

**Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area**

**Parish Of Downpatrick**

**25<sup>th</sup> September 2022**



**Your Prayers Are Requested for:**

**Recently Deceased:** Maria Perry

**Month's Mind:** Patrick Quinn & Anne Boyd,

**Anniversaries:** Sr. Colmcille, Sr. Mary Mercy, Sr. Mary Ita, Tom Connor, Peter Tumelty, Harriet McGrady, John Trainor, Sean Quinn, Rosemary Brannigan, Mary Magorrian, Michelle Sheppard, Margaret (Madge) Laverty, William Quinn, Kathleen Bready, Ester McConville, Mary McGrady, Martina Moore,

**Baptisms:** Baptism can be booked in person only by contacting Mary at the Parish Office Mon – Thurs 9.15am – 2.30pm.

**Weekly Collection:** Offertory £1160.40 Loose Plate £101 Direct Debits £1685, Thank you for your generosity.

**Mass Intentions St. Patrick's @7.30pm:**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September: Month's Mind:**

Patrick Quinn & Anne Boyd (Brother & Sister),  
Anniv: Thomas Kelly, Charles & Mary McGrady,

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv: Tom Connor,  
Anniv: Edward & Margaret Sweeney, Rosemary Brannigan, Michelle Sheppard,

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September:** Anniv: Cyril Murray,  
James & Mary Magorrian,

**Confessions:** Confessions will take place on Monday 6:45pm – 7:20pm, Friday at 3pm to 4pm and on Saturday at 12pm to 1pm.

**Adoration on Fridays:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, resumed on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September. It will continue every Friday at 11am. If there is a wedding or funeral, you will be notified.

**St. Brigid's / St. Colmcille's/ St. Malachy's**

The Masses are as follows: Sept / October...

**St. Brigid's:** Oct 1<sup>st</sup> and Oct 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

**St. Colmcille's:** Oct 16<sup>th</sup> and Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11am

**St. Malachy's:** Sept 25<sup>th</sup>, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> and Oct 30<sup>th</sup> at 10am

At the present time it is impossible to restore the pre-covid schedule of Masses. Most Sunday's the priests of our parish are covering in other Parishes when a Priest is off sick or on holiday. Downpatrick is the only parish in the vicariate with more than one priest

**Diocesan Adoration Committee** will speak at vigil Mass on 24.09.2022 and at Sunday Masses on 25.09.2022. The Committee will talk about the 'power of an hour' in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and will be encouraging all of us to spend some time at Adoration. Adoration re-commences in St. Patrick's this Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 11am.

**SHALOM WORLD Apologies:** The Shalom world 'Jesus Heals' Mass and prayer, planned for Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, has had to be postponed. The priest leading it could not obtain a Visa to permit entry to the country. We will keep you posted for any future date. \*Accordingly, the Mass that evening will be at 7:30pm.\*

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October for 7 nights. £645 per person sharing. €154 extra for single room. Return flights from Dublin. 7 nights' accommodation. To book a place, ring 02844 830242 or email [fraidancp@gmail.com](mailto:fraidancp@gmail.com)

**Holyland Pilgrimage:** Canon John Murray, Downpatrick, will lead a pilgrimage to the Holyland from May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> 2023. There are a limited number of places available. Unfortunately, all single rooms are fully booked. There are a small number of twin rooms available. After the initial deposit of £250 is paid, a payment plan to suit your budget is available by contacting the Mary @ Parish Office - Tel 02844612084

**The Relics of St. Padre Pio:** Will be coming to our Diocese in November. They will reside in St. Peter's Cathedral Belfast, Ballymena and Downpatrick during the week of November 6<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. The relics will arrive in our parish on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November (afternoon) and depart on the evening of November 11<sup>th</sup>. More details nearer the time.

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**Beginning Experience:** The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (September 24, October 29 and November 26.) Booking essential. To find out more, contact Phil: 02890 207645 or Marie 07896119669 or email [belfastbe@yahoo.com](mailto:belfastbe@yahoo.com)

**Trócaire** are looking for people to join our team of Christmas fundraisers to help respond to the urgent need of poor communities around the world, especially the millions of people affected by the hunger crisis in East Africa. You can take action and make a difference through a range of activities, including the promotion of our Gifts of Love – training and support will be provided. If you would like to find out more about what you can do to help now or over the Advent and Christmas period, then please email Mark McMahon at [info@trocaire.org](mailto:info@trocaire.org) or call 02890908030

**Pathways – Adult Faith Development Programme**  
Two-year, part-time course, now enrolling for 2022-2023 intake Have you ever thought about exploring your faith... or wished that you could broaden your understanding of your faith? Would you like to explore, discuss and reflect upon issues and questions of faith, the Church, and how to link faith to life? If the answer is "yes", then Pathways may be for you. The course runs one Saturday per month (10 am – 4:30 pm) from October to June, either in-house at Drumalis, Larne or online via Zoom. To register for Pathways, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) – 02828276455 /028272196 or email [maura@drumalis.co.uk](mailto:maura@drumalis.co.uk) for further information.

### Readings for September 25<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> October

#### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>:

AM 6: 1, 4-7

Ps 145: 7-10

1 Tm 6: 11-16

Lk 16: 19-31

#### Monday 26<sup>th</sup>: St's Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs,

Job 1: 6-22 or Wdm 3: 1-9

Lk 9: 46-50 or Mt 10: 28-33

#### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feast of St. Vincent de Paul

Crhn: 1: 26-31 or Job 3: 1-3, 11-17, 20-23

Mat 9: 35-37 or LK 9: 51-56

#### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> St's Wenceslaus & Laurance, Martyrs

Job 9: 1-13, 14-16

LK. 9: 57-62

#### Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> St's Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels

Dan 7: 9-10, 13-14 or Aplse 12: 7-12

Jn 1: 47-51

#### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Feast of St. Jerome,

Job 38: 1, 12-21, 40: 3-5 or 2 Tm 3: 14-17

Lk 10: 13-16 or Mt 13: 47-52

#### Sat 1<sup>st</sup> October St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus,

Job 42: 1-3, 5-6, 12-17 or Ish 66: 10-14

Lk 10: 17-24 or Mt 18: 1-5

**'DISCOVERING CHRIST' COURSE FOR PARENTS OF PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN:** Faith is caught, deepened, when we meet and talk with other people whose faith is important to them. If you have a child/children in Primary school they will be invited to prepare for and receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation over the next few years. Your own faith will be the most important thing that will shape your child's/children's response to this invitation. By renewing your own faith, you will give your child/children one of the best gifts a parent can give. 'Discovering CHRIST' is a 7-week course and will run on Tuesday evenings from 4 October to 22 November 2022, starting at 7:00 pm and finishing at 8:30 pm. **Participants will: Gather one evening a week to share tea/coffee/biscuits over a chat. View an informative teaching video and then Explore answers to some of the most important questions worth asking about God and finding purpose in life through small groups. Have a retreat day on Saturday 12 November. Parents whose children will choose to receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation this year are especially invited to attend this life-changing encounter.** It is an excellent way to revitalize or rediscover your own faith. Come and discover something new about your personal relationship with Christ, and others, and how it is relevant to you and your family's everyday life.