

Downpatrick Pastoral Area

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 31st March/ 7th April 2024



Your prayers are requested for:

Recently Deceased: Annie Magee

Month's Mind: Keith Thompson,

Anniversaries: Pat Morgan, Brian McCabe, George Tumelty, Charles & Francis McKeown, Kathleen Dooley, John Skeffington, Joseph Quinn, John Joseph Burns, Ann Holland, Sean O'Hare, Phyllis Robinson, Patrick Harris, Ann Heaps, Malachy Gilchrist, Rory Hunt, Maureen Sheppard, Shane Robinson, Stephen Rice,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1632, Loose Plate £590, Direct Debits £1971. Thank you for your generosity

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

Mon 8th April: Month's Mind: Keith Thompson,

Anniv: Malachy Gilchrist, Rory Hunt, Kathleen Dooley,

Wed 10th April: Anniv: Stephen Rice,

Fri 12th April: Anne Murphy, James Murphy,

BAPTISMS: Four weeks' notice required for all Baptisms. Baptism Courses are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month in Patrick's Place. Parents of children for Baptism are only required to attend the course on **one** evening, usually lasting just over an hour. Baptisms can **ONLY** be booked by calling, in person to the Parish Office, Mon – Thurs 9.30am – 2pm.

Parish Office: The office will close from Good Friday 29th March and will reopen on Monday 8th April. If you **have an urgent need for a priest, ring 07841101678**. If you wish to contact the parish (non-urgent matters):email downpatrick@downandconnor.org

Please be aware that Facebook messages will not be answered until the week commencing April 8th.

Dawn Mass Easter Sunday morning at 6am, St. Patrick's mountain, has been moved to the Church in Saul, due to the adverse weather forecasted.

Parish Mass Schedule for March / April 2024:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 30 th	St. Patrick's	9pm (Easter Vigil)
Sun 31 st	St. Malachy's	10am
Sun 31 st	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sun 31 st	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sat 6 th April	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 6 th April	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 7 th April	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 7 th April	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sat 13 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 14 th	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 14 th	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 20 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 20 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 21 st	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 21 st	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sat 27 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 28 th	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 28 th	St. Malachy's	10am

'Evening of Mercy': Monday 8th April 2024

6:45pm Confessions,

7:00pm Rosary,

7:30pm Mass,

8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

8:40pm Benediction, with prayer for those suffering anxieties and worry.

All welcome for all or even part of the evening.

Music in Parish Churches: The parish are now fully licensed to use **LITURGICAL MUSIC ONLY** at all events in the Church – usage of hymns is reported on a weekly basis to our licensing company. **We do not have permission or licensing to use secular music** in any form. Musicians visiting the Church for events, must contact the Parish Office and complete a copyright form prior to their event.

Musicians/Singers not engaged on a voluntary basis by the Parish must also provide insurance details to the Parish Office prior to visiting the Church for any event. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Offertory Envelopes: There are a large number of envelopes in the Parochial House which we need help to deliver. If you can spare an hour over the coming days, we would be grateful for your help. Please call to the office Mon – Thurs 9:15am to 2pm.

Installation of Bishop Alan McGuckian: A small number of tickets will be allocated to each Parish for attendance at the Installation, as the Mass is ticketed to accommodate numbers and parking - those who are unable to attend the Mass are invited to watch online via the Cathedral Webcam.

Church Media: Masses from St Patrick's Church can now be viewed via a Fire stick – search 'Church Media' and add to favorites to enable viewing.

Safeguarding: *Our parish safeguarding information is on the posters at the back of every church, in Patrick's Place and in the Parochial House. If you have any concerns, suspicions or wish to make an allegation of child abuse contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Office Philip O'Hara, designated liaison person, 02890492798, Mob 07534992124 or email Philip.ohara@soddc.org*

Marriage Enrichment: Marriage Enrichment Weekend, 26 – 28 April 2024, Co. Kildare: an opportunity to energise communication and romance in your marriage! Visit: www.marriageencounter.ie/marriage-encounter-weekend

Parish Liturgy Team: The Parish are developing a Liturgy Team to act as a resource to promote and enhance parishioner involvement in weekend Masses. If you would like to be involved in this exciting new initiative, please let us know, by email downpatrick@downandconnor.org or calling into the parish office, alternatively, We will hold our first meeting on April 16th at 7.30pm in the Parochial House – anyone interested is invited to come along to the meeting.

Fountain Foodbank would like to acknowledge with thanks, £20 donation received via the trolley at St Patrick's Church. Thank you to everyone who supports the Foodbank and allows us to continue helping the more vulnerable families in our area.

Apostolic Work: Would like to extend sincere thanks to all who supported their fundraising events over Christmas – The amount raised to date is £1332, this money had been forwarded for use in supporting projects in the developing world. Your ongoing support is sincerely appreciated.

Celebration of St. Mary's High School: Mass in St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday 23rd April at 11am. We invite everyone, past pupils, friends, former staff and parishioners to join us for the Mass.

Refreshments will be available in the school after Mass. Join us as we share memories of the school and pray for our new school going forward.

Computer Skills? Can you help? The parish is looking for people to help with the laptop in St. Patrick's for Masses and other services. We have a small very generous and dedicated team of helpers already but we do need more. If you can help please contact the parish. Tel: 44612084

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Training will be provided.

Thank You: Brigid and Tom Hogan raised £1,200 from donations for St. Brigid's Crosses. £400 of the money went to Holy Ghost Missions, £400 to St Patrick's Church, Downpatrick and £400 to St. Patrick's Church Saul.

Divine Mercy Sunday: The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 3pm on Sunday 7th April in St Patrick's Church. This will be followed by the Rosary. Priests will be available for Confessions.