

Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

Parish Of Downpatrick

9th January 2022

Your Prayers Are Requested for: Recently

Deceased: Aidan Henneidy, Patrick (Paddy) Doyle, Paul McCormick, Baby Cian Conor Linton,

Anniversaries: James Cochrane, Joe Williams, Sam Thompson, William John Vance, Bernie Sharvin, Margaret Fitzsimons, James Murphy, Gerald Mullan, Brian Traynor, Peter Burns, Helen Burns, Patrick Denvir, John Denvir, Delia Coyle, Margaret Cusack, Joseph Pleasants, Bobby Hanna, Hamilton Family, Agnes Halpin, Charles McGrady, Benedict Higgins, Alice McAllister, Geraldine Blanchette, John Oakes, Eugene Simons, Will & Nora Mills & Mills Family, Brigid Stuttard, Theresa Rees, James McGreevy

May They Rest In Peace

Baptisms: Baptism can be booked by contacting Mary on 02844612084 Mon – Thurs 9.15am – 2.30pm. From Tuesday 4th January 2022.

A maximum of ten people can attend Baptisms, this includes parents and sponsors.

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1294, Loose Plate £221, Direct Debits £1755 (DEC) Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions St. Patrick's @7.30pm:

Monday 10th Jan: 1st Anniv: Roger Chillingworth, **Anniv:** Kevin Fitzpatrick,

Wed 12th Jan: Anniv: Joseph Pleasants, Deceased Members of the Hamilton Family, Charles & Mary McGrady

Adoration: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, will resume on Friday 14th January 2022 from 11.00am to 7:30pm (Mass time)

If there is a funeral Mass on a Friday these times will be modified and parishioners will be informed

READER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER ROTA If you cannot attend on the day allocated to you, please contact one of the other reading team if possible to swap with them.

Weekday Readers:

Mon: J. Lavery

Tues: B. Gribben

Wed: J. Lavery

Thurs: K. Hanna

Fri: M. McGlogan

Sat: M. McGlogan & E. Darragh

Confession: The Bishop has advised parishes not to offer individual Confession for the time being. This advice comes after consultation with the Chief Medical Advisor, (Michael McBride.) Parishioners are also reminded of the recommendation by Pope Francis at the start of the Pandemic, to avail of the Act of Perfect Contrition. Please see a copy of this below. The priests of the Parish hope to offer individual confession as soon as it is safe to do so.

Through an act of Perfect Contrition, you can receive the forgiveness of your sins outside of confession, even mortal sins, provided that you determine yourself to correct your life and make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as possible, when it becomes once more available.

- In reality or in your mind kneel at the foot of a crucifix and mentally repeat: "Jesus, my God and my Saviour, in the midst of your agony you remembered me, you suffered for me, you wanted to purify me from my sins".
- Contrition is "perfect" if you repent of your sins because you love God and you sincerely regret having offended Him and having contributed Christ's sufferings on the Cross. • Recite, slowly and sincerely, an act of contrition focusing on the goodness of God and your love for Jesus: "O my God, since you are so good, I am sincerely repentant for having sinned against you and with the help of your grace I will no longer sin. Amen".
- Make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as possible

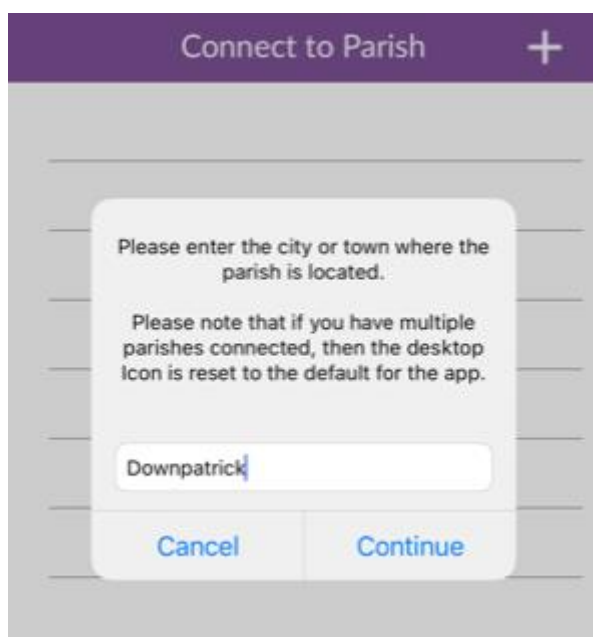
150 Years! Our beautiful church of St. Patrick's will be 150 years old in 2022. To mark this wonderful occasion the Parish hope to hold a novena in honour of St. Patrick from March 8th to 16th. Archbishop Martin (Armagh) and Bishop Noel Treanor have already agreed to take part. More details in the new year.

Annual Church Unity Service: In Down Cathedral on January 23rd at 4pm. All Welcome!

'GIFT': Towards a fuller life in the Holy Spirit, starting on Tuesday 8th February for Six weeks, starting at 7.30pm for one hour, join us in person in St Patrick's or online via our website.

This is a wonderful course, suitable for everyone, more details to follow.

New Parish App: The Parish app is being updated. Just go to your App store and download the PARISH 365 app. When this is done type in DOWNPATRICK and you will be taken to the new app format. All content from the old app is still there. Enjoy!



Readings for 2nd Week after Christmas

Sunday 9th January Feast The Baptism of the Lord Year C

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

Psalm 100: 1-4,24-25,27-30

Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7 18

Luke 3:15-16,21-22

Monday 10th January: 1st week in ordinary time: Week one: Weekdays Year 2

1 Samuel 1:1-8

Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday 11th

1 Samuel 1:9-20

Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday 12th:

1 Samuel 3:1-10,19-20

Mark 1:29-39

Thursday 13th Feast of St. Hilary of Poitiers

1 Samuel 4:1-11

Mark 1:40-45

Friday 14th:

1 Samuel 8:4-7,10-22

Mark 2: 1-12

Saturday 15th:

1 Samuel 9:1-4,17-19,10:1

Mark 2: 13-17