

Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

Parish Of Downpatrick

16th January 2022

Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Malachy Wynn, Ita McConvey, Don Jones (Abbeyfield), Michael Kearney (formerly Downpatrick),

Anniversaries: Sr. Mary Philomena, Margaret Smyth, Colette Murphy, Willie Shields, Snowy Graham, Billy Curran, Mary Fitzsimons, Brighdin McGeagh, Billy Burns, Mairead Vance Shields, Mairead McQuail, Patricia McComiskey, Angela Wallace, Stephen Wallace, Susan Laverty, Jim Hampton, Rita Kane, Simon O'Reilly, Malachy B McGrady,

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 £2,965 Loose Plate £50, Direct Debits £1755 (DEC) Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions St. Patrick's @7.30pm:

Monday 17th Jan: Anniv: Sara Jacob, Pothan Varghese, Simon O'Reilly, Dolores Bohill,

Wed 19th Jan: Anniv: Snowy Graham, Patricia McComiskey, Charles & Mary McGrady, John & Mary Turley,

Fri 21st Jan: Anniv: Pauline McKendry, Brian O'Hare,

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.

The 'Gift' Course will begin on Tuesday 8th February at 7:30pm to 8:30pm. This can be attended by coming to the church of St. Patrick or you can watch it online. The 'Gift' is the gift of the Holy Spirit. This short course will help you to deepen your faith and give you a new joy and hope in all that you can do.

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!

New System: We now have a new system for donating to the parish. There are two bar codes on display in the Church porch – one for donations and another for weekly offertory envelopes. Simply use your camera or QR Code App to scan the bar code and follow the instructions. We sincerely appreciate your ongoing support at this time. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.

Marriage Course: A Marriage Preparation course is planned for 9/10 April 2022 in The Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly, Co. Derry. This 2-day non-residential course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship.

Information/Booking: www.marriageencounter.ie or 028276 38512

The 4 Corners Festival 2022 is a 10th Anniversary celebration that begins in St Anne's Cathedral and ends in St Peter's. Join us between January 30th and February 6th, somewhere across Belfast's four corners or online. Browse events here, or see highlights programme attached:

<https://4cornersfestival.com/>

Readings for 2nd Sunday of the Year

Sunday 16th January 2nd Sunday Year C

Isaiah 62: 1-5

Psalms 95: 1-3, 1-10

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

John 2: 1-11

Monday 17th January: Feast of St. Anthony of Egypt

1 Samuel 15:16-23

Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday 18th : Feast of St. Margaret of Hungary

1 Samuel 16: 1-13

Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday 19th:

1 Samuel 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51

Mark 3: 1-6

Thursday 20th Feast of St. Fabian & St. Sebastian

1 Samuel 18: 6-9, 19: 1-7

Mark 3: 7-12

Friday 21st: Feast of St. Agnes

1 Samuel 24: 3-21

Mark 3: 13-19

Saturday 22nd: Feast of St. Vincent

2 Samuel 1: 1-4, 11-12, 17,19, 23-27

Mark 3: 20-21



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SUPPORT AT THIS TIME.



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