

Downpatrick Pastoral Area

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 8th October 2023



Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Geraldine Brokley (England),

Anniversaries: Sr. Mary Columba, Patrick Connor, Mae & Johnnie Smyth, Colette McEvoy, Colette McManus,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1,670 Loose Plate £156, Direct Debits £1880. Thank you for your generosity

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

Mon: 9th Oct: Anniv: Catherine McDonagh, Muiread Cunningham,

Wed 11th Oct: Month's Mind: Margaret Farrell, **Anniv:** Oliver Burns,

Fri 13th Oct: Month's Mind: Patricia McCashin, **1st Anniv:** Edward McBride, **Anniv:** Arthur Overend, Kathleen Overend, Annie & Pat O'Reilly,

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

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

Mother's 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!

Thank You: We acknowledge with sincere thanks, £1,000 donated anonymously to the parish this week.

Parish Mass Schedule for October 2023:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 7 th Oct	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sat 7 th Oct	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 8 th	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 8 th	St. Malachy's	10am
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': 27th Sunday OT – Monday 9th 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.

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."

OCTOBER 16TH – 20TH 2023

FIRE

Faith
Ignite
Renew
Evangelise

**DOWNPATRICK
PARISH MISSION**

MONDAY
MASS 7.30PM
HEALING OF THE SICK

TUESDAY
PRAYER SERVICE
ANOINTING WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

WEDNESDAY
7.30PM
MASS OF DISCIPLESHIP

THURSDAY
EXPERIENCE OF PARISH COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUPS

FRIDAY
7.30PM
MASS OF THANKSGIVING
SERVICE OF COMMITMENT

MON-FRI:
MASS AT 9.30AM
ADORATION, DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET, ROSARY 3-4PM

DOWNPATRICK PRO LIFE EVENT:

Downpatrick Pro-Life are holding an outreach event in Downpatrick Town Centre on **Saturday 7th October from 12.00 to 2.00pm**. Please join us in defending unborn babies and supporting families. We wish to highlight recent changes in legislation, which criminalises prayer vigils outside Abortion Clinics. We also wish to voice our opposition to new government requirements for Relationship and Sexuality Education in post primary schools, which promote abortion.

PLEASE JOIN US TO DEFEND LIFE. If you cannot attend, you can sign the online petition on the following link: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/642453>



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 the Parish Community.

Adoration: will take place from 11am – 4pm each Friday. The Divine Mercy Chaplet & the Rosary will be prayed from 3pm – 4pm.

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.

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 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.

RGU Lotto. This week's lotto numbers were 2-4-6-22. Three tickets matched three numbers to share £100. Next week's jackpot is £5800. **PLAY ONLINE USING THE LINK ON FACEBOOK.**

