

Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

Parish Of Downpatrick

23rd April 2023



Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Phyllis Mackel, Susan Trainor, Godfrey Flanagan, Oliver Walsh, Eileen Peel,

Recently Deceased Other Parishes Bridie McGrillen (Dromara)

Month's Mind: Elizabeth Kelly,

Anniversaries: Sr. M. Comgall, Mary Burns, Brian, Gerard & Jamie McGrady, Jimmy Cochrane, William Cochrane, William (Willie) McConvey, Isobel McKeating, Conor McKeating, Stephen Shannon, Harry Harris, Angela Campbell, Mary Burns, Ciara Burns, Alice Denvir, Isabel Oakes, Tommy McCrissican, George Tumelty,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £885, Loose Plate £95, Direct Debits £1655, Thank you for your generosity.

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

Mon: 24th Apr, 7.30pm: Anniv: John Fitzsimons, Brian, Gerard & Jamie McGrady, George & Teresa Boyle, Frankie McKenna,

Wed: 26th Apr 7:30pm: Month's Mind: Clare Louise Clarke, **1st Anniv:** Tommy McCrissican,

Fri: 28st April 7:30pm: Month's Mind: Elizabeth Kelly, **1st Anniv:** Callum Fitzsimons, **Anniv:** Anna Mahon, Alf & Isabel Oakes, Jim Connolly, John Peel, Eugene Smyth,

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

Trocaire Boxes: Can be returned to St Patrick's anytime during Easter or during the week to St. Patrick's Church.

Easter Holy Water: Is available in the Sanctuary area – the water is free, however, to cover the cost of the bottles, a small bottle is £1 or a larger bottle is £2, please drop the money into any of the collection boxes at the front of the church.

Parish Mass Schedule for April 2023:

| Date | Church | Time |
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| Sat 22 nd | St. Patrick's | 5:30pm |
| Sun 23 rd | St. Patrick's | 9am & 12Noon |
| Sun 23 rd | St. Malachy's | 10am |
| Sat 29 th | St. Patrick's | 5:30pm |
| Sat 29 th | St. Brigid's | 7pm |
| Sun 30 th | St. Patrick's | 9am & 12Noon |
| Sun 30 th | St. Colmcille's | 11am |

'Evening of Mercy': Monday of 3rd Sunday After Easter 24th April.

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.

Bishop Oliver Dome is coming to the All-Ireland Rosary Rally on June 3rd, at Knock Shrine, he will tell the amazing story of how the Rosary banished the terrorists Boko Haram from his Diocese. The local Legion of Mary Group are trying to determine interest in order to organise a bus, bookings can be secured by paying the bus cost £20 at the time of booking - if you would like to travel with them, contact Colette 0773261024. Bus will do drop off and pick up at Church carparks in Castlewellan, Downpatrick, Crossgar and Saintfield.

The Diocesan Living Church Office have organized a number of enrichment events for our Readers and Eucharistic Ministers in the Diocese. There will be an enrichment day for Readers on Saturday 29th April in Newcastle Parish Centre from 10am - 4pm. Fr. Murray would like as many readers as possible to attend. This will be to your benefit and benefit the parish also. The cost of the day will be covered by the parish. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to attend.

Altar Servers: This is a message for all Primary 5, 6 and 7 children in our parish. There have been no altar servers since Covid. Now Canon Murray would like to invite you to become altar servers at the weekend masses in all the Churches. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to attend Mass in a very special way. If you are interested you can give your name date of birth and a contact number to either your class teacher or to put Parish Secretary Mary Cullen the Parish office 02844612084. Someone will contact you about training and answer any questions you may have.

RGU Lotto. This week's lotto numbers were 7-14-15-18. Three tickets matched three numbers to share £100. Next week's jackpot is £3400. PLAY ONLINE USING THE LINK ON FACEBOOK. Set Dancing Classes every Tuesday evening at 7.30, new members very welcome - contact 07840117232.

A Warm Place: The next Tea, Coffee & Toast will be on Friday 5th May.

There will be no access to Stream Street side of St. Patrick's this week. This is to facilitate repairs to the roof of the Church.

This coming week our Primary School P7^s will be confirmed by Canon Murray. The Schedule is as follows:

Mon 24th St. Brigid's PS

Tues 25th Our Lady and St. Patrick PS

Wed 26th Downpatrick PS

Thurs 27th St. Colmcille's PS

All services are at 2pm and can be viewed on the parish webcam.

Parishioners are also welcome to attend in person.

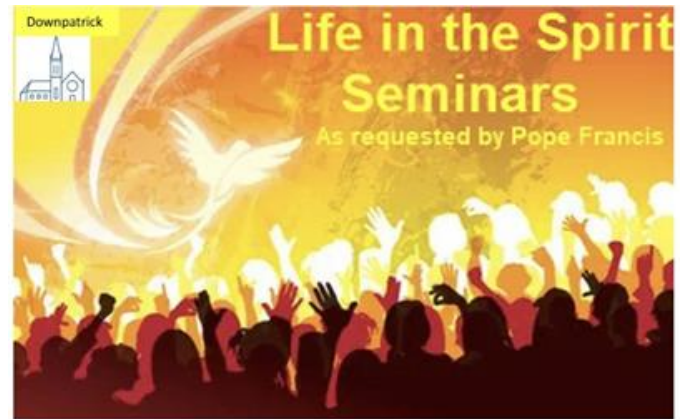
Light refreshments will be available after each ceremony in Patrick's Place (Crypt) on each of the Confirmation days.

Please note: In regards to the school strikes on Wednesday 26th April, all the confirmation dates (above) will still be taking place.

UNBOUND: Fr. Gerry Campbell and a team from the Archdiocese of Armagh will be leading an information and training day on UNBOUND 10am - 5pm on Saturday 29th April at St. Columcille's Parish Hall, 191a Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast. UNBOUND is based on Neal Lozano's book and ministry and it has been used very effectively in helping people break free from sinful patterns, fears and hopelessness using Five Keys: 1) Repentance and Faith 2) Forgiveness 3) Renunciation 4) Authority and 5) The Father's Blessing. Register by email to:

office@divinehealingministries.org

Bring a packed lunch; tea/coffee provided.



Location:

Patrick's Place (Below the Church)

Starting:

April 27th at 7:30pm

All Welcome



Life in the Spirit: A new series of Life in The Spirit Seminars (as encouraged by Pope Francis) will begin on Thursday 27th April at 7.30pm in Patrick's Place - The Crypt at St. Patrick's Church, Downpatrick., the Seminar will continue for 6 weeks, guest speakers in attendance. come and learn how to walk and live in the Holy Spirit.



**Christian
Meditation
and Movement**

Resumes

Sunday 7th May

Patrick's Place 7-8pm

**for more information
contact Philomena**

07754877021

