

Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

Parish Of Downpatrick

4th June 2023



LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. MAKE DISCIPLES.

Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased Other Parishes:

Jim Cleland (Australia), Formerly Downpatrick,

Anniversaries: Sr. M. Gerard Cosgrove, Mary Rea, Paddy Rice, David Linehan, Eileen McShane, Patrick McCrissican, Lily O'Flynn,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1,045, Loose Plate £340, Direct Debits £1155. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Fri: 9th June 7:30pm: Anniv: Charlie & Ann Oakes, Terry Denvir, Niall McNeill, Margaret Wilson,

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

Corpus Christi: Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Time of Adoration (music & prayer) and benediction (lasting about 30 – 35 minutes) St. Patrick's church. June 11th 5:15pm. All Parish First Communion children are encouraged to attend in their 1st Communion outfits. All parishioners are welcome.



Meditating with Mary in the Month of May This May, we invite you to join with us as begin the program, Meditating with Mary in the Month of May. Together, as a parish community, we will have an opportunity to reflect on three joyful moments in the life of Mary; the Annunciation, the Visitation and the Magnificat. There will be opportunities to meditate on a piece of Scripture, pray together and learn about the ways in which Sacred Art can inspire our understanding of these joyful events in Mary's life. The program began on Tuesday 23rd May for 3 weeks and will be continue for another one week in Patrick's Place (Crypt) between 7:30pm – 9pm. A cup of tea will be available. We look forward to seeing you!

Parish Mass Schedule for June 2023:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 3 rd June	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 3 rd June	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 4 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sat 10 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 11 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 11 th	St. Colmcille's	11am
Sat 17 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 17 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 18 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 18 th	St. Malachy's	10am
Sun 18 th	St. Colmcille's	11am
Sat 24 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 25 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 25th – Cemetery Sunday – Killough Road 3pm		
Sun 2nd July – Cemetery Sunday – Struell 3pm		

'Evening of Mercy': Sunday after Holy Trinity

Sunday, Monday 5th June.

6:45pm Confessions

7:00pm Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30pm Mass

8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers for physical healing.

8:40pm Benediction

All welcome for all or even part of the evening.

Baptism Course: One of the 'casualties' of Covid was the Baptism Course which the parish offered to young parents prior to the birth of their child. It is hoped to restart this course in the early Autumn. There will be a couple of training sessions in the presbytery in preparation for this course. These will take place on Tuesday 13th June and Tuesday 27th June at 7:30pm – 8:30pm. Anyone who would like to be involved in this and who would like to pass on their faith to the next generation is warmly invited to turn up on these evenings.

Killough Road Cemetery: Grass cutting and tidying of the Cemetery has been scheduled for Monday 10th and Wednesday 22nd June. Whilst our contractor does his best to control stray grass etc, we cannot guarantee that some graves may be affected, it may be advisable to either cover your family grave or leave any Cemetery Sunday preparation until after the cut on June 22nd.

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.

Legion of Mary: Will visit homes in the Marian Park/Rathkeltair Area of the town over the next few weeks with the Fatima Statue.

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

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 approx.

Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre: A warm welcome is extended to a series of conversations under the theme of "Stories of Life, Faith and Hope." Tuesday 30th May - Baroness Nuala O'Loan (former Police Ombudsman), Tuesday 6 June - Fr Aidan Troy CP (former parish priest in Holy Cross, Ardoyne) and advocate on issues around suicide. Further information can be received from the reception at Tobar Mhuire, telephone 02844830242 or email reception@tobarmhuire.com

Learn about High Crosses and the impact of Christianity on Celtic art! The 2nd International Celtic Art Conference is coming to The Saint Patrick Centre, Downpatrick, June 8-10. Tickets for seminars/outings with artists and scholars are available at Eventbrite. Details www.saintpatrickcentre.com

Local Cemetery Sunday Dates:

Downpatrick

Killough Road 25th June at 3pm

Struell 2nd July at 3pm

Dunsford & Ardglass

Ardglass 4th June at 3pm – Dunsford 18th June at 3pm

Strangford

St Malachy's Kilclief Cemetery – Sunday 16th July at 3pm

Saul

Ballycruttle Cemetery – Sunday 30th July at 3pm

Saul Cemetery – Sunday 6th August at 3pm

Kilmore /Killyleagh

Sunday 11th June at 3pm in St Mary's Star of the Sea,

Killyleagh 6pm in Holy Family, Teconnaught on June 11th

Lough Derg 2023 The Living Church Office are organising a three-day pilgrimage to Lough Derg. The Pilgrimage will be led by Jim Deeds. Dates: Friday 30th June – Sunday 2nd July 2023. Cost £90 includes luxury coach transfers. Bus departs 9am Friday 30th June from Glengall Street. Places are limited so early booking is recommended. Contact Claire Tel: 02890 690920 Email: livingchurch@downandconnor.org

HELP! Volunteers needed urgently. The hospitality sector everywhere is struggling - and so is Drumalis. We would greatly appreciate any help you could offer towards sustaining the ministry of hospitality and healing here. To have a chat about this, please phone Maura on 07736324250. Thank you!

D & C Annual Knock Pilgrimage: we welcome you to join us for our Diocesan Knock in person/Virtual Pilgrimage on Sunday 11th June 2023. The ceremonies will be streamed live on the shrine website www.knockshrine.ie and on Knock Shrine Facebook page. The programme will commence with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm and Mass will be celebrated at 3pm by Bishop Donal McKeown. Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Down and Connor. Bishop McKeown will also deliver the Homily. The Mass will be followed by the Recitation of the Rosary. You are invited to place a Petition by visiting the Knock Shrine Website and all the Petitions will be before the Altar during the Mass. With Every Blessing Father Vincent Cushnahan (Diocesan Knock Pilgrimage Director).

Pathways to the Future week 4: Last weekend Bishop Donal McKeown wrote to us about the possibilities and challenge facing the Church in Down & Connor in the years ahead. His letter certainly got attention - particularly where he talked about the difficult decisions and sacrifices, we have to make as congregations get smaller and the number of priests fall.

But that's not the whole story by any means! We believe in the Good News of Jesus Christ, and there is always good news in the Church. In the pastoral letter a vision is set out of a Church which faces up to the profound changes we're living through, that seeks to go out and make new disciples, and which welcomes everyone into a relationship with God. This is a courageous vision that will require us to look at how we are structured as a church. The Pathways to the Future Committee are developing ideas on how we can collaborate across our parishes as Families of Parishes.

In families of parishes, we will see a new range of ministries develop in which lay people will play a crucial role. If we want to pass on the faith to the next generation, to see our congregations grow again, to see Catholics making a real difference in the community and to nourish new vocations to religious life, we have to do things differently - and we all have a part to play! On Trinity Sunday, may the Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless us as we take the first steps on our pathway to the future.