

**Downpatrick Pastoral Area**

**Parish of Downpatrick**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023**



**Ordination:** Please pray for Dawid Aksenczuk who will be ordained for our diocese on this Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August at St. Peter's Cathedral. The Mass is at 3pm and can be viewed on their parish webcam (St. Peter's Belfast).

**Your Prayers Are Requested for:**

**Recently Deceased:** Baby Éala Kilmartin,

**Recently Deceased other parishes:**

Mary (Cassie) McComb – Killyleagh –

Catherine Thiselton (Young) – Southampton –

James Young – Adelaide, Australia –

**Anniversaries:** James & Margaret Cassidy, Jack & Nora Wall, James & Letitia McVeigh, Francis Savage, Christopher McNally, Dessie Quinn, Raymond Galbraith, Edna Smyth, Marie Wilson, Margaret Hynds, Agnes McKeown, Mary & Kathleen Carson, Maureen Laverty, Catherine McAlinden,

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

**Mon: 28<sup>th</sup> Aug: Anniv** Bill Kearney, Siobhan Smyth,

**Wed 30<sup>th</sup> August: Anniv:** Michael Cusack, Jennifer (Jenny) Cunliffe, Patrick Vint,

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> September: 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv:** Rosaleen McNabb, **Anniv:** Annie McKee, Mary Kelly, Christopher Casement

**Weekly Collection:** Offertory £1,175 Loose Plate £205, Direct Debits £1880. Thank you for your generosity

**Confessions this week:** St. Patrick's Mon 6:45pm, Fri - 3pm-4pm, Sat 12pm-1pm. St. Colmcille's Wed 3pm – 4pm

**Please Note:** The Parish Office will close on bank holiday Monday and will re-open on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August.

**Claire's Coffee & Tea for MND:** They are having a coffee & Tea gathering in the RGU Clubhouse on Saturday September 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10am to 2pm to raise money and awareness for MND. Everyone Welcome.

**Legion of Mary:** The annual L.O.M trip will take place on 24th September, everyone welcome. The usual price of £20, the same as the Rosary Rally trip paid on booking. There will be one stop going and one stop coming back, where you can buy food. Or you can take a packed lunch which can be eaten at Knock, where you can buy tea or coffee. The same bus times apply; Castlewellan 6:30am, Downpatrick 6:45am, Crossgar 7am and Saintfield 7:15am. To book & pay, ring Colette on 07732610247.

**Parish Mass Schedule for August/ September 2023:**

Date	Church	Time
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	St. Malachy's	10am

**'Evening of Mercy':** 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday OT – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Aug  
6:45pm Confessions  
7:00pm Rosary  
7:30pm Mass  
8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
8:40pm Benediction,  
All welcome for all or even part of the evening.

**The vote for the Mass times:** Thank you everyone for your votes on the suggested Mass times from September. Thank you to our team of counters who facilitated the count. The results were as follows:

**The vote for the vigil Mass was:**

**5:30pm (142) 6:00pm (19)** so the vigil Mass remains at 5:30pm.

**The vote for the Sunday morning Mass was:**

**10:30am (145) 11:00am (100)** so the Mass will be at 10:30am. This new time will operate from September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Parish Draw:** As you know the parish draw was due to be launched again in April 2020. But owing to the Covid pandemic it had to be suspended because our promoters would have been unable to make their returns. Recently, after a meeting with Canon Murray the promoters decided to re-launch the draw in October 2023. It was decided to have only one draw with 31 prizes on the basis of the returns that had been received by March 2020. If anyone still wishes to become a member the final closing date for receipts will be 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023. The prizes will be: £5000, £2000, 6 x £1000, 10 x £200, 5 x £100, 8 promoters prizes of £30 – a total of 31 prizes, amounting to £15,740. **BANKERS ORDERS:** Those who paid by Bankers Order should cancel their order with their bank with immediate effect, those who have over subscribed on Bankers orders' will have the extra money refunded by cheque. With regards to the method of drawing winners, members who have paid £60, will receive 12 tickets, those who paid £30, six tickets, those who paid £5 one ticket, i.e. One ticket for every £5 paid in. We hope members will be satisfied with these methods of completing the final Draw, which has been disrupted by the difficult circumstances caused by Covid. Owing to the fact that some of our promoters are ill and some are no longer collecting the draw in October will be the last one. Many thanks to all our promoters and members for helping to make a success of the draw over the last few years. The draw brought in a substantial amount for the parish. If a member does not wish to be in the draw, please contact us before 30<sup>th</sup> August.



Society for the **Protection**  
of Unborn Children

*Defending life from the  
moment of conception*



**Important meeting: "WITHDRAW THE LAW"**

7:30-9 pm, Tuesday 12 September 2023

Europa Hotel  
Great Victoria Street  
Belfast  
BT2 7AP

As you know, the Relationships and Sexuality Education (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 force all post-primary schools in Northern Ireland – regardless of the school's ethos – to teach girls that they have a right to abortion and how they can get one without the knowledge of their parents.

As part of our efforts to have it overturned, we are holding a very important meeting for everyone who objects to abortion lessons in Northern Ireland's schools. The aim of the meeting is to send an unequivocal message to the Government in London: The new law on RSE must be withdrawn and no further measures introduced without a full public consultation. Please make this meeting a priority and come along. We are asking people to register for the meeting. You can reserve your place via the link below. <https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/-aPZCrYoRInlyWtzqNZC?domain=spuc.us10.list-manage.com> Parishioners will have an opportunity at Mass this weekend August 26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> to fill in a card which will be sent to the secretary of state.

**LOUGH DERG** LOUGH DERG  
2023 Pilgrimage Season

**Living Church, Belfast**  
**One Day Retreat**  
**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023**

Cost £55  
Includes: Return Coach  
Tea, Coffee & Scones on Arrival  
Light Lunch  
Retreat Day - Concluding with Mass

For information & bookings contact:  
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from the Living Church Office.

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@ 7pm

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8 Weekly Sessions: Online Via Zoom  
Concluding with a Retreat Day  
Saturday 18th November 10am - 4pm (Holy Rosary Parish Centre)  
Cost £30

Spaces are Limited. Registration closes on Monday 11th September.

To book your place:  
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