

Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

Parish Of Downpatrick

1st May 2022

Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Agnes Vint, Paddy Graham, John Fitzsimons, Tommy McCrissican, Callum Fitzsimmons,

Anniversaries: James Carson, Michael Edgar, Teddy Quinn, Eileen Murray, Jimmy Cochrane, William Cochrane, Hugh Burns, Ciara Burns, James Adair, Charles Adair, Rose Adair, Billy Blaney, Bill Galbraith, Ursula Rice, Mona Jamison, Sean Mulholland, Michael Edgar,
May They Rest In Peace

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

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1,156, Loose Plate £366 Direct Debits £1710, Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions St. Patrick's @7.30pm:

Monday 2nd: Month's Mind: Anthony Keown,
Anniv: Isobel Spencer, Sarah Hogg, Anna Mahon,

Wednesday 4th: Anniv: Betty Morgan,

Friday 6th: Month's Mind: Noreen McGreevy,

Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on May Day Bank Holiday and will reopen on Tuesday 3rd May. For Emergencies please ring: 07841101678.

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

Mass Schedule April / May:

Saturday 30th April, 7th & 14th May – St. Brigid's Church 7pm

Sunday 22nd & 29th May – St Colmcille's Church 11am

Readings for Eastertide Week:

Sunday – 1st May

Acts of the Apostles: 5: 27-32,40-41

Psalm: 29: 2,4-6,11-13

Apocalypse 5: 11-14 John 21: 1-19

Monday – 2nd – St. Athanasius, Bishop

1 John 5: 1-5 Matthew 10: 22-25 or

Acts 6: 8-15 John 6:22-29

Tuesday – 3rd – Feast of St. Philip & James

1 Corinthians 15: 1-8 John 14: 6-14

Wednesday – 4th – Saint Conleth, Bishop

Acts: 8: 1-8 John 6: 35-40

Thursday – 5th – Blessed Edmund Rice

Acts: 8: 26-40 John 24: 35-48

Friday – 6th

Acts: 9: 1-20 John 6: 52-59

Easter Saturday 7th

Acts: 9: 31-42 John 6: 60-69

Cemetery Sunday

Parish Cemetery – Killough Road:

June 26th – 3:00pm

Struell Cemetery:

July 3rd – 3:00pm

The Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days: With the easing of Covid 19 restrictions, it is encouraging to see a return to a fuller liturgical life in our parishes. Thankful that we can once again gather as communities of faith, the Irish Bishops have announced that attending Mass on Sunday and Holydays of Obligation will once again be deemed an essential expression of Faith. As always, those whose health is vulnerable or who are unwell will not be under any obligation to attend Mass.

Adoration on Fridays: 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

SYNODAL LISTENING IN OUR PASTORAL

COMMUNITY. In order to journey together, Pope Francis wants every person to take their place at the heart of the church and to hear every voice and the voice of the Holy Spirit. As we listen attentively to what the Holy Spirit is saying, we learn how to respond to where we are being lead in the mission of the Church. Our local parishes are encouraged to come together, pray together, and enter into a Spiritual Conversation about our Church at this time. Bishop Treanor has encouraged each area of the Diocese have a time of coming together as part of the Synod. Coming together to listen and share helps us build flourishing and resilient communities for the mission of the Church today. We invite you to come along and to take part in the synod by listening and talking to one another in an authentic, meaningful, and welcoming way. If you would like to take part in this synodal moment, then please feel welcome to join us on **Tuesday 3rd May (7-9pm)** in St Mary's High School, Ardglass Road. The session will be facilitated by Jim Deeds from the Living Church office and Caren Collins, a parishioner of Derriaghly Parish. This event is open to any parishioner.

Rosary at the Grottos: The Rosary will be prayed each day during the month of May at hundreds of grottos around the Island of Ireland. To see a list of locations, or to register a grotto (or other suitable location) simply visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie You can also register by texting 087 278 6552. We are praying for Ireland and for peace in the world.

Parish Envelopes:

Are you a new parishioner or have you started working? will you please support your parish financially? We have been distributing the New Parish Offertory Envelopes over recent weeks - out of a Parish of approx 11,000 people, we delivered 697 boxes of envelopes. Weekly contributions to the parish through offertory envelopes is vital - If you don't have a box of envelopes, why not consider asking us for a box? or alternatively, use the QR code located on the notice board in the porch of St. Patrick's Church to donate. If you would like to donate via standing order, contact the Parish Office on 02844612084 and we will be happy to help. We thank sincerely, all those who contribute to the Parish, your support is deeply appreciated.

Ukraine Appeal: Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the recent Special Collection for Ukraine. Nationally, this collection has raised to date over €3.25 million. The war in Ukraine, and the terrible suffering which has resulted, has seen a tremendous outpouring of compassion and generosity from our parish communities. Your contributions will bring much-needed relief to those in the region whose lives and livelihoods have been devastated. The funds raised will be used by the international Catholic Church agency, Caritas Internationalis, which is currently operating on the ground in Ukraine and its surrounding areas. We continue to keep the people of Ukraine in our thoughts, praying for peace and an end to this appalling humanitarian crisis.

Following Christ is a seven-week journey that inspires those who have begun a relationship with Jesus to deepen that relationship by learning and growing in basic disciplines and truths practiced by Christians since the early Church. Our next Following Christ course will be on Tuesdays starting on 10th May. The course will end on 21st June and will include a day-long retreat on Saturday 11th June. Venue: Patrick's Place.

Tea & Toast: Tea & Toast will resume on Friday 6th May after 9:30am Mass.



RGU Lotto: This week's lotto numbers were: 7-8-25-26. Four people matched three numbers. Next week's jackpot is £3000. PLAY ONLINE USING THE LINK ON FACEBOOK.