

## Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

### Parish Of Downpatrick

26<sup>th</sup> March 2023



LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. MAKE DISCIPLES.

#### Your Prayers Are Requested for:

**Anniversaries:** John Skeffington, Kathleen Dooley, Andrew Savage, Jimmy Curran, Charles McKeown, Francis McKeown, Alfie Marron, Jack McGrady, Ernest Stewart, Bridget Stewart, Phillis Robinson, Patrick Harris, Anne Heapes, Patricia & Tony Rooney, Angela Bardon,

**Weekly Collection:** Offertory £1,515, Loose Plate £275, Direct Debits £1655, Thank you for your generosity.

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

**Mon: 27<sup>th</sup> Mar, 7.30pm: Anniv:** Maureen Sheppard, Kathleen Dooley,

**Wed: 29<sup>th</sup> Mar 7:30pm: 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv:** Noreen McGreevy, **1<sup>st</sup> Anniv:** Willie Philips, **Anniv:** Shane Robinson,

**Fri: 31<sup>st</sup> Mar, 7:30pm: Anniv:** Rory Walsh, Alfie Reynolds, Brian McCabe, John Skeffington,

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

**'A Warm Place':** There will be no Tea, Coffee & Toast on 7<sup>th</sup> April (Good Friday). The next Tea, Coffee & Toast will be on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

**Offertory Envelopes:** The envelopes for the new Offertory Collection Year are available to collect from the Parish Office, during office hours, up until Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March. 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.

There will be no access to Stream Street side of St. Patrick's on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – this is to facilitate repairs to the roof of the Church.

**Palm Sunday Penitential Service** with several confessors will take place at 5pm in St. Patrick's on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

#### Parish Mass Schedule for March / April 2023:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	9am & 12 Noon
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	St. Colmcille's	11am
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> April	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> April	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	St. Patrick's	9am & 12 Noon
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Lord's Last Supper Mass 7:30pm St. Patrick's		
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> The Lord's Passion 3:00pm St. Patrick's		
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> – Easter Vigil – St. Patrick's – 9:00pm		
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Dawn Mass 6am – St. Patrick's Mountain - Saul		
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	9am & 12 Noon
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy's	10am
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	St. Colmcille's	11am
No Evening Masses from Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> April		
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	9am & 12 Noon
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St. Patrick's	9am & 12 Noon
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	9am & 12 Noon
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	St. Colmcille's	11am

#### 'Evening of Mercy': 5<sup>th</sup> Monday of Lent March 27<sup>th</sup>.

6:45pm Confessions  
7:00pm Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
7:30pm Mass (The sacrament of the sick will be administered during Mass)  
8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with prayers for physical healing.  
8:40pm Benediction  
All welcome for all or even part of the evening.

**Stations of the Cross** will take place each Wednesday of Lent at 7pm in St. Patrick's Church. You can attend in person or join us online on the parish webcam or Facebook page.

**First Friday:** Please note that Fr. Henry will be visiting his Sick and housebound on the last week of March. That will be the Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> and Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**Holy Spirit Fathers:** Fr. Paddy Moran of the Spirit Fathers will be preaching at all Masses on March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Walking with Patrick:** Thank you to the more than 60 people who turned out at St. Mary's HS on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Thank you also for the many concrete and positive ideas which came out of the discussions. The pastoral council and parish leadership team will work on the many ideas and suggestions. Watch this space!

**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

**RGU Lotto.** This week's lotto numbers were 8-13-19-25. Four tickets matched three numbers to share £100. Next week's jackpot is £3000. **PLAY ONLINE USING THE LINK ON FACEBOOK.** Set Dancing Classes every Tuesday evening at 7.30, new members very welcome - contact 07840117232.

**Dawn Mass** on St. Patrick's Mountain, Saul, on Easter Sunday morning at 6am. Please note: There will not be Mass at Struell Wells this year.

**Bishop Oliver Doeme** is coming to the All-Ireland Rosary Rally on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, he will tell the amazing story of how the Rosary banished the terrorists Boko Haram from his Diocese. The local Legion of Mary Group are trying to determine interest in order to organise a bus – if you would like to travel with them, contact Colette 07732610247

**Chrism Mass:** The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated in St. Peter's Cathedral on Spy Wednesday, 5 April, at 12 noon. Everyone is invited to come along.

**Mass of the Lord's last Supper** will be celebrated in St. Patrick's at 7:30pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April. Please note: there will be no morning Mass at 9:30am.

**Good Friday** will have the liturgy of the Lord's Passion in St. Patrick's at 3pm. There will also be the annual collection for the Catholics of the Holy Land.

**Prayers:** On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April. There will be morning prayer at 9:30am on each of these mornings. Please note: there will be no morning Mass at 9:30am & 10am on Saturday. Parishioners are welcome.

**We acknowledge,** with sincere thanks, a recent donation of £2,000 to the Parish.

**ST PATRICK'S PILGRIM WAY!** Come & be amazed on a journey of faith in County Down. Martina Purdy & Elaine Kelly lead guided walks to St. Patrick's mission sites dating to 432AD. Stay in Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre, visit Saul, Slieve Patrick, St Patrick's grave, & Holy Cross Abbey. Led by former Adoration sisters Martina Purdy & Elaine Kelly. Five days at Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre inc all meals, transport, activities. £850. Discounts for groups. April 24-28th or July 17-21st. Details [www.saintpatrickcentre.com](http://www.saintpatrickcentre.com) or call Downpatrick (02844) 619000



**“Follow Christ loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering.”**  
- Eph 5:2

**DIOCESAN VOCATION RETREAT**

Sometimes, to hear Christ's fragrant offering, it takes all of your senses.

Come join us as we'll help you discern and cultivate the seed of God's love in you.

**21-23 April 2023 @ Drumalis Retreat House, Larne**  
Diocese of Armagh, Clogher, Derry, Dromore, Down & Connor, Kilmore and Raphoe  
Directed by Fr Stephen Langridge

**Special Anniversary Service** of Ministry which has brought former Republican and Loyalist Paramilitaries together in peace and reconciliation. At 7.30pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March at St. Anne's Cathedral there will be a 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service for Divine Healing Ministries. Divine Healing Ministries was founded by Church of Ireland clergyman Br. David Jardine along with Sr. Margaret McStay, a Cross and Passion Sister. The first interdenominational healings service led by Br David Jardine began in the Cathedral in 1993. During the worst years of The Troubles, the healing services were attended by Catholics and Protestants and included testimonies of healing and of reconciliation. Brother David has noted that: “During that time enormous healing has taken place in body, mind and spirit. Indeed, there have been quite a number of notable healing miracles, and we wanted to come together to thank God for everything He has been doing over these 30 years.’ There will be a time of worship, testimonies of healing and the speakers at this special service will be the well known priest Fr. Pat Collins CM from Dublin along with Br. David.