

Parish Notices

14th February 2021

Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Don Deegan, James Ranaghan, Desmond McComb (Southampton), Fr Brendan McGee, Baby Harley McCartan

Month's Mind: Roger Chillingworth,

Anniversaries: Christopher Dobbin, William Denvir, Alexander Overend, Peggy Fairfield, Paddy Hamilton, Kieran Carson, Jim Hamilton, Michael Robinson, Frankie Acton, Brendan Leonard (Channel Islands), Mary Taggart, Desmond Mulvaney, Oliver McMullan, Sidney Vaughan, Patrick McCambridge, Dolly Boyd, Paul Turley,

We Also Remember Our Diocesan Clergy:

Fr. Leo McKeown, Fr. Sylvester McGrady, Fr. Christopher Dallat, Fr Fred Hanson, Fr Gerard McConville, Fr John Mackle, Fr. Charles Bready, Fr. Donal Kelly,

May They Rest In Peace

Baptisms: We Welcome Ryleigh Brea Frances Hanna into Our Parish family.

Baptism can be booked by contacting Mary on 02844612084 Mon – Thurs 9.15am – 2.30pm.

Mass Intentions:

Monday 15th, 7.30pm: Ignatius Vaughan, Michael Robinson, James Hampton Jnr & Deceased Members of the Hampton Family, Maura Vidanes,

Friday 19th, 7.30pm: Billy Burns, Hannah Yates, (Anniv),

Saturday 20th, 5.30pm: 1st Anniv Alfie Murphy

Sunday 21st, 12 Noon, 1st Anniv Michael Kearney

Current Covid Restrictions: The Church remains closed for Mass until at least March 5th. All of the Masses are available to view online at www.churchmedia.tv or via the parish facebook page – 'Downpatrick Parish'.

Confessions, & Adoration have also been suspended until further notice. **HOWEVER, the Church is open** Mon – Sat 1pm – 4pm & on Sundays from 2.30pm – 5pm for private prayer. Please follow social distancing and sanitizing guidelines at all times.

Weekly Collection: £1618,

We acknowledge with thanks, a generous anonymous donation received during the week.

Sunday 14th February: Day of Prayer for Temperance

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44- 46

Psalms 31: 1 – 2, 5, 11

1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

Mark 1:40-45

Monday 15th: Genesis 4:1-15,25, Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday 16th:

Genesis 4:1-15, 7:1-5, 10

Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday 17th: ASH Wednesday, Beginning of Lent, a Day of Fast and Abstinence.

Due to the current restrictions, there will be no distribution of Ashes.

Readings –

Joel 2:12 -18,

2 Corinthians 5:20 -6:2

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Psalms 50:3 -6, 12 -14

Thursday 18th: Deuteronomy 30: 15-20, Luke 9:22-25,

Friday 19th: Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse

Isaiah 58:1-9, Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday 20th: Isaiah 58: 9 -14, Luke 5:27-32

LENTEN PIONEER PLEDGE

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during Lent. Why not take this opportunity to perhaps help yourself or someone you know with an alcohol or drug problem by offering your sacrifice for freedom from addiction? Please consider taking the short- term Lenten Pledge and make a difference to someone's life and say the following daily prayer.

PRAYER:" *I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink during Lent."*

RGU LOTTO: Winning Numbers: 1,4,17,21 Three people matched three numbers. Jackpot now £3300

Philip Course: Online Course started on Thursday 11th February at 7.30pm, and will continue from 7.30pm – 8.3pm over the next number of weeks. With a series of talks from speakers including Fr. John Murray, Jackie Breen, Elaine Kelly & Martina Purdy. The Course consists of Scripture, Music, Talks and Prayer and is open to everyone. Why not join us and discover how to enrich and deepen your relationship with God and with those around you. If you missed the first evening, it is available at the top of our facebook page. Please join us for any or all of the remaining evenings.

Apostolic Work: Are continuing to work in the background despite the current covid crisis. If you would like to learn more about their work please visit www.apostolicworkdc.com

Because of the current covid restrictions, the obligation to attend Mass cannot be fulfilled, this of course, also means that we cannot receive the Blessed Sacrament. The Act of Spiritual Communion can be used during these times.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
and desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
please come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you now as if you were already there
and I unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

The Parish office is operating on an appointment only system or via phone calls and email – contact us at 02844612084 Mon -Thurs 9am -2.30pm or email downpatrick@downandconnor.org

Pope Francis dedicated the Year 8th December 2020 – 8th December 2021 as The Year of St. Joseph.

Participation in the Year of St. Joseph includes

- meditation on the Our Father for at least 30 minutes, or participation in a spiritual retreat of at least one day which includes a meditation on St. Joseph,
- performing a corporal or spiritual work of mercy,
- recitation of the Holy Rosary as a family or engaged couple,
- entrusting your activities every day to the protection of St. Joseph, or invoking his intercession so that those seeking employment may find work and that all may have dignified work,
- recitation of the Litany of St. Joseph (for those belonging to the Latin tradition), or the Akathistos of St. Joseph - in whole or in part (for those belonging to the Byzantine tradition), or some other prayer to St. Joseph (for those belonging to other liturgical traditions) for the persecuted Church and for the relief of all Christians suffering all forms of persecution, and
- recitation of any legitimately approved prayer or act of piety in honour of St. Joseph, especially on these particular days: March 19, May 1, the feast of the Holy Family (December 27, this year), St. Joseph's Sunday (Byzantine tradition), the 19th day of each month, and every Wednesday.

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

The Parish will be organising some events to mark this special year. One of which be a preached Triduum from April 30th – May 2nd