

Downpatrick Pastoral Area

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 15th October 2023



Your prayers are requested for:

Recently Deceased: Paul Curran, May McCurry,

Anniversaries: Kathleen McGrady, Arthur Overend, Kathleen Overend, Annie Morrison, Annie & Pat O'Reilly, Annie Feenan, Winifred Oakes, Mary Hanna, Vincent Quinn, Danny O'Flynn, Barney Bogues, James & Sarah Blaney, Kathleen Ward, William & Margaret Denvir, James Patrick McGorrian, Sean King, William, James & John Reynolds, John Irvine,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1,704 Loose Plate £237, Direct Debits £1880. Thank you for your generosity

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

There are no Anniversaries this week, during mission week.

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

World Mission Sunday: Is the Pope's official charity for overseas mission and is part of a worldwide network of 120 offices, under the co-ordination of the Pontifical Mission Societies in Rome. World Missions' aims are to share the Gospel and build the Church throughout the World. World Missions reach out to some of the most inhospitable, marginalised and disadvantaged communities in the world, offering aid to struggling communities, allowing them to grow and thrive. Last Year, as a Diocese, we raised £63,863 for World Missions. This year the Collection will be taken up on Sunday 22nd October; your support would be greatly appreciated.

Adoration on Friday 20th October: On the final day of our parish mission, Adoration will start at 3pm and finish at 6pm. (There is a wedding on Friday 20th).

Final parish draw: Owing to the difficulties of carrying out the normal procedures that would have taken place before the covid outbreak in 2020, just one draw will take place with 31 prizes, including 8 promoter's prizes. The date for the draw is Thursday, 26th October 2023, in the Parochial House. All promoters are invited to attend. We hope to have light refreshments available at 7pm with the draw taking place around 8:30pm. Thank you, promoters and members, for your patience in the difficult circumstances encountered over the past three and a half years or so.

A poster for Mission Week. At the top right, it says 'OCTOBER 16TH - 20TH 2023'. The word 'FIRE' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below it is a large white cross with a flame at the bottom right. The background shows a church at night with lights. On the left, there is a list of activities: Faith, Ignite, Renew, Evangelise. In the center, it says 'DOWNPATRICK PARISH MISSION'. Below that, it lists the schedule for Monday through Friday, including Mass times and services. At the bottom, it says 'MON-FRI: MASS AT 9.30AM' and 'ADORATION, DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET, ROSARY 3-4PM'.

Mission Week: "We want many people who do not traditionally come to Mass to join us for our upcoming Mission Week (16-20 October). Please think of one or two people you could invite and take a Mission leaflet from the Welcoming Team and pass it on to them. Thank You."

Parish Mass Schedule for October 2023:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 14 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 15 th	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 15 th	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sat 21 st	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sat 21 st	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 22 nd	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 22 nd	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 28 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 29 th	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 29 th	St. Colmcille's	10am

'Evening of Mercy': 28th Sunday OT – Monday 16th Oct
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.

Prayer Groups:

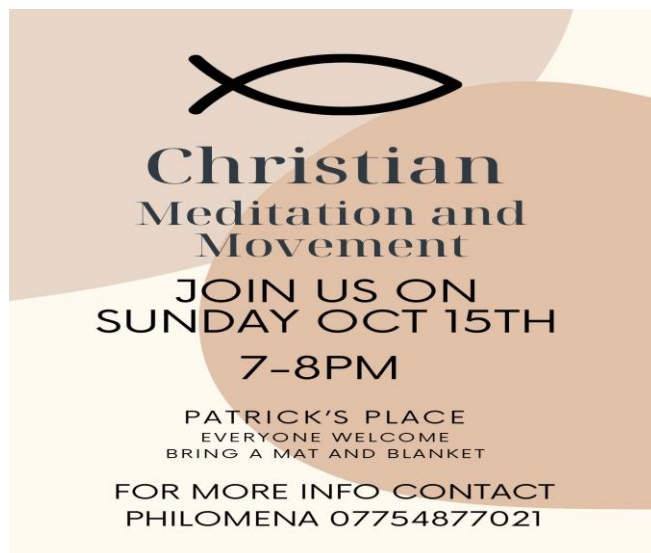
Lectio Divina meet each Tuesday at 11am in the Parochial House

Legion of Mary meet each Tuesday at 1pm in the Parochial House

St. Michael's Prayer Group meet each Thursday at 7:30pm in the Parochial House

Mothers' Prayers meet each Wednesday in Patrick's Place from 10am to 11:15am.

If you would like to join any of the groups, please just call in on the day the group meet for prayer. Everyone is always welcome!



TEA/ COFFEE after Mass: Unfortunately, because of a lack of volunteers, we are unable to continue with tea/coffee after Mass on Fridays. In order to continue, we would ask anyone who can spare some time on a Friday morning, to contact Mary at the Parish Office.

Fountain Foodbank

- We would like to acknowledge with sincere thanks, a donation of £100 received in St. Patrick's over the weekend.
- We are extremely grateful for all the donations we receive; however, we would ask that before donating, dates on items are checked; we cannot distribute food that has passed its expiry date.
- We are currently short of carrier bags, if you have any bags that you are not using, we would be delighted to receive them! Please leave bags in the trolley at St Patrick's Church or drop off at the Parish Office.
- Many thanks to all who support us as we approach another difficult winter for many families in the area.

Reintroducing the Programme for Baptism: As part of our Faith Development in our Parish, we will be reintroducing the Programme for the Sacrament of Baptism from November 2023. Parents requesting Baptism for their child after 19th October must give at least six weeks' notice. They are also required to undertake a "Preparing Your Child for Baptism" course. The dates for these courses along with the Baptism application form and further important information can be obtained from the Parish Office, Tel 02844612084 or via the parish App. At the time of making your booking with Mary, the Parish Secretary, you will be invited to attend Mass on a Sunday before your baby's Baptism when your child will be introduced and welcomed into to the Parish Community.

Pause for Hope: Bringing together in prayer those who have or have had cancer and their loved ones and, those who care for them, doctors and nurses, those with special skills involved in the investigation and treatment of cancer, those in authority who have responsibility for providing resources or scientists trying to find the cure. Clonard Monastery, Belfast Sunday, October 22, 2023 – 3.30pm.

De La Salle High School: We invite you to be an active part of our journey down 'memory lane.' Your stories, memories, and experiences are invaluable in commemorating the rich history of De La Salle High School. A special event will take place on the 24th March 2024 where we will share and celebrate all memories with the school community. Please contact the school if you wish to participate and contribute to the celebrations of De La Salle High School, as we walk hand in hand through the corridors of our shared past.

RGU Lotto. This week's lotto numbers were 4-7-19-23. Eight tickets matched three numbers to share £100. Next week's jackpot is £5900. PLAY ONLINE USING THE LINK ON FACEBOOK.