

Parish Notices

28th March 2021

Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Sean Magee, Geraldine Fitzsimons, Peter Grant (Kilcoo),

Month's Mind: Bobby Savage, Sharon Deegan, Imelda Millar,

Anniversaries: Gerry Carson, Sean O'Hare, Betty & Seamus Byrne, Phyllis Robinson, Pat Harris, Ann Heaps, William, Barney & Liam Curran, Elizabeth McGarry,

We Also Remember Our Diocesan Clergy: Fr. Owen O'Kane, Fr. John Stewart, Fr. John McAteer,
May They Rest In Peace

Baptisms: We Welcome Kaleb Massey into our parish family. Baptism can be booked by contacting Mary on 02844612084 Mon – Thurs 9.15am – 2.30pm.

Mass Intentions:

Monday 29th March 7.30pm: Rory Walsh, Gerry Vidanes, Rose O'Toole, Mary Tweedie, **Month's Mind:** Imelda Millar

Wed 31st March: 9.30am: Joe Fisher & Nellie Craig

Wed 31st 7.30pm: Alfie Reynolds, Brian McCabe, Betty & Seamus Byrne

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1,140, Loose Plate £290, Our Sincere Thanks to everyone who contributed to the collections over the last week.

The Parish office is operating on an appointment only system or via phone calls and email – contact us at 02844612084 Mon -Thurs 9am -2.30pm or email downpatrick@downandconnor.org

Trocaire Boxes: Are available from the porch in St. Patrick's Church. Donations can also be made online at Trocaire.org Please ONLY return Trocaire Boxes via the Church or Parish Office – Trocaire DO NOT send people out to collect boxes.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: The envelopes are now available for collection from the Parish Office, Mon, Tues & Thurs next week from 9.15am – 2.30pm. We would appreciate it if parishioners could volunteer to help us with envelope distribution. If you can help, please call to the office.

Resumption of Masses in Downpatrick Parish

Parish Masses have now resumed – a timetable of Mass times is laid out further down the page.

We would ask that those attending the Church remember to adhere to the current guidelines- Wear a Mask, Sanitise Hands and follow social distancing advice.

Masses in the Parish are as follows:

Morning Mass Mon – Fri 9.30am, Sat Morning 10am (Open to the public)

Please note: It is hoped that the P7 classes (Confirmation) of Our Lady and St. Patrick's PS will attend the Wednesday 9:30am Mass – and will sit in the transept. We would ask that parishioners might try to attend the 7:30pm Mass instead – or watch online. Thank you for your understanding.

Evening Masses: Monday & Wednesday 7.30pm (Open to the Public), Friday at 7.30pm are ONLINE ONLY.

Sunday Masses:

Saturday (Vigil) 5.30pm - Open to the Public

Sunday 9am (ONLINE ONLY), 12 Noon – Open to the Public.

EASTER MASS ARRANGEMENTS: ALL THE EASTER CEREMONIES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. TICKETS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL OF THE EASTER CEREMONIES. PLEASE ONLY BOOK A TICKET IF YOU ARE SURE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND!

Morning Prayer of the Church – 9.30am (Thursday 1st April).

Holy Thursday – Mass of The Lord's Supper at 7.30pm

Good Friday: 2nd April Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm, Prayer around the Cross at 7.30pm

Saturday 3rd April – Easter Vigil at 9pm

Easter Sunday 4th April– Mass at 9am and 12 Noon (The 9am Mass on Easter Sunday is open to the Public)

Tickets for the Easter Ceremonies are available from the Parish Office from Monday 29th March to Thursday 1st April between 9.15am and 2pm. Please phone to book - Tel 02844612

TICKETS CANNOT BE BOOKED BY VOICE MAIL OR EMAIL – TELEPHONE BOOKING ONLY

The Church will be closed immediately after each Mass and will open Monday – Saturday 1pm – 4pm and Sunday 2.30pm – 5.00pm for private prayer.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

PALM SUNDAY: Palms will be distributed by Stewards at the Vigil (5.30pm) and 12 Noon Mass. Unfortunately, we are not permitted to leave Palms in the Church. Booking IS NOT required for the Vigil or the Mass on Palm Sunday.

There will NOT be a Mass at Struell Wells this year.

Unfortunately, we are not permitted to leave out booklets for Holy Week – most of the service/s will be on the screen and visible to both those in the Church and viewing online.

How to make an act of perfect contrition Through an act of Perfect Contrition, you can receive the forgiveness of your sins outside of confession, even mortal sins, provided that you determine yourself to correct your life and make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as possible, when it becomes once more available.

1. In reality, or in your mind, kneel at the foot of a crucifix and repeat: "Jesus, my God and my Saviour, in the midst of your agony you remembered me, you suffered for me, you wanted to purify me from my sins".
2. Contrition is "perfect" if you repent of your sins because you love God and you sincerely regret having offended Him and having contributed Christ's sufferings on the Cross.
3. Recite, slowly and sincerely, an act of contrition focusing on the goodness of God and your love for Jesus: "O my God, since you are so good I am sincerely repentant for having sinned against you and with the help of your grace I will no longer sin. Amen".
4. Make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as possible