generosity

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

Mon: 6th Mar, 7.30pm: Month's Mind: Kathleen Flood,
Anniv: Cathal Brennan, Paul Gilgunn, Gerard McAuley,
James Perry, Russell & Cepta McNabb,

Wed: 8th March 7:30pm: Month's Mind: Alice Deegan,
Anniv: Betty Kelly,

Fri: 10th Mar 7:30pm: Month's Mind: Damien Fitzsimons,
Anniv: Imelda Millar,

Confessions this week: Mon 6:45pm, Fri 3pm-4pm,
Sat 12pm-1pm.

'A Warm Place': There will be no Tea, Coffee & Toast on
7th April (Good Friday). The next Tea, Coffee & Toast will
be on Friday 5th May.

Stations of the Cross will take place each Wednesday
of Lent at 7pm in St. Patrick's Church. You can attend
in person or join us online on the parish webcam or
Facebook page.

Parish Mass Schedule for March 2023:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 4 th March	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 4 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 5 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12 Noon
Sun 5 th	St. Malachy's	10am
Sun 5 th	Ardglass	11:30am
Sat 11 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 11 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 12 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12 Noon
St. Patrick's Day Mass Times		
Thurs 16 th	St. Patrick's	7:30pm
Fri 17 th	St. Patrick's (Bilingual)	9:30am
Fri 17 th	St. Colmcille's	11am
Fri 17 th	St. Patrick's	7:30pm
Sat 18 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 19 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12 Noon
Sun 19 th	St. Malachy's	10am
Sun 19 th	St. Colmcille's	11am
Sat 25 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 25 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 26 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12 Noon
Sun 26 th	St. Colmcille's	11am

'Evening of Mercy': 2nd Monday of Lent March 6th.

6:45pm Confessions
7:00pm Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:30pm Mass
8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &
Liberation and Freedom from Addiction.
8:40pm Benediction
All welcome for all or even part of the evening.

Walking with Patrick

Date: 9th March

Venue: St. Mary's HS, Ardglass Road,

Time: 7:30pm to 9:00pm

Where is our parish now?

What would you like it to be?

What is your vision for our parish?

"The people perish without a vision"
(Proverbs 29:18)

Everyone is welcome

Discussion, Chat, Listening, Prayer

This Summer the WYD (World Youth Day) will take place in Portugal, Pope Francis will attend. Ireland will be sending over a thousand young people. One group of the Neocatechumenal Way is sending 200. To raise funds to cover their expenses they will be selling a booklet on "Basic Tips for the home" (recycling, saving, money etc.) at Masses **(9am & 12Noon) this Sunday 5th March**. A donation of €5 (£4) would be appreciated or whatever you can afford.

A Mass for Life will be celebrated in St Patrick's Church, Donegall Street, Belfast on Saturday 11 March at 12.30pm, in advance of the Rally for Life taking place from Custom House Square, gathering at 2pm.

Rally For Life will take place on Saturday 11th March at Custom House Square, Belfast at 2pm. At this critical time, thousands of voiceless and defenceless future unborn babies in NI urgently need you to be their voice. If we don't speak up for them – then who will? Please join us and be the voice for the voiceless.

Trocaire boxes are available to collect in the churches. Please take one for your home and whatever you save through abstinence from alcohol to chocolate etc can be given to Trocaire to help those who fast all the time without choice.

Offertory Envelopes: The envelopes for the new Offertory Collection Year are available to collect from the Parish Office, during office hours, up until Thursday 30th March. We would encourage parishioners when collecting their own envelopes, to collect envelopes for a friend or neighbour – this would be a huge help to us in the delivery of envelopes throughout the parish.

Turkey / Syria earthquake: We all have seen the tragic pictures of the recent earthquake in the Middle East. Some parishioners have been asking about a collection. So far we have not heard of a collection. In 2022 there was a special collection for the Ukraine. There was a generous response in our parish but the trocaire collection dropped by two thirds. Perhaps Trocaire are reluctant to affect their ongoing areas of need by any extra collections.

If parishioners wish to give something extra to help Turkey / Syria they can do so by putting a cheque or cash into an envelope mentioned 'Turkey / Syria' and leaving it in the boxes in the church – or at the presbytery. For Syria especially we do know that Mary's Meals (a catholic charity) is operating Aleppo (Syria) and providing 500 meals a day to children there. Any cheques can be made out simply to 'Mary's Meals'. Thank you.

Christian Meditation and Movement continues every Sunday, 7pm – 8pm in Patrick's Place. During these sessions, we will reflect upon Lenten themed scripture using Lectio Divina and worship God in a unique way – using body, mind and spirit. Everyone very welcome, please bring a blanket and a mat. Further details available from Philomena 07754877021

Applications are now being accepted for our Diocesan Youth Team trip to Lourdes in July 2023. Cost is £690 per person sharing, which includes return flights, transportation, full board accommodation, and insurance. Date: 11th – 17th July 2023. All applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 24 from July 2023. Limited Spaces available. For more information, please contact Lourdes@downandconnor.org

RGU Lotto. This week's lotto numbers were 7-10-23-24. Four tickets matched three numbers to share £100. Next week's jackpot is £2700. PLAY ONLINE USING THE LINK ON FACEBOOK. Set Dancing Classes every Tuesday evening at 7.30, new members very welcome - contact 07840117232.

Holy Land Christmas 2023 Ex Dublin, taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Dead Sea, Sea of Galilee, Last Supper Room, Garden of Gethsemane, Mount of Olives with full day in Bethlehem on Christmas Day Payment can be made by instalments contact James Treacy 061921470 jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com

Altar Servers: This is a message for all Primary 5, 6 and 7 children in our parish. There have been no altar servers since Covid. Now Canon Murray would like to invite you to become altar servers at the weekend masses in all the Churches. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to attend Mass in a very special way. If you are interested you can give your name date of birth and a contact number to either your class teacher or to put Parish Secretary Mary Cullen at the Parish office 02844612084. Someone will contact you about training and answer any questions you may have.