

**Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area  
Parish Of Downpatrick  
23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022**

**Your Prayers Are Requested for:**

**Recently Deceased:** Mary Kelly, Sean Fitzpatrick, Jimmy Laird (Legamaddy)

**Anniversaries:** Brian McKeown, Mary Doyle, Joe Gordon jnr, Marie McCartan, Ursula Hanna, John Foley, Cyril Denvir, Patrick, Lily & Anne McKeating, Frank McCrissican, Patrick McCrissican, Sarah Kerr, Martha McMullan, Hannah Robinson, James Mullan, Alexis Mullan, William Gilchrist, James Digney, Angela McGarry, Eileen McCartan, Peter McCartan,

*May They Rest In Peace*

**Baptisms:** Baptism can be booked by contacting Mary on 02844612084 Mon – Thurs 9.15am – 2.30pm. A maximum of ten people can attend Baptisms, this includes parents and sponsors.

**Weekly Collection:** Offertory £1,393 Loose Plate £149, Direct Debits £1755 (DEC) Thank you for your generosity.

**Mass Intentions St. Patrick's @7.30pm:**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan: Anniv:** Vincent Kelly, Hugh Kelly, Brian Murphy,

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Jan: 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv** Aidan Vaughan & Kash Wright **Anniv:** Roisin Kearney, Francie Kearney, Joe Robinson, Mary Doyle,

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Jan: Month's Mind** Aidan Henneidy  
**1<sup>st</sup> Anniv** Eileen Kelly, **Anniv:** June Cogger, Rose Quinn, George & Kathleen Smyth,

**Adoration:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, will take place every Friday from 11.00am to 7:30pm (Mass time)

*If there is a funeral Mass on a Friday these times will be modified and parishioners will be informed*

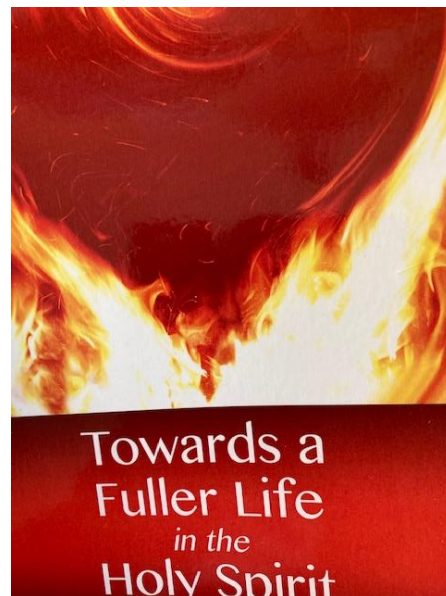
**READER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER ROTA** If you cannot attend on the day allocated to you, please contact one of the other reading team if possible to swap with them.

**Weekday Readers:**

**Mon:** J. Lavery **Tues:** B. Gribben **Wed:** J. Lavery  
**Thurs:** K. Hanna **Fri:** M. McGlogan **Sat:** M. McGlogan & E. Darragh

**Confession:** The Bishop has advised parishes not to offer individual Confession for the time being. This advice comes after consultation with the Chief Medical Advisor, (Michael McBride.) Parishioners are also reminded of the recommendation by Pope Francis at the start of the Pandemic, to avail of the Act of Perfect Contrition. The priests of the Parish hope to offer individual confession as soon as it is safe to do so.

**150 Years!** Our beautiful church of St. Patrick's will be 150 years old in 2022. To mark this wonderful occasion the Parish hope to hold a novena in honour of St. Patrick from March 8<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>. Archbishop Martin (Armagh)- and Bishop Noel Treanor have already agreed to take part. More details soon.



**'GIFT':** Towards a fuller life in the Holy Spirit. – Starts on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February, for one hour. – You can attend online through the parish webcam or parish Facebook livestream; Or you can attend in the church itself.

– Six sessions to help you deepen your faith and come into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.  
– The sessions will be interactive and conducted by a parish team.

**New System:** We now have a new system for donating to the parish. There are two bar codes on display in the Church porch – one for donations and another for weekly offertory envelopes. Simply use your camera or QR Code App to scan the bar code and follow the instructions. We sincerely appreciate your ongoing support at this time. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.

**Marriage Course:** A Marriage Preparation course is planned for 9/10 April 2022 in The Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly, Co. Derry. This 2-day non-residential course is a positive way of preparing for

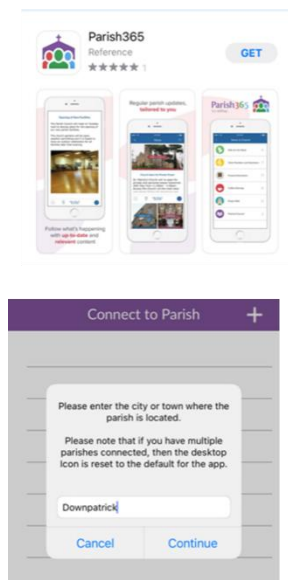
Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship.

Information/Booking: [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) or 028276 38512

**Apology:** Our webcam was down for about 36 hours from Tuesday to Thursday. Sorry for any inconvenience caused. The technical engineer from our server “Church Media” spent several hours on Thursday trying to locate the fault and working to connect it. We thank him for his patience and expertise. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

**“Spiritual Challenges in Later Life” with Sr Una Agnew SSL PhD:** hosted by Drumalis via Zoom from 11:00 am – 12:15 pm (25 Jan, 1, 8, 15 & 22 Feb 022)  
“Spiritual well-being in later life is a potential that needs to be explored even as it is happening within us and among us. During this series, we will explore together this rich season of grace that we call ageing.” (Úna Agnew SSL) Suggested Donation: £50 per person. For further details or to book a place, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) – 028 28272196/28276455 or email [drumalis@btconnect.com](mailto:drumalis@btconnect.com)

**New Parish App:** The Parish app is being updated. Just go to your App store and download the PARISH 365 app. When this is done type in DOWNPATRICK and you will be taken to the new app format. All content from the old app is still there. Enjoy!



**“Patrick Kavanagh – A Poet for Spring” with Sr Una Agnew SSL PhD:** hosted by Drumalis via Zoom from 11:00 am – 12:15 pm (2, 9 & 16 March 2022)  
“As we embark on the season of spring, we celebrate in poetry the way Kavanagh senses the stirrings of his soul as the earth comes alive in Spring. His liturgy of the seasons enhances his poetic pilgrimage from Monaghan to the Grand Canal.” (Úna Agnew SSL) Suggested Donation: £30 per person. For further details or to book a place, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-

Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) – 028 28272196/28276455 or email [drumalis@btconnect.com](mailto:drumalis@btconnect.com)

**Catholic Schools Week:** For many years the last week of January has been marked as Catholic Schools Week. It is a week when as a parish and as a church we recognise and give thanks for our Catholic schools, for our teachers and staff and above all for our pupils – your children. Normally this week is marked by special Masses, School assemblies, Grandparents’ Days, recitals etc. Understandably once again – due to Covid and the Omicron variant – the schools are recognising this week in a more low-key way. Currently – for instance = in one of our primary schools – there are eleven members of staff off – and over forty pupils. The parish will recognise this week by remembering our schools, pupils and staff at our daily Mass – and in the prayers of the faithful.

### Readings for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year (Word of God Sunday)

#### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Year C

Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10  
Psalm 18:8-10,15  
1 Corinthians 12:12-30  
Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21

#### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January: Feast of Saint Francis de Sales

2 Samuel 5:1-7,10  
Mark 3:22-30

#### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> : Feast of The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

Acts 22:3-16  
Mark 16:15-18

#### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>: Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Titus 1:1-5 or 2 Timothy 1:1-8  
Mark 16:15-18

#### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Feast of Saint Angela Merici

2 Samuel 7:18-19,24-29  
Mark 4:21-25

#### Friday 28<sup>th</sup>: Saint Thomas Aquinas

2 Samuel 12:1-7,10-17 Matthew 23:8-12

#### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>

2 Samuel 12:1-7,10-17  
Mark 4:35-41



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WE APPRECIATE YOUR ONGOING  
SUPPORT AT THIS TIME.



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