

Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

Parish Of Downpatrick

8th May 2022

Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Patricia Kearney, Joe Cunninham, Maurice Austin (Father of Stephen, Principal St. Colmcille's),

Anniversaries: Jessica Carson, Isobel Oakes, Alice Denvir, Pat Magennis, Peter McMullan, Robert Hunt, Isobel & Lesley Dawes, Susan McCrissican, Michael McGrady, Angela Carpenter, Robert Murray,

May They Rest In Peace

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

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1,416, Loose Plate £325 Direct Debits £1710, Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions St. Patrick's @7.30pm:

Monday 9th: Anniv: Joseph Torney, Noreen McMullan, Robert Murray,

Wednesday 11th: Anniv: Gertrude Teggart, Mary Deegans, Leo Hanna, Venerable Edel Quinn,

Friday 13th: Anniv: Patrick (Pat) Magennis, Brian & Margaret Fitzsimmons, Jerome Fitzsimons,

Mass Schedule May:

Saturday 7th & 14th May – St. Brigid's Church 7pm

Sunday 22nd & 29th May – St Colmcille's Church 11am

Adoration on Fridays: 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*

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

Readings for Eastertide Week:

Sunday – 8th May 4th week of Eastertide

Acts of the Apostles: 13: 14,43-52

Psalm: 99: 1-3,5

Apocalypse 7: 9, 14-17 John 10: 27-30

Monday – 9th

Acts 11: 1-18 John 10: 1-10

Tuesday – 10th

Acts 11: 19-26 John 10: 22-30

Wednesday – 11th

Acts: 12: 24 – 13; 5 John 12: 44-50

Thursday – 12th

Acts: 13: 13-25 John 13: 16-20

Friday – 13th

Acts: 13: 26-33 John 14: 1-6

Saturday 14th Feast St. Matthias, (Apostle)

Acts: 13: 14-52 John 14: 7-14 or

Acts: 1: 15-17, 20-26 John 15: 9-17

Killough Road
Cemetery Sunday



26 JUNE
3PM

Cemetery Sunday

2022: After two years of the blessing of the graves by Bishop Treanor alone, we are delighted to welcome families back to pray for their loved ones

Struell Cemetery
Sunday



03 JULY
3PM

who lie at rest in the Belfast cemeteries. Milltown Cemetery - Sunday 8th May. City Cemetery - Sunday 15th May. Hannahstown Cemetery - Sunday 29th May. All ceremonies are at 3pm.

Vocations: As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Sunday 8th May 2022 is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It is also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The Lord asked his disciples to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. Pray also for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.

Rosary at the Grottos: The Rosary will be prayed each day during the month of May at hundreds of grottos around the Island of Ireland. To see a list of locations, or to register a grotto (or other suitable location) simply visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie. You can also register by texting 087 278 6552. We are praying for Ireland and for peace in the world.

Parish Envelopes:

Are you a new parishioner or have you started working? will you please support your parish financially? We have been distributing the New Parish Offertory Envelopes over recent weeks - out of a Parish of approx 11,000 people, we delivered 697 boxes of envelopes. Weekly contributions to the parish through offertory envelopes is vital - If you don't have a box of envelopes, why not consider asking us for a box? or alternatively, use the QR code located on the notice board in the porch of St. Patrick's Church to donate. If you would like to donate via standing order, contact the Parish Office on 02844612084 and we will be happy to help. We thank sincerely, all those who contribute to the Parish, your support is deeply appreciated.

Following Christ is a seven-week journey that inspires those who have begun a relationship with Jesus to deepen that relationship by learning and growing in basic disciplines and truths practiced by Christians since the early Church. Our next Following Christ course will be on Tuesdays starting on 10th May. The course will end on 21st June and will include a day-long retreat on Saturday 11th June. Venue: Patrick's Place.

The Obligation to attend Mass: on Sundays and Holy Days: With the easing of Covid 19 restrictions, it is encouraging to see a return to a fuller liturgical life in our parishes. Thankful that we can once again gather as communities of faith, the Irish Bishops have announced that attending Mass on Sunday and Holydays of Obligation will once again be deemed an essential expression of Faith. As always, those whose health is vulnerable or who are unwell will not be under any obligation to attend Mass.



As restrictions ease and confidence grows, growing numbers are returning to Mass. Parish groups are beginning to meet more regularly – though some met right through the pandemic through Zoom. However since the beginning of Covid several groups have depleted in number. Also our lists of readers and Eucharistic ministers have diminished. So – dear Parishioners – you for:

Reading at Mass, Eucharistic Ministry and become a member of:

St. Vincent de Paul Society, The legion of Mary, The Parish Pastoral Council, the Finance Committee, St. Joseph's Young Priests Society, The Parish Social Committee, The Bethany Bereavement Group and The Parish Baptism preparation group.

If you have some time (no more than an hour or maybe two a week) why not offer your services. Just ring the parish office at 44612084 and give your details and one of the priests will contact you. Thank you

The Synodal Pathway: First of all many thanks to those who attended the Synodal Pathway seminar in St. Mary's on Tuesday 3rd May. Thank you to Paula and John of the Living Church Office who coordinated the evening. Also thank you to Ms. McLaughlin for allowing the vicariate to use the school hall – and Michael for preparing the room.

Tea & Toast: Tea & Toast has resumed and will continue each Friday after 9:30am Mass.

