

## Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

### Parish Of Downpatrick

27<sup>th</sup> March 2022

#### Your Prayers Are Requested for:

**Recently Deceased:** Bronach Breen,

**Month's Mind:** Margaret Doran, Michael John Blaney, Leonard Fitzsimons,

**Anniversaries:** Sr. M Kieron, John Skeffington, Josephine McCann, Joseph Coughlin, Robert McAllister, Phyllis Robinson, Pat Harris, Ann Heaps, Betty Byrne, Andrew Savage, Kathleen Dooley, Angela Bardon, Louis Grant, Charles Canavan, William Curran, Sally, Barney & Liam Curran, Kathleen (Cassie) Bohill, Shane Robinson, Kathleen Dooley,

*May They Rest In Peace*

**Baptisms:** Baptism can be booked by contacting Mary on 02844612084 Mon – Thurs 9.15am – 2.30pm.

**Weekly Collection:** Offertory £1238, Loose Plate £193, Direct Debits £1710, Thank you for your generosity.

#### Mass Intentions St. Patrick's @7.30pm:

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup>:** **Month's Mind:** Margaret Doran, **1<sup>st</sup> Anniv:** Shane Robinson, **Anniv:** Kathleen Dooley,

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>:** **Month's Mind:** Michael John Blaney, **Anniv:** Rory Walsh,

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April:** **Month's Mind:** Marie Canavan, **Month's Mind:** Leonard Fitzsimons, **Anniv:** Alife Reynolds, Sean & Isobel O'Hare, John Skeffington, Brian McCabe,

**Adoration:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, will take place every Friday 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*

**Confession in St. Patrick's have resumed as follows:** Monday's 6.45pm – 7.20pm, Wednesday 3pm - 4pm, Friday 3pm – 4pm, Saturday 12 Noon – 1pm

**The Parish Bulletin** Is now available in the church porch – please take a copy and bring it home with you.

**Lent:** Stations of the cross: will be celebrated every Wednesday at 6:30pm . This prayer can be attended in the church or also online.

#### SYNODAL LISTENING IN OUR PASTORAL COMMUNITY.

In order to journey together, Pope Francis wants every person to take their place at the heart of the Church and to hear every voice and the voice of the Holy Spirit. As we listen attentively to what the Holy Spirit is saying, we learn how to respond to where we are being lead in the mission of the Church. Our local parishes are encouraged to come together, pray together, and enter into a Spiritual Conversation about our Church at this time. Bishop Treanor has encouraged each area of the Diocese have a time of coming together as part of the Synod. Coming together to listen and share helps us build flourishing and resilient communities for the mission of the Church today. We invite you to come along and to take part in the synod by listening and talking to one another in an authentic, meaningful, and welcoming way. If you would like to take part in this synodal moment, then please feel welcome to join us on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March (7-9pm) in St Mary's High School, Ardglass Road.** The session will be facilitated by Jim Deeds from the Living Church office and Caren Collins, a parishioner of Derriaghy Parish. **This event is open to any parishioner.**

**Special Collection for Ukraine:** The Irish Bishops have asked for a Special Collection to be taken up at Masses this weekend of 26/27 March to support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine and especially the families and children who have had to flee their homeland in advance of the Russian invasion. The proceeds of this Special Collection will be directed to Caritas Internationalis, which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in the Ukraine and the surrounding region. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

**Offertory Envelopes:** Are available from the Parish Office for collection. When you collect your own envelopes, it would be a huge help if you could also take envelopes for your neighbor or perhaps for your street. Collection times – 9.15am – 2.30pm Mon – Thurs.

The 'Gift Course' finishes on Tuesday next (30<sup>th</sup> March) in St. Patrick's. The evening begins at 7.30 pm. You can join us either in person at St. Patrick's or online via the website or the facebook page. The theme for the evening will be 'How to live in the Spirit'.

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, we will be showing the recent Webinar 'What is God saying to the Church' which features three giants of the contemporary church – Bishop Robert Barron, Fr. James Mallon and Nicky Gumble, A Minister in the Anglican Church. The Video will commence at 7.30pm – and will be available either by attending St. Patrick's Church or joining us online. There will follow a short time of discussion on the video content ending with a hymn and prayer. Please try to attend in person – it's a terrific video, well worth watching.

**Earth Hour:** On the evening of March 26<sup>th</sup> 2022, 190 Countries around the world will join the 'Global lights out' and switch off lights for one hour. This is a powerful and symbolic display of global solidarity expressing a worldwide need to reduce our carbon footprint. While the action calls for one hour only (8.30pm – 9.30pm) the external lights of St Patrick's Church will be off all evening on the 26<sup>th</sup> after the Vigil Mass ends.

**Divine Mercy Chaplet:** The Chaplet will be recited each Friday in St. Patrick's starting on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 3pm. All welcome.

#### **Mass Schedule April:**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>– St. Brigid's Church 7pm

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> – St Colmcille's 11am

**RGU Lotto.** This week's lotto numbers were 15-16-18-22. Two people matched three numbers. Next week's jackpot is £2500. **PLAY ONLINE USING THE LINK ON FACEBOOK**

#### **Readings for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week in Lent**

##### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year C)**

Joshua 5: 9-12, Psalm 33: 2-7,  
2 Corinthians 5: 17-21, Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup>:** Isaiah 65: 17-21,

John 4: 43-54

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> :** Ezekiel 47: 1-9, 12,

John 5: 1-3, 5-16

**Wed 30<sup>th</sup>:** Isaiah 49: 8-15,

John 5: 31-47

**Thurs 31<sup>st</sup>:** Exodus 32: 7-14,

John 5: 31-47

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April:** Wisdom 2:1, 12-22

John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Jeremiah 11: 18-20

John 7: 40-52

**Tea and Toast:** After two years – back by popular acclaim, the 'Tea and Toast' mornings will resume on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April immediately after the 9.30am Mass. All Welcome!

