

Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

Parish Of Downpatrick

14th May 2023



LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. MAKE DISCIPLES.

Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Fr. Kevin McMullan, (Formerly PP Crossgar), Kathleen Fisher,

Month's Mind: Phyllis Mackel, Susan Trainor, Oliver Walsh,

Anniversaries: Marie Byrne, Jackie Graham, Lily Connor, Gerry Magee, Jenny Quinn O'Brien, Vincent Braniff, Mary Harris, Christina Morrison, Noel Galbraith, Bill Galbraith,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1,643, Loose Plate £200, Direct Debits £1155, Thank you for your generosity.

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

Mon: 15th May, 7.30pm: Month's Mind: Phyllis Mackel, **Anniv:** Mary & Harry Harris,

Wed: 17th May 7:30pm: Month's Mind: Susan Trainor, **Anniv:** Joseph Hale,

Fri: 19th May 7:30pm: Month's Mind: Oliver Walsh, **1st Anniv:** Rosemary Hannigan,

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

Pathways – the diocesan project for the future of our diocese: During the Masses on May 20th (vigil) and 21st we will be taking a count (numbers only) of those at Mass. This will happen after the creed and prayers. Thank you for your co-operation.



PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE
DIOCESE OF DOWN AND CONNOR

Parish Mass Schedule for May 2023:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 13 th 10am	DPK Primary	1 st Holy Communion St. Patrick's
Sat 13 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 13 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 14 th	St. Patrick's	8:30am & 12Noon
Sun 14 th	St. Colmcille's	11am
Sun 14 th 10am	St. Brigid's	1 st Holy Communion St. Patrick's
Sat 20 th 11:15	St. Colmcille's	1 st Holy Communion St. Patrick's
Sat 20 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 21 st	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 21 st	St. Malachy's	10am
Sun 21 st	St. Colmcille's	11am
Sat 27 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 27 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 28 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon

Please Note the 8:30am Mass, This Sunday, May 14th, in order to facilitate the First Communion Mass at 10am.

'Evening of Mercy': Monday of 6th Sunday After Easter 15th May.

6:45pm Confessions

7:00pm Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30pm Mass

8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, including prayers to the Holy Face of Jesus,

8:40pm Benediction

All welcome for all or even part of the evening.

Car Parking at St. Patrick's: The Parish would ask that parishioners would use the designated parking slots for parking. There are 99 in all. This would be greatly appreciated. Blue badge holders may park in the allocated places.

A Warm Place: The next Tea, Coffee & Toast will be on Friday 2nd June.

'The Letter' Screening of the film has been postponed until the season of creation in September 2023.

St. Joseph's Young Priest Society will be meeting in the Parochial House on Wednesday 17th May at 2:15pm. Please note earlier time.

Pass the basket: Due to Covid we had to install the boxes at the front of the church to enable parishioners to hand in their envelopes or make donations. From May 20th / 21st we would like to restore the basket system for collection. The boxes will also remain in place for the time being.

Christian Meditation and Movement resumes Sunday 7th May in Patrick's Place 7–8pm. For more information contact Philomena on 07754877021.

Holy Ghost Missions wishes to thank sincerely, all those who contributed to their recent collection. The total amount donated was £3,222.50p. Fr. Paddy Moran sends his own personal gratitude to parishioners in Downpatrick for their support.

Work on the roof: Recently the roof and guttering at St. Patrick's were repaired. This required specialist Scaffolders and roofers. The parish thanks them for their work and professionalism. The parish also thanks parishioners – especially those who use the Stream Street entrance – for your Patience.

Mary's Meals would acknowledge with thanks, donations of £830 received following the Syria Earthquake appeal.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: 17-18 June 2023. Staying in the Knock House Hotel. £180 all in. If you are interested contact Sally Elliott on 028 90 247587.

Apostolic Work, Down & Connor Centenary Celebration 1923 – 2023 The Council and Members invite you to join with them in celebrating this occasion. Most Rev Donal McKeown D.D. will celebrate Mass on Saturday 17th June 2023 at 12 Noon in St Malachy's Church, 24 Alfred Street, Belfast BT2 8EN Email: apostolic.work@btinternet.com

Bishop Oliver Dome is coming to the All-Ireland Rosary Rally on June 3rd, at Knock Shrine; he will tell the amazing story of how the Rosary banished the terrorists Boko Haram from his Diocese. The local Legion of Mary Group are trying to determine interest in order to organise a bus, bookings can be secured by paying the bus cost £20 at the time of booking - if you would like to travel with them, contact Colette 0773261024. Bus will do drop off and pick up at Church carparks in Castlewellan, Downpatrick, Crossgar and Saintfield.

Accord NI Catholic Marriage Care Service is recruiting Marriage Education Facilitators to provide Sacramental Marriage Preparation for couples in your diocese. We are seeking individuals who are good communicators and have an enthusiasm for supporting couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage and future family life. This is an opportunity to formally train within a supportive, nurturing and inspiring community. In 2022, our teams helped 2,140 couples to develop good communication skills, manage conflict and understand the responsibility and significance of the Sacrament of Marriage. For further details and an application form, please contact Brenda at 028 9023 3002 or email info@accordni.com

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE A DAY OF PRAYER To place the Church's entire synodal process, especially the work of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, which will take place in Rome this October, under the protection of Mary, Mother of the Church. WHERE? Knock Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo WHEN? Wednesday, 31st May 2023 WHAT TIMES? 11am: Prayer Service in the Apparition Chapel 12pm: Mass in the Basilica of Our Lady, Queen of Ireland 7pm: Rosary followed by Mass in Knock Parish Church. LIVESTREAM, Join us by livestream at www.knockshrine.ie if you cannot be with us on the day and please continue to pray for the synodal process in your daily prayers.

Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre: You are invited to a series of conversations in Tobar Mhuire in which people share their experience of life, faith and finding hope in their lives. Participants will include Rev Harold Good, Baroness Nuala O'Loan and Fr Aidan Troy CP. Our next conversation will be on Monday 15th May at 7pm with Rev Harold Good who will share his experience in peace and reconciliation. All welcome. Voluntary donation.

Cemetery Sunday in the Parish of Downpatrick:

Killough Road, Sunday 25th June @ 3pm.

Struell, Sunday 2nd July @ 3pm.

Visitors & Parishioners are invited to join us for readings, prayers and the rosary. Individuals, please bring Holy water for Blessing of graves. Service will be 30 mins.

SHAME! It is unfortunate that some people (Parishioners?) are dumping their personal household rubbish in the skip at the parish cemetery. The bill for an 8 week period was £611 for 4.24 tonnes of rubbish! This included Amazon prime boxes etc. Can we ask you not to impose this unnecessary expense on the Parish Please?

Life in the Spirit: A new series of Life in The Spirit Seminars (as encouraged by Pope Francis) have begun on Thursday 27th April at 7.30pm in Patrick's Place - The Crypt at St. Patrick's Church, Downpatrick., the Seminar will continue for 6 weeks, each Thursday at 7:30pm, guest speakers in attendance. come and learn how to walk and live in the Holy Spirit. The next talk will be on Thursday 11th May

RGU Lotto: This week's lotto numbers were 2-8-21-26. One ticket matched three numbers to win £100. Next week's jackpot is £3600. PLAY ONLINE USING THE LINK ON FACEBOOK. Set Dancing Classes every Tuesday evening at 7.30, new members very welcome - contact 07840117232.