

Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

Parish Of Downpatrick

6th March 2022

Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Michael John Blaney, Marie Canavan,

Month's Mind: Patrick Gribben

Anniversaries: Sr. Margaret, Sr. Mary Agnes, Angela Smith, Billy Murphy, Oonagh Carson, Gerry Carson, Robin McAllister, Alice Boyd, Betty Kelly, Annie Quinn, Bridget Stewart, Ernest Stewart, Marie Tumelty

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 £1277 Loose Plate £85, Direct Debits £1710 Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions St. Patrick's @7.30pm:

Monday 7th 7.30pm: Month's Mind: Patrick Gribben **Anniv:** Billy Murphy, Cathal Brennan, Betty Kelly,

There will be no Mass intentions until 18th March, due to the Novena evenings.

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 starting on March 2nd. This prayer can be attended in the church or also online.

Shalom World: Parishioners – if you go to the parish webpage you will see the letters SW in a small circle at the bottom of the homepage. Click on this and you will be taken to the whole exciting world of Shalom World Programs.

St. Brigid's Crosses: Thank you all those who contributed to the St. Brigid's Crosses. The total amount raised was £1,066, which was presented to the Third World Group in the Parish, B. Hogan.

#Listening Church: Our Holy Father, Pope Francis has invited the Catholic Church to embark on a journey together. Through listening and discernment rooted in the Holy Spirit, the entire people of God will be called to contribute to a process by which the Church deepens in understanding of her mission and looks towards the future. Visit www.downandconnor.org/synod and be part of the conversation! After the novena parishioners will have the opportunity to respond to the "Listening Church"

Vocations Weekend: in Drumalis Retreat Centre from 11th – 13th March 2022. Further information available from Fr. Kevin McGuckian, Tel 02890614567 or email vocations@downandconnor.org

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

Did you know that you can donate online at www.stpatricksdowndpatrick.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.

MASKS: PLEASE DO NOT DISPOSE OF MASKS IN THE CHURCH GROUNDS – THEY ARE A HEALTH HAZARD AND CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR BIRDS – TAKE YOUR MASK HOME AND BIN IT!

HEARING AID FOUND IN ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH – IT IS IN THE SACRISTY FOR THE OWNER TO COLLECT.

UPDATED GUIDELINES: Following the announcement from Robin Swan on February 15th, ALL restrictions in Northern Ireland have now been eased. **It is important to note that the Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays remains suspended at this time**

With Immediate Effect: ALL seating is now open in St Patrick's Church – NO Limit on numbers attending Mass, Weddings or Funerals.

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!

Mass in St. Colmcille's will go ahead on February 20th as arranged, no booking required. All seating will be open as normal.

Updates on Resumption of Masses in St. Brigid's, St. Colmcille's and St. Malachy's will be available via the Parish Bulletin, Facebook and the Website over the coming days. YOU ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO WEAR A FACEMASK AND CONTINUE TO SANITISE YOUR HANDS ON ENTERING/LEAVING CHURCH

Readings for the 1st Week of Lent

1st Sunday of Lent (C)

March 6th: Deuteronomy 26:4-10, Psalm 90: 1-2, 10-15 Romans 10: 8-13 Luke 4: 1-13

March 7th: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 11-18
Matthew 25: 31-46

March 8th: Feast of St. John of God
Isaiah 53: 10-11, Matthew 6: 7-15

March 9th: St. Dominic Savio
Jonah 3: 1-10 Luke 11: 29-32

March 10th: Ester Chapter 4 Matthew 7: 7-12

March 11th: Ezekiel 18: 21-28 Matthew 5: 20-26

March 12th: Deuteronomy 26: 16-19
Matthew 5: 43-48

March 14th Join Fr. Murray during the day!

Join for one, two or all three.

11am – Struell Wells – Renewal of Baptismal vows

3pm – Inch Abbey – Renewal of Confirmation

4pm – St. Patrick's Grave – Prayer of commitment to parish renewal. Each moment will last 5/6 minutes.

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 8th – 16th 2022.

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

Timetable:

March 8th 10:30am St. Brigid's PS
Sisters of St. Clare Sr's Martina & Elaine 7:30pm

March 9th: 11am OLSP PS, 1:15pm St. Patrick's GS
The Ecumenical Aspect Rev Henry Hull 7:30pm

March 10th 10:30am St. Colmcille's PS
'Jesus Heals' Koinonia John the Baptist 7:30pm

March 11th: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament including parish groups and parishioners from 11am to 7:15pm with Benediction at 6:45. 7:30pm Youth event led by Youth Initiatives.

March 12th Confessions 12pm – 1pm and 4pm –5pm.

March 13th Mass celebrated by Bishop Treanor
12pm.

March 14th 'Slemish Day' – a day of prayer and fasting in imitation of Patrick. followed by Mass at 7.30pm Celebrant: Bishop Paul McAleenan

March 15th Mass celebrated by Archbishop Eamon Martin (Armagh) 7:30pm

March 16th 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 11am to 12:30pm and 3pm to 5pm as he visits houses in parish (doorstep only) to give out the Novena prayer. ALL ARE WELCOME. Meet him at St. Patrick's steps at 11am and 3pm.

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 1st