

Downpatrick Pastoral Area

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 21st January 2024



Parish Mass Schedule for January 2024:

Table with 3 columns: Date, Church, Time. Lists mass times for January 2024, including dates like Sat 20th Jan, Sun 21st, and Sat 27th, with corresponding churches like St. Brigid's and St. Malachy's.

Your prayers are requested for:

Recently Deceased: Sean McGarry, Margaret-Robinson, Recently deceased other parishes: Anthony Blaney (Bangor, formerly Downpatrick),

Anniversaries Aidan Vaughan, Mairead Vance-Shields, Colette Murphy, Hugh Leneghan, Susan Laverty, Jim Hampton, Brian McKeown, William Gilchrist, Sarah Poly, Anthony Evans, Margaret Smyth, James Mullan, Alexis Mullan, Joe Gordon jnr, Cyril Denvir, Simon & Joyce O'Reilly, Frank McCrissican, Betty & Jimmy Laird, Angela & Stephen Wallace, Marie McCartan, (Michael) Mickey O'Hare, Michael McGrady, Thomas Boyle

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1,463, Loose Plate £534, Direct Debits £1880. Thank you for your generosity

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

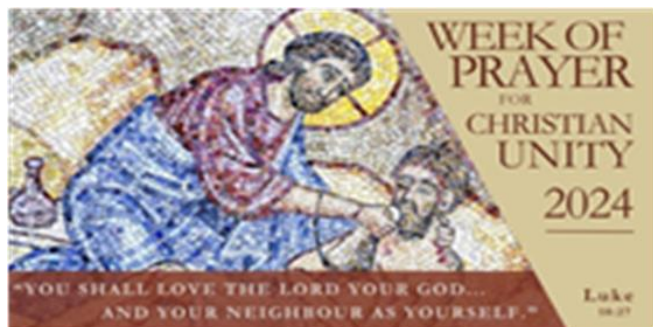
Mon 22nd Jan: Anniv: Pauline McKendry, John Ritchie, Simon & Joyce O'Reilly, Marie McCartan,

Wed 24th Jan: Anniv: Eddie & Mary Mahon,

Fri 26th Jan: Anniv: George & Kathleen Smyth, Rosemary Quinn, Aidan Vaughan, John & Mary Turley, Vincent & Hugh Kelly, (Michael) Mickey O'Hare, Thomas Boyle,

'Evening of Mercy': Monday 22nd January 2024

6:45pm Confessions, 7:00pm Rosary, 7:30pm Mass, 8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by prayers for healing of addictions 8:40pm Benediction, All welcome for all or even part of the evening.



Church Unity Service in St. Patrick's Church on Sunday 21st January 2024 at 7:30pm with participation of the Christian Churches in Downpatrick. Guest preacher: Fr. Andrew Black (lecturer – St. Mary's College Belfast). All welcome. Please support this event. Refreshments in crypt afterwards.

This year – 2024 – is the 1500th anniversary of the death of St. Brigid. To mark the occasion there will be Mass in St. Brigid's Church (Rathkeltor Rd) on Wednesday 31st January at 7:30pm.

(Please note there will be no Mass in St. Patrick's that night) Mass for St. Brigid's PS on Feb 1st at 10am, open to all.



Service in Downe Cathedral 7:30pm on 1st Feb. Feb 3rd Mass at 11am in St. Patrick's attended by the Guides & Brigini of the Northern Province. All welcome.

Dana will be singing the new hymn to St. Patrick and Our Lady of Knock, which she wrote, at the Mass on 3rd Feb.

The annual 4 Corners Festival is set to return in February 2024 with a packed line-up of events which include everything from talks, discussions and exhibitions to music and literature. Now in its 12th year, the festival was conceived as a way to inspire people from across the city to transform it for the peace and wellbeing of all. The festival features a range of music, discussion, sport and faith-inspired events and will run from February 1st to 11th in venues in all four corners of the city. All festival events are free of charge, with most open to the public, although advance booking of tickets is mandatory. Select events will be streamed online on the official 4 Corners Festival YouTube and Facebook accounts. Tickets for the event will be available to book on the website. For more information about the festival and to keep up to date with programme updates go to www.4cornersfestival.com

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Safeguarding Certificates: A small number of people have not collected their certificates. These are available from the parish office.

RGU Lotto: This week's lotto numbers were 5-18-19-27. Two tickets matched three numbers to share £100. Next week's jackpot is £7300. PLAY ONLINE USING THE LINK ON FACEBOOK.

Church Carparking: Could we invite parishioners to park their cars in the designated spaces – there are 100 in total in the carpark.

Please do not park in the area just below the steps – except the 3 designated special needs places. This is to ensure the easy access for an ambulance should need arise – as has happened 3 times in recent years. Thank you for your consideration.

