

**Downpatrick Pastoral Area**

**Parish of Downpatrick**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023**



**Ordination:** Please pray for Dawid Aksenczuk who will be ordained for our diocese on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August at St. Peter's Cathedral. The Mass is at 3pm and can be viewed on their parish webcam (St. Peter's Belfast).

**Your Prayers Are Requested for:**

**Recently Deceased:** Loreto Reid,

**Recently Deceased other parishes:** Anthony (Tony) Creaney – New York, Catherine Thiselton – Southampton – Formerly Downpatrick, Tony Mitchell – Scarborough – Formerly Downpatrick

**Anniversaries:** Michael Coyle, Margaret Flynn, Hugh Flynn Jnr, Johnnie & Mae Smyth, James Gracey, Joe & Brigid Mary Casement, Terrence Cunningham, Thomas (Tommy) Creaney, Catherine Cunningham,

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

**Mon: 21<sup>st</sup> August: Month's Mind:** Craig Smith,  
**Anniv:** Patrick (Paddy) Galbraith. Noreen Lannin, Paul McKenna,

**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> August: Anniv:** Francis Savage, Annie McEvoy,

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> August: Month's Mind:** Dermot McShane,  
**1<sup>st</sup> Anniv:**  
Anne Boyd & Patrick Quinn (Brother & Sister),  
**Anniv:** Mary McKenzie,

**Weekly Collection:** Offertory £2,091 Loose Plate £786, Direct Debits £1880. Thank you for your generosity

**Adoration:** During July and August there will be Adoration in St. Colmcille's every Wednesday from 3pm – 4pm and in St. Patrick's every Friday from 3pm – 4pm. Everyone welcome. Confessions will also take place between 3pm – 4pm.

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

Fr. Murray will be celebrating Mass in the parish of Saul on August 26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup>

**Legion of Mary:** The annual L.O.M trip will take place on 24th September, everyone welcome. The usual price of £20, the same as the Rosary Rally trip paid on booking. There will be one stop going and one stop coming back, where you can buy food. Or you can take a packed lunch which can be eaten at Knock, where you can buy tea or coffee. The same bus times apply; Castlewellan 6:30am, Downpatrick 6:45am, Crossgar 7am and Saintfield 7:15am. To book & pay, ring Colette on 07732610247.

**Parish Mass Schedule for August/ September 2023:**  
Next week's bulletin will have the precise time of Masses after the vote at Masses on August 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>

Date	Church	Time
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	St. Colmcille's	11am
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	St. Patrick's	5:30pm / 6pm
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	St. Patrick's	10:30am / 11am
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm / 6pm
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am / 11am
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm / 6pm
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am / 11am
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm / 6pm
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am / 11am
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm / 6pm
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	St. Patrick's	10:30am / 11am
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	St. Malachy's	10am

**'Evening of Mercy':** 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday OT – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Aug  
6:45pm Confessions  
7:00pm Rosary  
7:30pm Mass  
8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
8:40pm Benediction, including prayers for healing of memories  
All welcome for all or even part of the evening.

**Masses in St. Patrick's – DON'T LOSE YOUR VOTE!** This weekend at Mass – you will have the opportunity to vote for the time of Mass you would like from September 1<sup>st</sup>. Parishioners at the 5:30pm Mass can vote either for 5:30pm or 6:00pm. Parishioners at 9:00am and 12Noon Masses can vote either for 10:30am or 11:00am. We will publish the results in the following week's bulletin. Email & postal votes have also been noted.

**Parish Draw:** As you know the parish draw was due to be launched again in April 2020. But owing to the Covid pandemic it had to be suspended because our promoters would have been unable to make their returns. Recently, after a meeting with Canon Murray the promoters decided to re-launch the draw in October 2023. It was decided to have only one draw with 31 prizes on the basis of the returns that had been received by March 2020. If anyone still wishes to become a member the final closing date for receipts will be 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023. The prizes will be: £5000, £2000, 6 x £1000, 10 x £200, 5 x £100, 8 promoters prizes of £30 – a total of 31 prizes, amounting to £15,740. **BANKERS ORDERS:** Those who paid by Bankers Order should cancel their order with their bank with immediate effect, those who have over subscribed on Bankers orders' will have the extra money refunded by cheque. With regards to the method of drawing winners, members who have paid £60, will receive 12 tickets, those who paid £30, six tickets, those who paid £5 one ticket, i.e. One ticket for every £5 paid in. We hope members will be satisfied with these methods of completing the final Draw, which has been disrupted by the difficult circumstances caused by Covid. Owing to the fact that some of our promoters are ill and some are no longer collecting the draw in October will be the last one. Many thanks to all our promoters and members for helping to make a success of the draw over the last few years. The draw brought in a substantial amount for the parish. If a member does not wish to be in the draw, please contact us before 30<sup>th</sup> August.



Society for the **Protection**  
of Unborn Children

*Defending life from the  
moment of conception*



**Important meeting: "WITHDRAW THE LAW"**

7:30-9 pm, Tuesday 12 September 2023

Europa Hotel  
Great Victoria Street  
Belfast  
BT2 7AP

As you know, the Relationships and Sexuality Education (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 force all post-primary schools in Northern Ireland – regardless of the school's ethos – to teach girls that they have a right to abortion and how they can get one without the knowledge of their parents.

This law tramples on the rights of parents, will destroy the innocence of children and cost the lives of an untold number of unborn babies. As part of our efforts to have it overturned, we are holding a very important meeting for everyone who objects to abortion lessons in Northern Ireland's schools. The aim of the meeting is to send an unequivocal message to the Government in London:

The new law on RSE must be withdrawn and no further measures introduced without a full public consultation. Please make this meeting a priority and come along. We cannot stay silent as the London Government imposes this shocking regime on our schools, a regime that threatens to grow progressively worse unless we stop it now.

We are asking people to register for the meeting. You can reserve your place via the link below.

<https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/-aPZCrYoRInlyWtzqNZC?domain=spuc.us10.list-manage.com> Parishioners will have an opportunity at Mass next weekend August 26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> to fill in a card which will be sent to the secretary of state.

**Dear Parishioners:** The SVP Conference in Downpatrick would like to thank all of you for your continued and unstinting support to the work of the Society in the area. Each and every contribution makes a difference but we have to express our gratitude especially for a couple of very generous, anonymous donations we have recently received Thank you for your prayerful and practical support, all of which enables us to help those in need in our local community. Thank you and please be assured of our prayers for you and your families.

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FAITH  
IGNITE  
RENEW

EVANGELISE  
October 16<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup>  
Parish Mission 2023  
Keep the dates!