

Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

Parish Of Downpatrick

19th February 2023



LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. MAKE DISCIPLES.

Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Michaela Curran, Eileen Rooney,

Month's Mind: Jim Thompson,

Anniversaries: Marie Breen, Kieran Carson, Rosaleen McCambridge, Kathleen Rooney, Mary Crane, Veronica Stockdale, William Denvir, Alfie Murphy, Bobby Savage, Peggy Fairfield, Frank Acton, Mary Kelly, Clara Keenan, Terry Magee, Brian Magee, John Magee, Marie Canavan,

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

Monday: 20th Feb, 7.30pm: 1st Anniv: Tommy Rogan
Anniv: Alfie Murphy

Wednesday: 22nd Feb 7:30pm: Anniv: Bobby Savage,
James (Seamus) Murphy,

Friday: 24th Feb 7:30pm: 1st Anniv: John Blaney,
Anniv: Margaret Doran, Patrick McQuoid, Jim Rice,
Kevin Keenan, Danny Gilmore, Hugh McKee,
Marie Breen, Hugh Finn, Leonard Fitzsimons,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £2,129, Loose Plate £250,
Direct Debits £1775, Thank you for your generosity

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

'A Warm Place': The next tea & coffee will be on Friday
3rd March. All are welcome – from 10:00am.

Discovering Christ: Why not do this parish course
which takes place every Tuesday (7pm-9pm) in
Patrick's Place (Crypt of St. Patrick's). The course
started on February 14th but you can still join on the
21st or 28th. Just turn up, you will be welcome.

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of Fast and
abstinence. If we are between 14-65 we should FAST on
these days by having only one main meal and two light
snacks. All of us should try to ABSTAIN from meat on
these days. The Fridays of lent are special days too for
self-denial in honour of the Lord who suffered and died
for us on Good Friday.

Parish Mass Schedule for February / March 2023:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 18 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 19 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 19 th	St. Malachy's	10am
Ash Wednesday: Masses during the day will be at:		
Wed 22 nd	St. Patrick's	9:30am, 11am, 7:30pm
Sat 25 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 25 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 26 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 26 th	St. Colmcille's	11am
Sat 4 th March	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 4 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 5 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12 Noon
Sun 5 th	St. Malachy's	10am
Sun 5 th	Ardglass	11:30am
Sat 11 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 11 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 12 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12 Noon
Sat 18 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 19 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12 Noon
Sun 19 th	St. Malachy's	10am
Sun 19 th	St. Colmcille's	11am
Sat 25 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 25 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 26 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12 Noon
Sun 26 th	St. Colmcille's	11am

Ash Wednesday: Ashes will be distributed during the
above Mass times on Ash Wednesday. If anyone cannot
attend the Masses some blessed ashes will be available
in the sanctuary area for personal imposition.

Monday's in St. Patrick's: One of the 'casualties' of
COVID was the suspension of the regular 'Monday
nights' in the parish.

Starting on Monday 27th February (1st Monday of Lent)
the parish intends to restore the Monday 'Evening of
Mercy'. The timetable will be as follows:

6:45 – 7:20pm Confessions

7:00pm Rosary

7:30pm Mass

8:10 – 8:40pm Exposition – with prayers for healing

8:40pm Benediction

Please feel free to attend for all or even some of the
evening. All Welcome.

Trocaire boxes will be available in the churches from
Sunday 19th February. Please take one for your home and
whatever you save through abstinence from alcohol to
chocolate etc can be given to Trocaire to help those who
fast all the time without choice.

Offertory Envelopes: The envelopes for the new Offertory Collection Year will be available to collect from the Parish Office from Wednesday 22nd February (Ash Wednesday) We would encourage parishioners when collecting their own envelopes, to collect envelopes for a friend or neighbour – this would be a huge help to us in the delivery of envelopes throughout the parish.

Christian Meditation and Movement continues every Sunday, 7pm – 8pm in Patrick's Place. During these sessions, we will reflect upon Lenten themed scripture using Lectio Divina and worship God in a unique way – using body, mind and spirit. Everyone very welcome, please bring a blanket and a mat. Further details available from Philomena 07754877021

Applications are now being accepted for our Diocesan Youth Team trip to Lourdes in July 2023. Cost is £690 per person sharing, which includes return flights, transportation, full board accommodation, and insurance. Date: 11th – 17th July 2023. All applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 24 from July 2023. Limited Spaces available. For more information, please contact Lourdes@downandconnor.org

Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse February 24th 2023. Pope Francis has invited Bishops around the world to establish a special day of prayer in the Church year to support the journey of human and spiritual recovery and to pray for and remember victims and survivors of abuse within our Church. This day is not only for victims and survivors who have been so severely injured, either inside or outside our Church, but also for the families and communities affected by grief for their loved ones. In Down and Connor a special Mass will be celebrated on FRIDAY 24TH February 2023 in Saint Patrick's Church Donegall Street at 1:00pm. At this mass the Candle of Atonement will be lit. You are invited to attend this important Diocesan event. Prayers will also be offered at Masses in our own Parish.

Arise Catholic Family Festival 2023: Calling families to come and join us in Tramore, Co. Waterford as we celebrate Easter together in the Sunny southeast. Make new friends with other families, share in wonderful celebrations of Holy Mass, and experience great teaching and seminars. Age-appropriate content is offered across the age groups. Dates April 10-13th 2023. This is an initiative of the Diocese of Waterford and Lismore and the Tine Network. For more details go to www.arisefamilyfestival.ie

Walking with Patrick

Date: 9th March

Venue: St. Mary's HS, Ardglass Road,

Time: 7:30pm to 9:00pm

Where is our parish now?

What would you like it to be?

What is your vision for our parish?

“The people perish without a vision”

(Proverbs 29:18)

Everyone is welcome

Discussion, Chat, Listening, Prayer

Special Belfast Pilgrimage to Fatima: last remaining places 9-14th June 2023. Ex Dublin for Feast Day of Saint Anthony Patron Saint of Portugal. Visit Saint Anthony's birthplace and baptismal font in Lisbon. Contact James Treacy 0035361921470

Blood Transfusion Service will take place at St. Patrick's Grammar School on Monday 20th February at 4pm to 8pm. To book an appointment please ring 08085 534 653.

SVdP: THANK YOU. The Downpatrick conference of St Vincent de Paul would like to extend our thanks to the Priests and Parishioners, the Schools and local businesses, and all who contributed to our 2022 Christmas Appeal. Since the Appeal from the altar back in November, through December and into the early weeks of January 2023 donations totalled £20,867! Thank you all for each and every contribution and a special word of thanks for a recent anonymous donation of £1,800. Your generosity has enabled us over a difficult Christmas period, and indeed will enable us in the coming months, to help those who look to the Society for assistance. These are difficult financial times for many but as ever you have supported those in the community who are in most need of help. Your donations have helped us provide, in December alone, £7,380 towards oil and a further £4,535 for electricity, gas, food and general help for Christmas. In 2022 SVdP, in the greater Downpatrick area, provided assistance towards:

- food/household provisions £12,452
- Clothing/Furniture/White goods £21,471
- Oil/Electricity/Gas £39,740
- School uniforms and activities £2,998.