

Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

Parish Of Downpatrick

7th May 2023



LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. MAKE DISCIPLES.

Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Thomas Prior, Stella Carvill,

Anniversaries: Anne J. Sharvin, Tommy Stitt, Dr. Vincent Kelly, Michael McGrady, Susan McCrissican, Alf Oakes, Robert Hunt, Isobel & Leslie Dawes, Mona Jamison, Elizabeth Williams, Jack Quinn, Colette Park, Agnes Donnelly,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1,643, Loose Plate £200, Direct Debits £1155, Thank you for your generosity.

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

Mon: 8th May, 7.30pm: Anniv Joseph Torney, Mary Deegan, Thomas Gerard Gilgunn, Colette Park, Agnes Donnelly,

Wed: 10th May 7:30pm: Anniv: Noreen McMullan,

Fri: 12th May 7:30pm: 1st Anniv: Noreen McStay,
1st Anniv: Jacqueline Trainor, **Anniv:** Veronica Sloan, Pat Magennis, Edel Quinn (Founder of Legion of Mary)

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

Trocaire Boxes can be returned to St Patrick's anytime during Easter or during the week to St. Patrick's Church.

Please Note: The Parish office will be closed on Monday and will re-open on Tuesday 9th May.

Bishop Oliver Dome is coming to the All-Ireland Rosary Rally on June 3rd, at Knock Shrine; 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, bookings can be secured by paying the bus cost £20 at the time of booking - if you would like to travel with them, contact Colette 0773261024. Bus will do drop off and pick up at Church carparks in Castlewellan, Downpatrick, Crossgar and Saintfield.

Parish Mass Schedule for May 2023:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 6 th May 10am	OLSP 1 st Holy Communion	St. Patrick's
Sat 6 th May	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 6 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 7 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 7 th	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 13 th 10am	DPK Primary 1 st Holy Communion	St. Patrick's
Sat 13 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 13 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 14 th	St. Patrick's	8:30am & 12Noon
Sun 14 th	St. Colmcille's	11am
Sun 14 th 10am	St. Brigid's 1 st Holy Communion	St. Patrick's
Sat 20 th 10am	St. Colmcille's 1 st Holy Communion	St. Patrick's
Sat 20 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 21 st	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 21 st	St. Malachy's	10am
Sun 21 st	St. Colmcille's	11am
Sat 27 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 27 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 28 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon

Please Note the 8:30am Mass on May 14th, in order to facilitate the First Communion Mass at 10am.

'Evening of Mercy': Monday of 5th Sunday After Easter 8th May.
6:45pm Confessions
7:00pm Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:30pm Mass
8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by prayers for healing from Anxiety & depression.
8:40pm Benediction
All welcome for all or even part of the evening.

A Warm Place: The next Tea, Coffee & Toast will be on This Friday 2nd June.

Car Parking at St. Patrick's: The Parish would ask that parishioners would use the designated parking slots for parking. There are 99 in all. This would be greatly appreciated.

Pass the basket: Due to Covid we had to install the boxes at the front of the church to enable parishioners to hand in their envelopes or make donations. From May 20th / 21st we would like to restore the basket system for collection. The boxes will also remain in place for the time being.

Christian Meditation and Movement resumes Sunday 7th May in Patrick's Place 7-8pm. For more information contact Philomena on 07754877021.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: 17-18 June 2023. Staying in the Knock House Hotel. £180 all in. If you are interested contact Sally Elliott on 028 90 247587.

Apostolic Work, Down & Connor Centenary Celebration 1923 – 2023 The Council and Members invite you to join with them in celebrating this occasion. Most Rev Donal McKeown D.D. will celebrate Mass on Saturday 17th June 2023 at 12 Noon in St Malachy's Church, 24 Alfred Street, Belfast BT2 8EN Email: apostolic.work@btinternet.com

Altar Servers: This is a message for all Primary 5, 6 and 7 children in our parish. There have been no altar servers since Covid. Now Canon Murray would like to invite you to become altar servers at the weekend masses in all the Churches. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to attend Mass in a very special way. If you are interested you can give your name date of birth and a contact number to either your class teacher or to put Parish Secretary Mary Cullen the Parish office 02844612084. Someone will contact you about training and answer any questions you may have.

Accord NI Catholic Marriage Care Service is recruiting Marriage Education Facilitators to provide Sacramental Marriage Preparation for couples in your diocese. We are seeking individuals who are good communicators and have an enthusiasm for supporting couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage and future family life. This is an opportunity to formally train within a supportive, nurturing and inspiring community. In 2022, our teams helped 2,140 couples to develop good communication skills, manage conflict and understand the responsibility and significance of the Sacrament of Marriage. For further details and an application form, please contact Brenda at 028 9023 3002 or email info@accordni.com

Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre: You are invited to a series of conversations in Tobar Mhuire in which people share their experience of life, faith and finding hope in their lives. Participants will include Rev Harold Good, Baroness Nuala O'Loan and Fr Aidan Troy CP. Our next conversation will be on Monday 15th May at 7pm with Rev Harold Good who will share his experience in peace and reconciliation. All welcome. Voluntary donation.

Cemetery Sunday in the Parish of Downpatrick:

Killough Road, Sunday 25th June @ 3pm.

Struell, Sunday 2nd July @ 3pm.

Visitors & Parishioners are invited to join us for readings, prayers and the rosary. Individuals, please bring Holy water for Blessing of graves. Service will be 30 mins.

Invitation to a screening of 'The Letter', in the Parochial House, St Patrick's Avenue, on May 25th at 7.30pm. Join our Parish Community on to view the most recent documentary featuring Pope Francis and meet over a cup of coffee/tea afterwards. Over 30 million people worldwide have already viewed 'The Letter' - people of all faiths and people of no faith, united by their desire/interest in caring for our common home - the earth and those who live upon this earth. The documentary charts a meeting of four individuals from across the globe, invited by Pope Francis to Rome to tell their very personal stories - from India, Senegal, Hawaii and the Brazilian Amazon. It poses very urgent and pertinent questions for each one of us, especially as we emerge from the Covid Pandemic, as to how we wish to live our lives knowing that our actions impact upon others often in far corners of the earth. This is the start of a global conversation based on the messages contained within the encyclical letter "Laudato Si". The screening lasts 40 minutes. Booking Essential as places are limited - to book contact Mary or James on 02844612084.

SHAME! It is unfortunate that some people (Parishioners?) are dumping their personal household rubbish in the skip at the parish cemetery. The bill for an 8 week period was £611 for 4.24 tonnes of rubbish! This included Amazon prime boxes etc. Can we ask you not to impose this unnecessary expense on the Parish Please?



Life in the Spirit: A new series of Life in The Spirit Seminars (as encouraged by Pope Francis) have begun on Thursday 27th April at 7.30pm in Patrick's Place - The Crypt at St. Patrick's Church, Downpatrick., the Seminar will continue for 6 weeks, each Thursday at 7:30pm, guest speakers in attendance. come and learn how to walk and live in the Holy Spirit. The next talk will be on Thursday 11th May

RGU Lotto: This week's lotto numbers were 2-8-21-26. One ticket matched three numbers to win £100. Next week's jackpot is £3600. PLAY ONLINE USING THE LINK ON FACEBOOK. Set Dancing Classes every Tuesday evening at 7.30, new members very welcome - contact 07840117232.