

Parish Notices

14th March 2021

Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Gerry Treacy, Roseanne Heatley (Ardglass) Joe Devlin (Belfast)

Month's Mind: Don Deegan, Jim Ranaghan,
Anniversaries: Sr. Therese O'Neill, Sr. Mary Perpetua, Brian McConvey, Iain McKenzie, Pat Oakes, Maura Linton, Bernadette Craig, Rosaleen McArdle, Alfie Marron, James Galbraith, Brendan Tweedie, Maureen Moss, Bernadette McKenny, Charles Oakes, Gerry Doherty,

We Also Remember Our Diocesan Clergy:
Archdeacon Daniel Murphy, Fr. James Dean, Fr. Patrick J. O'Hare, Fr. Patrick McCrea, Fr. Anthony Meaney,

May They Rest In Peace

Baptisms: We welcome Nina Golubinski into Our parish family. Baptism can be booked by contacting Mary on 02844612084 Mon – Thurs 9.15am – 2.30pm.

Mass Intentions:

St. Patrick's, Mon 15th, 7.30pm: Brian & Madeleine Gilfedder, Austin Keating, Walter Keating, Brian McConvey, Belle Magee, Brendan Tweedie,

St. Patrick's, Fri, 19th, 7.30pm: Josephine & Seamus Madine, Gerry Doherty, & 1st Anniv Anne McCoubrey,

St. Patrick's Sat 20th 5.30pm: 1st Anniv Josephine McCann

St. Patrick's, Sun 21st 12 Noon: 1st Anniv Deirdre Robinson

Current Covid Restrictions: The Church remains closed for Mass. All of the Masses are available to view online at www.churchmedia.tv or via the parish facebook page – 'Downpatrick Parish'. The **Church is open** Mon – Sat 1pm – 4pm & on Sundays from 2.30pm – 5pm for private prayer. Please follow social distancing and sanitizing guidelines at all times.

Weekly Collection: Offertory £2286, Loose Plate £52, Our Sincere Thanks to everyone who contributed to the collections over the last week.

Because of the current covid restrictions, the obligation to attend Mass cannot be fulfilled, this of course, also means that we cannot receive the Blessed Sacrament. The Act of Spiritual Communion can be used during these times.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
and desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
please come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you now as if you were already there
and I unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

Philip Course: Online Course which continues each Thursday from 7.30pm – 8.30pm over the next number of weeks. With a series of talks from speakers including Fr. John Murray, Jackie Breen, Elaine Kelly & Martina Purdy. The Course consists of Scripture, Music, Talks and Prayer and is open to everyone. Why not join us and discover how to enrich and deepen your relationship with God and with those around you. Please join us for any or all of the remaining evenings.

The Parish office is operating on an appointment only system or via phone calls and email – contact us at 02844612084 Mon -Thurs 9am -2.30pm or email downpatrick@downandconnor.org

Novena of Hope for God's People: Will be held 'virtually' at Tobar Mhuire from March 19th – 27th and will be live streamed each evening at 7.00pm. The Novena will end on the Saturday before Holy Week. Petitions are available via the Passionist website or by writing, including an S.A.E. to the community at Tobar Mhuire. Visit www.tobarmhuirecrossgar.com or on facebook search tobarmhuirepassionists.

Trocaire Boxes: Are available from the porch in St. Patrick's Church. Donations can also be made online at Trocaire.org Please ONLY return Trocaire Boxes via the Church or Parish Office – Trocaire DO NOT send people out to collect boxes.

St. Patrick's Day Masses: Available online at 9.30am and 7.30pm.

Living Church: Each week, Living Youth will be posting an activity for young people to engage in, which will have a video outlining the activity, a task/guidance for those aged 11-14 to complete and a task/guidance for those aged 15-18 to complete. The themes for each week are:

- Week 1 - Fasting from Consumerism
- Week 2 - Mental Wellbeing with the 4 Corners Festival
- Week 3 - Social Awareness with Habitat for Humanity
- Week 4 - Digital Fasting for Mother's Day
- Week 5 - Praying with Your Parish
- Week 6 - Almsgiving to a Foodbank
- Week 7 - Praying for Our Church (Mass of Chrism)
- Week 8 - Pilgrimage to Your Parish (Easter Week)

www.livingyouth.co.uk

The full programme and resources for the programme can be found at <https://www.livingyouth.co.uk/lent-2021-resources> and the weekly activities for participants will be posted at <https://www.livingyouth.co.uk/lent-2021> and on the Living Youth [Facebook](#) & [Instagram](#).

DIOCESAN VOCATION WEEKEND: Have you ever considered the possibility that God is calling you to the priesthood? If so, take this opportunity to gather online with other men who are discerning their vocation. This virtual retreat will create the time and space to help you discern God's calling in your life. The retreat will take place from the evening of Friday 19th – Saturday 20th March 2021. If you wish to register your interest in joining this retreat or would like further information contact: Fr. Kevin McGuckien - Tel: 02890614567 or email: vocations@downandconnor.org

Prayer for Priestly Vocations: Our Parish invites you to join Fr. Murray (former Diocesan Vocations Director) online from St. Patrick's on Saturday 20th March from 7.30pm – 8.15pm

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: The envelopes are now available for collection from the Parish Office, Mon, Tues & Thurs next week from 9.15am – 2.30pm. We would appreciate it if parishioners could volunteer to help us with envelope distribution. If you can help, please call to the office.

Readings for the Week beginning March 14th

March 14th

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year B) Laetare Sunday (Rejoice)

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

Psalms 136

Ephesians 2: 4-10

John 3:14-21

March 15th:

Isaiah 65:17-21

John 4:43-54

March 16th:

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12

John 5:1-3, 5-16

March 17th: Feast of St Patrick

1 Peter 4:7-11

Luke 5:1-11

March 18th

Exodus 32: 7-14

John 5:3 – 47

March 19th: Feast of St. Joseph

2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16

Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22

Matthew 1: 16, 18 -21, 24, OR Luke 2: 41-51

March 20th:

Jeremiah 11:18-20

John 7: 40- 52

In relation to the Philip Course, done on Thursday 11th March at 7:30pm.

PROCLAMATION OF THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS

**Lord Jesus, I believe that you are the Son of God, died and risen for me
and that you have already saved me.**

Today I open the door of my heart and I invite you to enter into my life as MY SAVIOUR.

Enter into me and remain with me forever. I renounce all that separates me from you.

Lord Jesus, today I give you my life and I recognize you as MY ONLY LORD.

**I trust in you and I ask you to give me your life in exchange for mine,
Which today I give you forever.**

Place & Date.....

Signature.....