

## Downpatrick Pastoral Area

### Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023



#### Your prayers are requested for:

**Recently Deceased:** Dr. Stan Papenfus, Robert Fennell,

**Month's Mind:** May McCurry

**Anniversaries:** Canon Brendan Murray, Mary (May) Mount, Edward McGrady, Bridget Murphy, Pat & Clare Perry, Annie Coughlan, Pat McMullan, Paddy McArdle, Mary & Eileen Halpin, Mary Jennings, Josephine McKinney, Joe Gordon Snr, John Trainor, Michael & Agnes McAleenan, Francis McAleenan, Nan Henney, Jim Mageean, James Laverty, Rosaleen & Arnold Halloran,

**Weekly Collection:** Offertory £1,425, Loose Plate £360, Mission Sunday £744, Direct Debits £1880. Thank you for your generosity

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

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup>: Anniv:** Agatha Smyth, Michael McMullan, Rosaleen Burns, Michael, Agnes, & Francis McAleenan,

**Wed 8<sup>th</sup>: Anniv:** Mabel Denvir, Eddie & Sarah Valentine, Rose Pearson, Peggy Venney,

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>: Month's Mind:** May McCurry

**Anniv:** Patsy Kearney, Perpetual McAloon, Anna Denvir, Colette & Gerard Bryce, Rita O Callaghan, Patricia Smyth,

**Evening of Mercy:** as soon Unfortunately, due to a sudden family illness, Dana has had to postpone her attendance at our Evening of Mercy on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. She apologizes and intends to reschedule as she can. The Evening will continue in its usual format, details below.

#### **'Evening of Mercy':** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

6:45pm Confessions

7:00pm Rosary

7:30pm Mass

8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Prayer for healing of addictions.

8:40pm Benediction,

All welcome for all or even part of the evening.

## Parish Mass Schedule for November 2023:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	St. Colmcille's	10am

**November Dead Lists** are now available at the back of the church. Once completed, please return to the Church, All envelopes are opened, offerings removed and ALL intentions are placed before the Altar, the Clergy will offer 30 Masses during the month of November for the Happy Repose of their souls. Anyone who visits a cemetery on All Souls Day and prays for the Pope's intentions (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory) can obtain a plenary indulgence for the souls in purgatory.

**Confessions this week:** St. Patrick's Mon 6:45pm, Fri 3pm-4pm, Sat 12pm-1pm.

**SVP Senior Citizens' Christmas Party**— After some years of absence the Downpatrick SVP Conference is pleased to announce the 2023 Senior Citizens' Christmas Party will be on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm in Murphy's Restaurant, 78 Market Street, Downpatrick. To book please contact us on 07596972093, leaving your name, telephone number and the number of guests who would like to come along. Do also pass on this invitation to anyone you think may not have seen the notice. We look forward to seeing you then and thank you for all the support you have extended throughout the year! Please note numbers are limited so call as soon as possible to book.

**RGU Lotto.** This week's lotto numbers were 8-22-25-27. One ticket matched three numbers to win £100. Next week's jackpot is £6200. PLAY ONLINE USING THE LINK ON FACEBOOK.



missionary challenge for each one of us to step up to – to actively participate in the renewal of the Church in Down and Connor. He calls on us to be “voices of hope” for the Church and for the generations of faithful to come.

On Friday we celebrated the Feast of St Malachy with a Day of Prayer for the Mission of the Church in Down and Connor, and began a time of prayer, sharing, listening, and discernment. We ask you to respond to Bishop McKeown’s call and get involved in the conversations about the future of your parish that will take place in the weeks ahead. We want you to share your hopes, your aspirations, and your concerns. We want you to think about what the suggested Families of Parishes that have been shared with you today means for your parish and what it means for you personally. What role could and will you play as part of your Family of Parishes?

A meeting on Pathways to the Future will be held in The Carriage Rooms, Montalto Estate, Ballynahinch on November 16<sup>th</sup> 7pm – 9pm To register, please contact your parish office on 02844612084 or email downpatrick@downandconnor.org. This is your opportunity to join the conversation about the future of our Church in Down and Connor and to be a voice of hope for the future.

*“... as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God’s message, you accepted it for what it really is, God’s message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.”*

1 Thessalonians 2:13

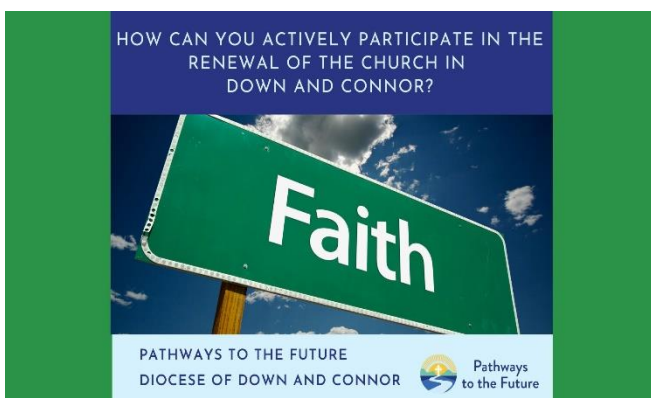
To find out more go to [www.pathwaystothefuture.org](http://www.pathwaystothefuture.org)

### **Pathways to the Future Prayer**

God of Love, You are with us in every transition and change. As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety,

we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents, and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.

We ask this in your Holy Name. **Amen.**



### **Week 4.**

**5th to 11th November**

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Matthew 23: 1-12

“ Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.”

**PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE:** We are all challenged by Pope Francis, clergy and lay alike, to set out as missionary disciples with ‘Hearts on fire, feet on the move’ (Lk 24:13-35). Bishop Donal McKeown, Apostolic Administrator, has chosen today to write to all the faithful of the Diocese with a further