

Downpatrick Pastoral Area

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 22nd October 2023



Parish Mass Schedule for October 2023:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 21 st	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sat 21 st	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 22 nd	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 22 nd	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 28 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 29 th	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 29 th	St. Colmcille's	10am

Your prayers are requested for:

Recently Deceased: May McCurry, Terence Curran,

Anniversaries: Geraldine Brady, James McKinney, Maurice Blaney, Freddie Stitt, Arthur & Brigid Rooney, Roisin McCann, Felix Valentine, Mary Perry, Maisie & Gerry Stratton, Catherine & Patrick Rooney, Clare McDonald,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1,340 Loose Plate £300, Direct Debits £1880. Thank you for your generosity

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

Mon: 23rd Oct: Month's Mind: John Mullan,
Anniv: Raymond Curran, Bernie Feenan, Marie Convery, Teresa Lavery, (Roddy, Betty & Maureen Maguire), James McKinney, Cathal Deegan, Charles Duggan,

Wed 25th Oct Month's Mind Brigid (Sue) McDonald
1st Anniv Andrew Bentham **Anniv:** Geraldine Brady, Pat & Clare McDonald, Bernard (Barney) Croskery, Roisin McCann, Raymond Burns, Maurice Blaney,

Fri 27th Oct: Month's Mind: Charlie McAllister,
Month's Mind: Wanda Basztrakow,

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

Prayer Groups:

Lectio Divina meet each Tuesday at 11am in the Parochial House

Legion of Mary meet each Tuesday at 1pm in the Parochial House

St. Michael's Prayer Group meet each Thursday at 7:30pm in the Parochial House

Mothers' Prayers meet each Wednesday in Patrick's Place from 10am to 11:15am.

If you would like to join any of the groups, please just call in on the day the group meet for prayer. Everyone is always welcome!

'Evening of Mercy': 29th Sunday OT – Monday 23rd Oct
6:45pm Confessions
7:00pm Rosary
7:30pm Mass
8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
8:40pm Benediction,
All welcome for all or even part of the evening.

World Mission Sunday: Is the Pope's official charity for overseas mission and is part of a worldwide network of 120 offices, under the co-ordination of the Pontifical Mission Societies in Rome. World Missions' aims are to share the Gospel and build the Church throughout the World. World Missions reach out to some of the most inhospitable, marginalised and disadvantaged communities in the world, offering aid to struggling communities, allowing them to grow and thrive. Last Year, as a Diocese, we raised £63,863 for World Missions. This year the Collection will be taken up on Sunday 22nd October; your support would be greatly appreciated.

Final parish draw: Owing to the difficulties of carrying out the normal procedures that would have taken place before the covid outbreak in 2020, just one draw will take place with 31 prizes, including 8 promoter's prizes. The date for the draw is Thursday, 26th October 2023, in the Parochial House. All promoters are invited to attend. We hope to have light refreshments available at 7pm with the draw taking place around 8:30pm. Thank you, promoters and members, for your patience in the difficult circumstances encountered over the past three and a half years or so.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society meeting will take place at the Parochial House on Wednesday 25th October at 2pm. New members always welcome.

RGU Lotto: This week's lotto numbers were 5-10-24-25. Four tickets matched three numbers to share £100. Next week's jackpot is £6000. PLAY ONLINE USING THE LINK ON FACEBOOK.

Reintroducing the Programme for Baptism: As part of our Faith Development in our Parish, we will be reintroducing the Programme for the Sacrament of Baptism from November 2023. Parents requesting Baptism for their child after 19th October must give at least six weeks' notice. They are also required to undertake a "Preparing Your Child for Baptism" course. The dates for these courses along with the Baptism application form and further important information can be obtained from the Parish Office, Tel 02844612084 or via the parish App. At the time of making your booking with Mary, the Parish Secretary, you will be invited to attend Mass on a Sunday before your baby's Baptism when your child will be introduced and welcomed into the Parish Community.

TEA/ COFFEE after Mass: Unfortunately, because of a lack of volunteers, we are unable to continue with tea/coffee after Mass on Fridays. In order to continue, we would ask anyone who can spare some time on a Friday morning, to contact Mary at the Parish Office.

Fountain Foodbank

- We are extremely grateful for all the donations we receive; however, we would ask that before donating, dates on items are checked; we cannot distribute food that has passed its expiry date.
- We are currently short of carrier bags, if you have any bags that you are not using, we would be delighted to receive them! Please leave bags in the trolley at St Patrick's Church or drop off at the Parish Office.
- Many thanks to all who support us as we approach another difficult winter for many families in the area.

De La Salle High School: We invite you to be an active part of our journey down 'memory lane.' Your stories, memories, and experiences are invaluable in commemorating the rich history of De La Salle High School. A special event will take place on the 24th March 2024 where we will share and celebrate all memories with the school community. Please contact the school if you wish to participate and contribute to the celebrations of De La Salle High School, as we walk hand in hand through the corridors of our shared past. Telephone: 028 44 612 520 e-mail: info@dls.downpatrick.ni.sch.uk

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 to be prayed for at Masses during the month of November.

'Light the Fire': Dana, the winner of the Eurovision song contest in 1970 will be present at the evening of Mercy on Monday 6th November. She will share her own story of faith as well as sing the hymns she wrote 'Our Lady of Knock' and 'Light the Fire' (the new hymn dedicated to St. Patrick).

St.Patrick's Choral Society Presents All Shook Up
Inspired by and featuring songs from Elvis Presley.
Location: The Great Hall, Downshire Estate,
Downpatrick.
Dates: 08/11/2023 to 11/11/2023
Time: Doors 7pm, Show 7.30pm
Tickets from £15 available at www.qr8events.ie

Old workhouse graves: In the work on the site for the new Down High School a total of 943 bodies were discovered in single and mass graves. You may have read about this in the local press.

On October 20th in the company of Mrs. Perry, Principal of the High School, Canon Murray, Dean Hull and Mr. Richard Daniels (representing the Baptist and Presbyterian churches) conducted a prayer service at the site. The bones of the deceased were reinterred in a new designated site which was duly consecrated and blessed. This site is quite close to the already existent walled area which has many graves from the past.



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