

Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

Parish Of Downpatrick

28th May 2023



LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. MAKE DISCIPLES.

Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Kathleen Glennon, Pat Feenan, Robert Taggart,

Recently Deceased Other Parishes: Patricia Lundy (Belfast)

Month's Mind: Damian Casement (Crossgar),

Anniversaries: Br. Michael Dwyer, David Burns, Dan Rooney, Brendan Keenan, Eileen Degan, Raymond Degan,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1,742, Loose Plate £371, Direct Debits £1155. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Mon 29th May, 7.30pm: Anniv: Una Burke, Brendan Keenan,

Wed: 31st May 7:30pm: Anniv: Assumpta Taggart, David Doran, Mary Elizabeth McAuley, Tommy Vance, Anna (Annie) Murphy,

Fri: 2nd June 7:30pm: Anniv: Geraldine Keenan, Bella & Frank Ritchie,

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

Meditating with Mary in the Month of May This May, we invite you to join with us as begin the program, Meditating with Mary in the Month of May. Together, as a parish community, we will have an opportunity to reflect on three joyful moments in the life of Mary; the Annunciation, the Visitation and the Magnificat. There will be opportunities to meditate on a piece of Scripture, pray together and learn about the ways in which Sacred Art can inspire our understanding of these joyful events in Mary's life. The program began on Tuesday 23rd May for 3 weeks and will be continue for another two weeks in Patrick's Place (Crypt) between 7:30pm – 9pm. A cup of tea will be available. We look forward to welcoming you!

Corpus Christi: Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Time of Adoration (music & prayer) and benediction (lasting about 30 – 35 minutes) St. Patrick's church. June 11th 5:15pm. All Parish First Communion children are encouraged to attend in their 1st Communion outfits. All parishioners are welcome.

Parish Mass Schedule for May / June 2023:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 27 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 27 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 28 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sat 3 rd June	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 3 rd June	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 4 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sat 10 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 11 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 11 th	St. Colmcille's	11am
Sat 17 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 17 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 18 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 18 th	St. Malachy's	10am
Sun 18 th	St. Colmcille's	11am
Sat 24 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 25 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 25th – Cemetery Sunday – Killough Road 3pm		

'Evening of Mercy': Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, Monday 29th May.

6:45pm Confessions

7:00pm Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30pm Mass

8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

8:40pm Benediction

All welcome for all or even part of the evening.

Pass the basket: Due to Covid we had to install the boxes at the front of the church to enable parishioners to hand in their envelopes or make donations. From May 20th / 21st we would like to restore the basket system for collection. The boxes will also remain in place for the time being.

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE A DAY OF PRAYER To place the Church's entire synodal process, especially the work of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, which will take place in Rome this October, under the protection of Mary, Mother of the Church. WHERE? Knock Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo WHEN? Wednesday, 31st May 2023 WHAT TIMES? 11am: Prayer Service in the Apparition Chapel 12pm: Mass in the Basilica of Our Lady, Queen of Ireland 7pm: Rosary followed by Mass in Knock Parish Church. LIVESTREAM, Join us by livestream at www.knockshrine.ie if you cannot be with us on the day and please continue to pray for the synodal process in your daily prayers.

A Warm Place: The next Tea, Coffee & Toast will be on This Friday 2nd June.

Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 29th May, and will re-open on Tuesday 30th May.

Baptism Course: One of the 'casualties' of Covid was the Baptism Course which the parish offered to young parents prior to the birth of their child. It is hoped to restart this course in the early Autumn. There will be a couple of training sessions in the presbytery in preparation for this course. These will take place on Tuesday 13th June and Tuesday 27th June at 7:30pm – 8:30pm. Anyone who would like to be involved in this and who would like to pass on their faith to the next generation is warmly invited to turn up on these evenings.

'**The Letter**' Screening of the film has been postponed until the season of creation in September 2023.

Cemetery Sunday in the Parish of Downpatrick:

Killough Road, Sunday 25th June @ 3pm.

Struell, Sunday 2nd July @ 3pm.

Visitors & Parishioners are invited to join us for readings, prayers and the rosary. Individuals, please bring Holy water for Blessing of graves. Service will be 30 mins approx.

Graduation Mass – QUB Catholic Chaplaincy On Thursday 1 June at 5.15pm, The QUB Chaplaincy will host a Graduation Mass for the Class of 2023. Students, their families and friends, as well as staff and alumni are most welcome. This Mass will be the last special celebration before we close our doors. Refreshments will be served afterwards. If you plan to come, it would be helpful if you could let us know by emailing catholicchaplaincy@qub.ac.uk

Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre: A warm welcome is extended to a series of conversations under the theme of "Stories of Life, Faith and Hope." Tuesday 30th May - Baroness Nuala O'Loan (former Police Ombudsman), Tuesday 6 June - Fr Aidan Troy CP (former parish priest in Holy Cross, Ardoyne) and advocate on issues around suicide. Further information can be received from the reception at Tobar Mhuire, telephone 02844830242 or email reception@tobarmhuire.com

Local Cemetery Sunday Dates:

Downpatrick

Killough Road 25th June at 3pm

Struell 2nd July at 3pm

Dunsford & Ardglass

Ardglass 4th June at 3pm – Dunsford 18th June at 3pm

Strangford

St Malachy's Kilclief Cemetery – Sunday 16th July at 3pm

Saul

Ballycruttle Cemetery – Sunday 30th July at 3pm

Saul Cemetery – Sunday 6th August at 3pm

Kilmore /Killyleagh

Sunday 11th June at 3pm in St Mary's Star of the Sea, Killyleagh 6pm in Holy Family, Teconnaught on June 11th

Lough Derg 2023 The Living Church Office are organising a three-day pilgrimage to Lough Derg. The Pilgrimage will be led by Jim Deeds. Dates: Friday 30th June – Sunday 2nd July 2023. Cost £90 includes luxury coach transfers. Bus departs 9am Friday 30th June from Glengall Street. Places are limited so early booking is recommended. Contact Claire Tel: 02890 690920 Email: livingchurch@downandconnor.org

HELP! Volunteers needed urgently. The hospitality sector everywhere is struggling - and so is Drumalis. We would greatly appreciate any help you could offer towards sustaining the ministry of hospitality and healing here. To have a chat about this, please phone Maura on 07736324250. Thank you!

Learn about High Crosses and the impact of Christianity on Celtic art! The 2nd International Celtic Art Conference is coming to The Saint Patrick Centre, Downpatrick, June 8-10. Tickets for seminars/outings with artists and scholars are available at Eventbrite. Details www.saintpatrickcentre.com

RGU Lotto. This week's lotto numbers were 4-9-10-21. Three people matched three numbers to win £100. Next week's jackpot is £3900. PLAY ONLINE USING THE LINK ON FACEBOOK. Set Dancing Classes every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm, New members very welcome - contact 07840117232.