

Parish Notices

7th March 2021

Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Maureen McKeown, Brendan Sharvin,

Month's Mind: Jim Ranaghan, Eileen Kelly

Anniversaries: Sr. Mary Agnes, Sr. Margaret, Angela Smyth, Bridget & Ernest Stewart, Elizabeth Kelly, Marie Tumelty,

We Also Remember Our Diocesan Clergy: Fr. Michael Kelly, Fr Ed Phillips, Fr. Sean O'Neill, Archdeacon Daniel Murphy,

May They Rest In Peace

Baptisms: We welcome Heath Mark O'Neill & Ethan James Fitzsimons into Our parish family. Baptism can be booked by contacting Mary on 02844612084 Mon – Thurs 9.15am – 2.30pm.

Mass Intentions:

Wednesday 10th March, 7:30pm: Elizabeth Kelly,

Friday 12th March, 7.30pm: Billy Murphy, Elizabeth & Gerard McComb,

Saturday 13th March, 5.30pm: Month's Mind: Don Deegan

Sunday 14th March, 5.30pm: Month's Mind: Jim Ranaghan

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 £1101.50, Loose Plate £90.50, Our Sincere Thanks to everyone who contributed to the collections over the last week.

RGU LOTTO: Winning Numbers: 05, 11, 19, 20, six people matched three numbers. Jackpot now £3600

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

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.

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.

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](#).

Lent in Downpatrick Parish: Join us on Facebook daily for a series of reflections given by Elaine Kelly, Martina Purdy. We also have 'virtual' stations available, daily, and then from the Parish of Saul and Ballee & Downpatrick Parish, Deacons Jackie Breen and Paul McCormick take us through the Stations on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent. We also have a weekly reflection from Fr. Murray, join us every day or even on just one day during Lent to pray and reflect.

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

Readings for March 7th - 13th

March 7th: 3rd Sunday of the Lent (Year B)

Exodus 20: 1-17

Psalms 18: 8-11

1 Corinthians 1: 22-25

John 2: 13 -25

March 8th:

2 Kings 5:1-15

Luke 4: 24-30

Tuesday 9th

Daniel 3-25, 34 -43

Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday 10th March

Deuteronomy 4-1, 5-9,

Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday 11th March

Jeremiah 7:23-28

Luke 11:14-23

Friday 12th

Hosea 14:2-10

Mark 12: 20-34

Saturday March 13th (8th Anniversary of the election of Pope Francis)

Hosea 5:15-6:6 Luke 18:9-14