

**Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area**

**Parish Of Downpatrick**

**17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**Your Prayers Are Requested for:**

**Recently Deceased:** Kathleen Laverty,  
Paul McCoubrey, Myra O'Connell,

**Anniversaries 17<sup>th</sup> April:** Sr. M Comgall, Charlie Mount, Patrick McVeigh, Maureen & James Rice, Maurice Campbell, Brian, Gerard, Damian McGrady, Isobel McKeating, Conor McKeating, Henry & Lily Flynn, Leo McGrady, Harry Harris,

*May They Rest In Peace*

**Anniversaries 24<sup>th</sup> April:** Patsy Reynolds, Jim Connolly, Noel Galbraith, Joseph Connolly,

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

**Weekly Collection:** Offertory £2,689, Loose Plate £161, Direct Debits £1710, Thank you for your generosity.

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

**Please note no evening Masses between 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Weekend Masses as usual 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>:** **1<sup>st</sup> Anniv:** Olga McGreevy,  
**Anniv:** John Gribben, Maureen Stranney,  
Brigid McKerney, Kathleen Doyle, Leo McGrady,

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>:** **Anniv:** Kevin Curran, Alf & Isobel Oakes, Patsy Reynolds, Eugene Smyth, Brian, Gerard & Damian McGrady,

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup>:** **Month's Mind:** Willie Philips,  
**Month's Mind:** Bronach Breen,  
**1<sup>st</sup> Anniv:** Jim Connolly,

**Please Note:** The Parish Office will be closed from Good Friday to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. The office will reopen on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April. For Emergencies please ring: 07841101678.

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

**Mass Schedule April:**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>–** St. Brigid's Church 7pm

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> –** St Colmcille's 11am

**Divine Mercy Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April:**

3pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Quiet Prayer.

3:45pm Benediction

There will be confessions during the period of prayer.

**Ongoing Maintenance – St. Patrick's:** This week the guttering on St. Patrick's has been cleaned. Some of it on the Stream Street side had not been cleaned since the transept was erected in 1993.

**St. Colmcille's:** The leak in the ceiling has been repaired.

**St. Brigid's:** The windows at the back of the altar area have been resealed and the large window accidentally broken by the painters in 2021 has been repaired.

**St. Malachy's:** The exterior of St. Malachy's has been repainted – pipes, gutters, window frames, doors.

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

**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, from Easter Sunday 17th April, 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.

**Holy Land:** Good Friday Collection for Catholics in The Holy Land: A collection for the welfare of Christians in the Holy Land will be taken up on Good Friday. Your continued support is sincerely appreciated.

**Adoration on Fridays:** There will be no Exposition on Good Friday (15<sup>th</sup> April) and on Easter Friday (22<sup>nd</sup> April). The Exposition will resume on 29<sup>th</sup> April.

**Apostolic Work:** Join us for our 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting post covid, on Tuesday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Parochial House.

### Readings for Easter Week:

#### Easter Sunday – 17<sup>th</sup> April

Acts of the Apostles: 10: 34, 37-43

Psalm: 117: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Colossians: 3: 1-4 or Corinthians 5: 6-8

John 20: 1-9

#### Easter Monday – 18<sup>th</sup>

Acts: 2: 14, 22-33 Matthew 28: 8-15

#### Easter Tuesday – 19<sup>th</sup>

Acts: 2: 36-41 John 20: 11-18

#### Easter Wednesday – 20<sup>th</sup>

Acts: 3: 1-10 Luke 24: 13-35

#### Easter Thursday – 21<sup>st</sup>

Acts: 3: 11-26 Luke 24: 35-48

#### Easter Friday – 22<sup>nd</sup>

Acts: 4: 1-12 John 21: 1-14

#### Easter Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Acts: 4: 13-21 Mark 16: 9-15

**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](http://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.

#### SYNODAL LISTENING IN OUR PASTORAL

**COMMUNITY.** In order to journey together, Pope Francis wants every person to take their place at the heart of the church and to hear every voice and the voice of the Holy Spirit. As we listen attentively to what the Holy Spirit is saying, we learn how to respond to where we are being lead in the mission of the Church. Our local parishes are encouraged to come together, pray together, and enter into a Spiritual Conversation about our Church at this time. Bishop Treanor has encouraged each area of the Diocese have a time of coming together as part of the Synod. Coming together to listen and share helps us build flourishing and resilient communities for the mission of the Church today. We invite you to come along and to take part in the synod by listening and talking to one another in an authentic, meaningful, and welcoming way. If you would like to take part in this synodal moment, then please feel welcome to join us on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May (7-9pm)** in St Mary's High School, Ardglass Road. The session will be facilitated by Jim Deeds from the Living Church office and Caren Collins, a parishioner of Derrigahy Parish. This event is open to any parishioner.

**Tea & Toast:** There will be no Tea & Toast on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. It will resume again on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April.