

Downpatrick Pastoral Area

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 28th January 2024



Your prayers are requested for:

Recently Deceased: Colette McGrady, Tommy Miley, Mary Tully, Sean Perry,

Recently Deceased other parishes:

Michael Gartland (Magheradroll),

Anniversaries: Sr. M Columba Kirkwood, Sr. M. Gerard Cosgrove, Malachy B. McGrady, John Doris, Patrick McCrissican, Patrick (Paddy) Feenan, John Oakes, Johnny Perry, Betty Perry, Marian Quinn, Peter McCartan, James Digney, Angela McGarry, Anne-Marie Smith, William Gilchrist, Sarah Polly, Brian McKeown, Evelyn Blythe, Mary Kelly, David Williams, Martha McMullan, Willie Byrne, James (Jim) Botsford, Miriam Quinn, Eileen Walsh, Gretta McDonald, Sarah Kerr, Raymond Hazard,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1,075, Loose Plate £416, Direct Debits £1880. Thank you for your generosity

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

Mon 29th Jan: Anniv: William & Brigid McKeown, Eileen Kelly & Thomas Kelly, June Cogger, Kush Wright, Roisin Kearney, Francie Kearney, Eileen Walsh, James (Jim) Botsford,

Wed 31st Jan: Vigil Mass in St. Brigid's Church 7:30pm. No Evening Mass in St. Patrick's.

Fri 2nd Feb: Month's Mind: Thomas Jervis, Anniv: Vera Coyle, Noel McGrady, Brendan Rice, Jimmy Shields, Rita Quinn, Kathleen Quinn, Malachy Craig,

Friends of Holy Land would like to acknowledge, with sincere thanks, a donation of £3,832 from Downpatrick Parish. The donation comprised of the Christmas Crib collection and contributions from parishioners over the last number of weeks. Please continue to remember the Holy Land and friends in your prayers.

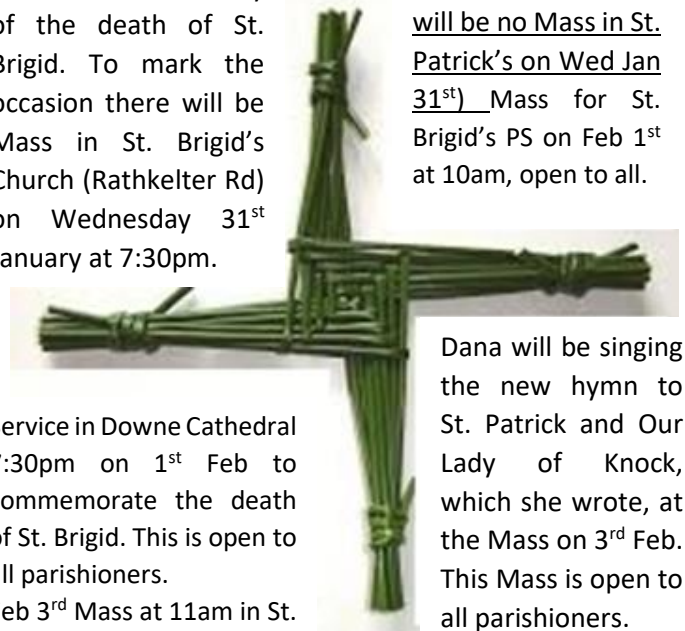
Parish Mass Schedule for Jan / Feb 2024:

Table with 3 columns: Date, Church, Time. Lists mass times for various churches from Jan 27th to Feb 25th.

'Evening of Mercy': Monday 29th January 2024. 6:45pm Confessions, 7:00pm Rosary, 7:30pm Mass, 8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:40pm Benediction, with prayers for healing in the area of sexuality, All welcome for all or even part of the evening.

This year – 2024 – is the 1500th anniversary of the death of St. Brigid. To mark the occasion there will be Mass in St. Brigid's Church (Rathkelter Rd) on Wednesday 31st January at 7:30pm.

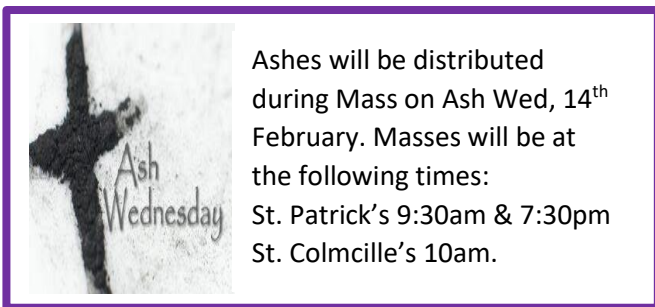
(Please note there will be no Mass in St. Patrick's on Wed Jan 31st) Mass for St. Brigid's PS on Feb 1st at 10am, open to all.



Service in Downe Cathedral 7:30pm on 1st Feb to commemorate the death of St. Brigid. This is open to all parishioners. Feb 3rd Mass at 11am in St. Patrick's attended by the Guides & Brigini of the Northern Province. All welcome. Please note time of Saturday Mass – no Mass at 10am.

Dana will be singing the new hymn to St. Patrick and Our Lady of Knock, which she wrote, at the Mass on 3rd Feb. This Mass is open to all parishioners.

The annual 4 Corners Festival is set to return in February 2024 with a packed line-up of events which include everything from talks, discussions and exhibitions to music and literature. Now in its 12th year, the festival was conceived as a way to inspire people from across the city to transform it for the peace and wellbeing of all. The festival features a range of music, discussion, sport and faith-inspired events and will run from February 1st to 11th in venues in all four corners of the city. All festival events are free of charge, with most open to the public, although advance booking of tickets is mandatory. Select events will be streamed online on the official 4 Corners Festival YouTube and Facebook accounts. Tickets for the event will be available to book on the website. For more information about the festival and to keep up to date with programme updates go to www.4cornersfestival.com



Safeguarding Certificates: A small number of people have not collected their certificates. These are available from the parish office.

RGU Lotto: This week's lotto numbers were 9-10-17-19. Three tickets matched three numbers to share £100. Next week's jackpot is £7400. PLAY ONLINE USING THE LINK ON FACEBOOK.

Church Carparking: Could we invite parishioners to park their cars in the designated spaces – there are 100 in total in the carpark.

Please do not park in the area just below the steps – except the 3 designated special needs places. This is to ensure the easy access for an ambulance should need arise – as has happened 3 times in recent years. Thank you for your consideration. Could we also encourage parishioners and visitors to park within the white lines so as to maximise the facility of the carpark, especially at the Sunday 10:30am Mass.

Copyright and Music Licensing: This topic has been on the agenda of the Diocese for some time, and arrangements have now been made to offer advice and guidance to parishes to help them overcome some of the difficulties they may encounter if they do not have compliant processes in place. Presentations covering Copyright and Music Licensing will be held at the following venues from 7.30pm until 9pm. Tea/coffee will be served from 7pm.

- St Brigid's Hall, Belfast on 15th February.
- All Saints' Parish and Community Centre, Ballymena on 27th February.
- Patrick's Place, St. Patrick's Church, Downpatrick on 5th March.

The presentations will be particularly relevant to choir directors, choir members, cantors, psalmists, parish musicians and parish contemporary music groups. Those who are responsible for setting up or maintaining parish websites are especially welcome. This will be an invaluable resource for our parish that will help us to be compliant, and I would encourage as many participants as possible to attend one or other of these presentations.



Christ-life – Following Christ:

- The course will continue on Tuesday 30th January at 7pm.
- Last week's session was cancelled due to the poor weather. Blame Jocelyn!
- Even if you missed the first session you can still attend. This session will be looking at how we can get the Bible to help us pray and grow in faith.