

Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

Parish Of Downpatrick

19th March 2023



LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. MAKE DISCIPLES.

Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Ellen McGrady,

Month's Mind: Eileen Rooney,

Anniversaries: Joseph Coughlin, June Hanna, Nellie Brennan, Diny Brennan, Bronach Breen, Elizabeth McGarry, Charles Canavan, Seamus Magee,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £2,573, Loose Plate £288, Direct Debits £1655, Thank you for your generosity.

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

Mon: 20th Mar, 7.30pm: Anniv: Josephine McCann, Gerry Doherty, Geraldine Fitzsimons, Deirdre Robinson, Anne McCoubrey, Josephine & Seamus Midine,

Wed: 22nd Mar 7:30pm: Month's Mind: Eileen Rooney, **1st Anniv:** Bronach Breen, **Anniv:** Catherine Hamilton,

Fri: 24th Mar, 7:30pm:

Anniv: Margaret & Dominic Murphy, Brian Nora, Jerome & Margaret Fitzsimmons, Marie Magee,

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

Walking with Patrick

Date: (rescheduled) 23rd 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 Welcome

Discussion, Chat, Listening, Prayer

Sorry for any inconvenience caused. The original event was cancelled due to the poor weather on March 9th.

Parish Mass Schedule for March / April 2023:

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

'Evening of Mercy': 4th Monday of Lent March 20th.

6:45pm Confessions

7:00pm Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30pm Mass

8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

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.

'A Warm Place': There will be no Tea, Coffee & Toast on 7th April (Good Friday). The next Tea, Coffee & Toast will be on Friday 5th 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 30th 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.

Legion Of Mary: Acies Ceremony will be held in St. Niccholas Church, Ardglass on Saturday 25th March at 9.30am (Mass at 10am). All Welcome.

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

Collection for Needy Parishes will take place this weekend. This collection was established to create a special fund to assist 'financially needy' parishes. There are several parishes within the Diocese that have accumulated debt and are financially stretched. However, through financially restructuring schemes it is hoped that many of these parishes, with the aid of this fund, will be able to return to a positive financial position. This collection hopes to help less fortunate parishes return to sound financial footing.

RGU Lotto. This week's lotto numbers were 3-10-20-23. Eight tickets matched three numbers to share £100. Next week's jackpot is £2900. **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 3rd, 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

“Follow Christ loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering.”

- Eph 5:2

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Diocese of Armagh, Clogher, Derry, Dromore, Down & Connor, Kilmore and Raphoe

Directed by Fr Stephen Langridge



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SACRISTAN

SAUL & BALLEE PARISH

A vacancy has arisen for a Sacristan within Saul & Ballee Parish based at St Patrick's Church, Saul, Downpatrick, BT30 7JG.

The responsibilities will include:

- the maintenance of the sacristy where the church's liturgical items are kept including vestments, sacred vessels and books etc.
- ensuring that the sanctuary is set up for Mass, other services, baptisms and funerals, ensuring all the requisite books and sacramental vessels etc. are in place, and that afterwards the sanctuary is cleared, and the church is left secure and tidy.

The terms are based on a permanent appointment requiring 20 hours attendance each week from Monday - Sunday, work pattern to be agreed. Ability to work flexible hours is required from the post holder from time to time.

Rate of Pay - £10.42 gross per hour.

Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: JOB VACANCIES and on the Community NI website, where terms and conditions relating to the role can also be accessed by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application form. Application packs can also be obtained from Saul Parish Office.

We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria and are interested in playing an active part in the Parish.

Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Thursday 30th March 2023

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