

Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

Parish Of Downpatrick

21st May 2023



LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. MAKE DISCIPLES.

Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased Other Parishes:

Malachy Higgins (Belfast, Formerly Downpatrick),

Month's Mind: Eileen Peel, Jeff (Godfrey) Flanagan, Alan Vaughan,

Anniversaries: Sr. M. Aloysius, Sr. M. Heontia, Sr. M. Teresa, Margaret Foley, Robert Hanna, Bill Smyth, Sylvester Vaughan, William C McKeating, John Kelly, Seamus Kelly, Lily & Jack Moore, Brian Martin, Rosaleen McCambridge, Sheila McAllister, Marie Lou Mullan,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1,270, Loose Plate £260, Direct Debits £1155, Thank you for your generosity.

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

Mon: 22nd May, 7.30pm: Month's Mind: Eileen Peel, **Anniv:** Lily & Jack Moore, Deceased members Moore Family

Wed: 24th May 7:30pm:

Month's Mind: Jeff (Godfrey) Flanagan,

Anniv: James Hanna, Frank Forbes, Sean Deegan,

Fri: 26th May 7:30pm: Month's Mind: Alan Vaughan,

Anniv: Clare Campbell,

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

Thank You: On behalf of the parish and the schools, I would like to sincerely thank our PARISH WELCOME TEAM who provided a lovely WELCOME and refreshments for all our primary 7 Confirmation pupils and their parents and sponsors as well as our primary 4 First Communion pupils and parents. Thank you WELCOME TEAM for your kindness and generosity and witness. *Fr. John Murray*

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

Parish Mass Schedule for May / June 2023:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 20 th 11:15	St. Colmcille's	1 st Holy Communion St. Patrick's
Sat 20 th May	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 21 st	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
The Priests of the parish will cover Ardglass this weekend		
Sun 21 st	St. Malachy's	10am
Sun 21 st	St. Colmcille's	11am
Sat 27 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 27 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 28 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
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		

'Evening of Mercy': Sunday after Ascension Sunday, Monday 22nd May.

6:45pm Confessions

7:00pm Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30pm Mass

8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

8:40pm Benediction

All welcome for all or even part of the evening.



Pathways – the diocesan project for the future of our diocese: During the Masses this weekend on May 20th (vigil) and 21st we will be taking a count (numbers only) of those at Mass. This will happen after the creed and prayers. Thank you for your co-operation.

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.

MAINTENANCE: Recently the roof of St. Patrick's as well as guttering on the church and presbytery were repaired. Some slates had become dislodged and there was other general 'wear and tear.' This has all now been repaired. Leaks have been fixed. The cost to the parish was £12,000 + VAT. Your contributions in the envelopes and in the boxes are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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 begins on Tuesday 23rd May for 3 weeks and will be held in Patrick's Place (Crypt) between 7:30pm – 9pm. Following a cup of tea. We look forward to welcoming you!

Christian Meditation and Movement resumed on Sunday 7th May. It will take place in Patrick's Place 7–8pm. For more information contact Philomena on 07754877021.

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE A DAY OF PRAYER To place the Church's entire synodal process, especially the work of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, which will take place in Rome this October, under the protection of Mary, Mother of the Church. WHERE? Knock Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo WHEN? Wednesday, 31st May 2023 WHAT TIMES? 11am: Prayer Service in the Apparition Chapel 12pm: Mass in the Basilica of Our Lady, Queen of Ireland 7pm: Rosary followed by Mass in Knock Parish Church. LIVESTREAM, Join us by livestream at www.knockshrine.ie if you cannot be with us on the day and please continue to pray for the synodal process in your daily prayers.

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.

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.

Life in the Spirit: A new series of Life in The Spirit Seminars (as encouraged by Pope Francis) have begun on Thursday 27th April at 7.30pm in Patrick's Place - The Crypt at St. Patrick's Church, Downpatrick., the Seminar will continue for 6 weeks, each Thursday at 7:30pm, guest speakers in attendance. come and learn how to walk and live in the Holy Spirit. The next talk will be on Thursday 25th May.

Graduation Mass – QUB Catholic Chaplaincy On Thursday 1 June at 5.15pm, the QUB Chaplaincy will host a Graduation Mass for the Class of 2023. Students, their families and friends, as well as staff and alumni are most welcome. This Mass will be the last special celebration before we close our doors. Refreshments will be served afterwards. If you plan to come, it would be helpful if you could let us know by emailing catholicchaplaincy@qub.ac.uk

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 30 May - Baroness Nuala O'Loan on 30th May (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

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