

Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

Parish Of Downpatrick

20th February 2022

Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Tommy Rogan,

Month's Mind: Rosie Holland

Anniversaries: Danny Gilmore, Maureen Morgan, Marie Breen, William Denvir, Sydney Vaughan, Veronica Beattie, Kieran Carson, Edith Fitzsimons, Sarah Jane Gracey,

May They Rest In Peace

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

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1396 Loose Plate £164, Direct Debits £1710 Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions St. Patrick's @7.30pm:

Monday 21st 7.30pm: Month's Mind: Denis Morgan (Preston & Downpatrick) **Anniv:** Kevin Keenan,

Wednesday 23rd 7.30pm: 1st Anniv Bobby Savage, **Anniv:** Louise Baker, Nuala Synott, Seamus Murphy, Patrick McQuoid, Danny Gilmore, Maureen Morgan, Marie Breen, Hugh McKee

Friday 25th 7.30pm: Month's Mind: Jim Botsford, **Anniv:** Brenda Burns, Jim Rice, Hugh Finn, Harry Russell,

Adoration: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, will take place every Friday from 11.00am to 7:30pm (Mass time)

If there is a funeral Mass on a Friday these times will be modified and parishioners will be informed

Marriage Course: A Marriage Preparation course is planned for 9/10 April 2022 in The Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly, Co. Derry. This 2-day non-residential course. Information/ Booking: www.marriageencounter.ie or 028276 38512

Confession in St. Patrick's have resumed as follows:

Monday's 6.45pm – 7.20pm, Wednesday 3pm - 4pm

Friday 3pm – 4pm, Saturday 12 Noon – 1pm

Confessions are held in the Transept, near the shrine to Our Lady. Please use the wipes provided to sanitise the kneeler/chair before you leave

UPDATED GUIDELINES: Following the announcement from Robin Swan on February 15th, ALL restrictions in Northern Ireland have now been eased. **It is important to note that the Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays remains suspended at this time**

With Immediate Effect: ALL seating is now open in St Patrick's Church – NO Limit on numbers attending Mass, Weddings or Funerals.

CONFESSION WILL REMAIN IN THE TRANSEPT AREA OF THE CHURCH FOR NOW – THE SIGN OF PEACE REMAINS SUSPENDED FOR NOW – HOLY WATER FONTS ARE TO REMAIN EMPTY FOR NOW. – PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING IN SO FAR AS POSSIBLE – PLEASE DO NOT CROWD INTO PEWS, THERE ARE PLENTY OF SPACES FOR EVERYONE!

BAPTISM – NO RESTRICTION ON NUMBERS, however, for the safety all attending a Baptism, we ask that you keep your group as small as possible and that your group all sit together in one area of the church. –

Mass in St. Colmcille's will go ahead on February 20th as arranged, no booking required. All seating will be open as normal.

Updates on Resumption of Masses in St. Brigid's, St. Colmcille's and St. Malachy's will be available via the Parish Bulletin, Facebook and the Website over the coming days.

YOU ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO WEAR A FACEMASK AND CONTINUE TO SANITISE YOUR HANDS ON ENTERING/LEAVING CHURCH

'The GIFT': Is a 'Hybrid' course the Parish is offering – Hybrid meaning that you can attend either in person at St. Patrick's or by logging onto the webcam at www.stpatricksdowndpatrick.com or on our facebook page at 7.30pm, because of The Gift programme is for anyone who wishes to deepen their faith, grow in prayer, come to know the person of the Holy Spirit, become more open to the Spirit's Gifts. We are at week 3 this Tuesday (22nd), for one hour, 7.30pm – 8.30pm – But you can join in this or any week, – You can attend online through the parish webcam or you can attend in the church itself. – Six sessions to help you deepen your faith and come into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Readings for the 7th Week of The Year

7th Sunday of The Year (C)

February 20th: 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23
Psalm 102: 1-4, 8 10, 12-13
1 Corinthians 15:45-49 Luke 6:27-38

February 21st Feast of St. Peter Damian, Blessed Jacinta and Francisco Marto (Fatima) James 3: 13-18, Mark 9: 14-29

February 22nd Feast of St. Peter's Chair
1 Peter 5:1-4, Matthew 16:13-19

February 23rd: Feast of St. Polycarp
James 4: 13-17, Mark 9: 38-40,
Readings for Saint: Apocalypse 2:8-11,
John 15:18-21

February 24th James 5: 1-6, Mark 9:41-50

February 25th James 5:9-12, Mark 10: 1-12

February 26th: James 5:13-20, Mark 10: 13-16

New System: We now have a new system for donating to the parish. There are two bar codes on display in the Church porch – one for donations and another for weekly offertory envelopes. Simply use your camera or QR Code App to scan the bar code and follow the instructions. The donation button is also available via our website – www.stpatricksdwnpatrick.com We sincerely appreciate your ongoing support at this time. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions. When this is done type in DOWNPATRICK and you will be taken to the new app format. All content from the old app is still there. Enjoy!

The Parish Bulletin is now available in the church porch – please take a copy and bring it home with you.

Reader Rota: The new rota is in the porch at St. Patrick's, please, if you cannot read on your allocated day/time, try to ensure that a fellow reader can cover you.

We acknowledge, with sincere thanks, an anonymous donation of £1500 received this week.

150 Years! The Church of St. Patrick was formally blessed and consecrated in 1872. The Transept was added in 1993. To celebrate this historic event in our parish, there will be a NOVENA in honor of St. Patrick from March 8th – 16th 2022.

All services & public events are open to the public.
Booking not required.

Timetable:

March 8th 10:30am St. Brigid's PS
Sisters of St. Clare Sr's Martina & Elaine 7:30pm

March 9th: 11am OLSP PS, 1:15pm St. Patrick's GS
The Ecumenical Aspect Rev Henry Hull 7:30pm

March 10th 10:30am St. Colmcille's PS
'Jesus Heals' Koinonia John the Baptist 7:30pm

March 11th: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament including parish groups and parishioners from 11am to 7:15pm with Benediction at 6:45. 7:30pm Youth event led by Youth Initiatives.

March 12th Confessions 12pm – 1pm and 4pm –5pm.

March 13th Mass celebrated by Bishop Treanor 12pm.

March 14th 'Slemish Day' – a day of prayer and fasting in imitation of Patrick. followed by Mass at 7.30pm Celebrant: Bishop Paul McAleenan

March 15th Mass celebrated by Archbishop Eamon Martin (Armagh) 7:30pm

March 16th 11:05am St. Mary's HS, Fr. John Murray PP Mass 7:30pm "150 years from maintenance to Mission."

Join Fr. Murray on the 16th at 11am to 12:30pm and 3pm to 5pm as he visits houses in parish (doorstep only) to give out the Novena prayer. ALL ARE WELCOME. Meet him at St. Patrick's steps at 11am and 3pm.

Additional Information:

- A. The normal 9:30am Mass (10am Saturday) will take place during these days.
- B. A prayer card for the Novena will be distributed from March 1st