

## Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

### Parish Of Downpatrick

13<sup>th</sup> March 2022

#### Your Prayers Are Requested for:

**Recently Deceased:** Paul Gilgunn,

**Month's Mind:** Eva Thomson,

**Anniversaries:** Sr. Mary Perpetua, Maura Linton, Norah Fitzsimons, Margaret Savage, James Galbraith, Pat Oakes, Colm McSheffrey, Maureen Moss, Bernadette McKenny, Brendan Tweedie, Margaret Gilchrist, Alfie Marron, Bernadette Craig, Brian McConvey,

*May They Rest In Peace*

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

*BAPTISM – NO RESTRICTION ON NUMBERS, however, for the safety all attending a Baptism, we ask that you keep your group as small as possible and that your group all sit together in one area of the church.*

**Weekly Collection:** Offertory £1900 Loose Plate £155, Direct Debits £1720, Donation £800, Thank you for your generosity.

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

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>, Month's Mind: Eva Thomson, Aniv: Maura Linton, Walter & Austin Keating, Norah Fitzsimons, Anne McErlean, Annie Robinson, Vera Vaughan, Josephine McCann, Brian & Madeleine Gilfedder,

**Adoration:** 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*

**Confession in St. Patrick's have resumed as follows:** Monday's 6.45pm – 7.20pm, Wednesday 3pm - 4pm, Friday 3pm – 4pm, Saturday 12 Noon – 1pm

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

**Lent:** Stations of the cross: will be celebrated every Wednesday at 6:30pm . This prayer can be attended in the church or also online.

**Offertory Envelopes:** We are currently preparing for the new collection year, if you have Offertory Envelopes and have changed address during the last 12 Months, please let us know. If you are new to the Parish and would like to donate via Offertory Envelopes, please contact Mary on 02844612084 or email [downpatrick@downandconnor.org](mailto:downpatrick@downandconnor.org)

**Downpatrick Pro Life Group** have organised a bus to take Pro Life Supporters to an event in Stormont Estate on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022 commencing at 4.00pm. Organised by "N.I Voice for The Voiceless " remembering all the Lives of Unborn Babies lost to Abortion in our country and our opposition to Abortion being forced on us. The bus will leave from St. Patrick's Church car park Downpatrick at 3.00pm sharp. There will be pick up points along the route in Crossgar ( at the old Post Office in Main St. Crossgar) and also in Saintfield at the bus stop just past the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of Traffic lights. The cost of the trip there and back will be £6.00 per head. The March will be silent and the organisers have asked that people wear black or dark clothing and carry an electric or battery light. If you would like to join us please book your seat by contacting the Parish office on 02844612084 and leave your name and contact details.

**Ukraine Appeal:** There will be a collection for the Ukraine in all Parishes throughout Ireland on March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Donations can be given to any of the clergy or placed in the white box in the sanctuary area. Further details to follow.

Did you know that you can donate online at [www.stpatrickdownpatrick.com](http://www.stpatrickdownpatrick.com) or by using the barcode in the church porch at St Patrick's – Please ensure you complete all the details so that we can allocate your donation to your offertory envelope.



#### **Saint Patrick International Conference**

The Saint Patrick Centre launches an International Conference on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March called 'Patrick and Early Christian Ireland', featuring leading academics from Ireland, Britain and America. Tickets £20 per day including lunch - book now on 02844619000.

CONFESSION WILL REMAIN IN THE TRANSEPT AREA OF THE CHURCH FOR NOW – THE SIGN OF PEACE REMAINS SUSPENDED FOR NOW – HOLY WATER FONTS ARE TO REMAIN EMPTY FOR NOW. – PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING IN SO FAR AS POSSIBLE – **PLEASE DO NOT CROWD INTO PEWS, THERE ARE PLENTY OF SPACES FOR EVERYONE!**

### Readings for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Lent

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year C)

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Psalm 26: 1,7-9, 13-14

Philippians 3: 17-4:1

#### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Daniel 9:4-10

Luke 6:36 -38

#### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Isaiah 1: 10,16-20

Matthew 23: 1-12

#### Wed 16<sup>th</sup>: Jeremiah 18: 18-20

Matthew 20: 17-28

**Thurs 17<sup>th</sup>** – St Patrick, National Apostle of Ireland. Various sets of Readings are offered in the Lectionary, here are one set:

1 Peter 4:7-11

Psalm 95 2-3, 7-8, 10

Luke 5: 1-11

#### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Feast of St Cyril of Jerusalem

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28

Matthew 21: 33-43, 45-46

#### Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Feast of St Joseph

2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16

Psalm 88: 2-5, 27, 29

Romans 4:13,16-18,22

Matthew 1:16, 18-21,24

**150 Years! The Church of St. Patrick was formally blessed and consecrated in 1872. The Transept was added in 1993. To celebrate this historic event in our parish, there will be a NOVENA in honor of St. Patrick from March 8<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 2022.**

**All services & public events are open to the public. Booking not required.**

**March 14<sup>th</sup>** ‘Slemish Day’ – a day of prayer and fasting in imitation of Patrick. Why not try to keep a ‘Slemish Day’ – like Patrick had to every day for 6 years? Perhaps after breakfast – just take bread and water until you have your evening meal? Give what you save to the Ukraine appeals or to Trocaire.

followed by Mass at 7.30pm Celebrant: Bishop Paul McAleenan.

**March 14<sup>th</sup>** Join Fr. Murray during the day for one, two or all three!

11am – at Struell Wells – Renewal of Baptismal vows

3pm – at Inch Abbey – Renewal of Confirmation

4pm – at St. Patrick’s Grave – Prayer of commitment to parish renewal.

Each moment will last 5/6 minutes

**March 15<sup>th</sup>** Mass celebrated by Archbishop Eamon Martin (Armagh) 7:30pm

**March 16<sup>th</sup>** 11:05am St. Mary’s HS. Fr. John Murray PP Mass 7:30pm “150 years from maintenance to Mission.”

Join Fr. Murray on the 16th at 10.15am and 3pm as he visits houses in parish (doorstep only) to give out the Novena prayer. ALL ARE WELCOME. Meet him at St. Patrick’s steps. These will be doorstep visits only, each session will last one hour.

#### **Additional Information:**

- A. The normal 9:30am Mass (10am Saturday) will take place during these days.
- B. A prayer card for the Novena will be distributed from March 1<sup>st</sup>