

Downpatrick Pastoral Area

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 28th April 2024



Your prayers are requested for:

Recently Deceased: Elish Philip,

Recently Deceased Other Parishes:

Marie Cairns (nee Keating) Castlewellan & Dpk,
Imelda McCaugherty (Ballynahinch),

Month's Mind: Annie Magee, Gordon McKeown,

Anniversaries: Maurice Campbell, Belle Oakes,
Thomas Prior, Tommy McCriscican, Eugene Smyth,
Regina Bernadette Keenan, Isobel Oakes, Hugh Burns,
Ciara Burns, Patrick McVeigh, Maureen Rice, James
Rice, Margaret Foley, Robert Hanna, Alice Denvir,
Bill & Noel Galbraith, Michael Williams, Bridie Rice,
Ursula Rice, Maureen Rice, James Rice, Patrick
McVeigh,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1975, Loose Plate £520,
Direct Debits £1971. Thank you for your generosity

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

Mon 29th April: Month's Mind: Gordon Mckeown,
Month's Mind: Annie Magee, **Anniv:** Anna Mahon,

Wed 1st May: Anniv: Patricia Kearney, Sarah Hogg,

Fri 3rd May: Anniv: Eileen Murray,

BAPTISMS: Four weeks' notice required for all Baptisms. Baptism Courses are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month in Patrick's Place. Parents of children for Baptism are only required to attend the course on **one** evening, usually lasting just over an hour. Baptisms can **ONLY** be booked by calling, in person to the Parish Office, Mon – Thurs 9.30am – 2pm.

Confessions St. Patrick's Church:

Monday 6:45pm – 7:30pm

Friday 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Saturday 12Noon – 1:00pm

Pentecost Service on Sunday 19th May at 7:30pm – 8:30pm open to EVERYONE in the parish – young and old. An evening of prayer and praise, of testimony and witness, of the word of God and an invitation to receive more of the Holy Spirit.

Parish Mass Schedule for April / May 2024:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 27 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 28 th	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 28 th	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 4 th May	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 4 th May	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 5 th May	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 5 th May	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sat 11 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 12 th	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 12 th	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 18 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 18 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 19 th	St. Patrick's	10:30pm
Sun 19 th	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sat 25 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 26 th	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 26 th	St. Malachy's	10am

'Evening of Mercy': Monday 29th April 2024

6:45pm Confessions,

7:00pm Rosary,

7:30pm Mass,

8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

8:40pm Benediction, with prayers for those who worry and are oppressed.

All welcome for all or even part of the evening.

Blessed Carlo Acutis: So that we won't 'clash' with the visit of Bl. Carlo Acutis relics to Ardglass on May 13th/14th the 'Evening of Mercy' in St. Patrick's will be reduced.

There will simply be Mass on that evening of May 13th and no rosary before or Adoration/Benediction afterwards.

Your Parish needs you: Dear parishioner we need volunteers – in several areas of parish life. Could you become:

- A reader at Sunday Mass
- A Eucharistic Minister
- A Member of the Finance committee
- A member of the new liturgy committee
- Become a member of the 'Laudato Si' group (Care for the earth)
- A member of the Pastoral Council

If you think you could help please ring 02844612084 or email downpatrick@downandconnor.org



Coffee morning: hosted by Mothers Prayers, in Patrick's Place -the Crypt - on Thursday, 2nd. May at 10 a.m. Donations will go to 'Mary's Meals' All are welcome.



ANNUAL PARISH CENSUS 2024: A count of attendance will take place at all Masses across the Diocese this weekend, 27 and 28 April 2024. The annual parish census captures valuable information about the numbers, ages, and gender of people attending Mass. This information helps the Diocese and parishes to identify pastoral priorities, make plans to address them, and provide support to our faith communities.

Lough Derg One Day Retreats in May: These guided days of prayer and reflection will take place on Sun5th, Mon6th, Sun12th, Tue14th, Sat18th, Sun25th and Mon27th. More details can be found at www.loughderg.ie - €45 per person, booking essential.

Music in Parish Churches: The parish are now fully licensed to use **LITURGICAL MUSIC ONLY** at all events in the Church – usage of hymns is reported on a weekly basis to our licensing company. **We do not have permission or licensing to use secular music** in any form. Musicians visiting the Church for events, must contact the Parish Office and complete a copyright form prior to their event.

Musicians/Singers not engaged on a voluntary basis by the Parish must also provide insurance details to the Parish Office prior to visiting the Church for any event. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Church Media: Masses from St Patrick's Church can now be viewed via a Fire stick – search 'Church Media' and add to favorites to enable viewing.

Parish Liturgy Team: The inaugural meeting of the new Parish Liturgy Committee took place on April 16th. Thank you for such a great attendance. Thanks also for the great discussions on the various items of trying to improve our parish liturgy. Our next meeting will be Tuesday 14th May at 7:30pm in the Parochial House. All welcome.

Knock Trip: The Legion of Mary are running the trip to Knock for Rosary Rally. The cost will be £25 on booking. There is a stop on the way there at the Motorway café and stop at Belcoo on way home for refreshments. The bus times are 6:30am from Castlewellan, 6:45am Downpatrick, Crossgar 7am and Saintfield 7:15am. All stops are at the Chapels. In Downpatrick St. Patrick's car park. To book please ring the parish office on 44612084 thank you.

RGU Lotto. This week's lotto numbers were 01 - 06 - 12 13. Two tickets matched three numbers. Next week's jackpot is £2100. **PLAY ONLINE USING THE LINK ON FACEBOOK.**

Parish of Dunsford and Ardglass

Visit of Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis
13th 14th May, 2024

St Nicholas' Church, Ardglass
Monday 13th May 9.30am - 10pm

St Mary's Church Chapeltown, Dunsford
Tuesday 14th May: 9.30am - 1pm

"To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan".

Christian Meditation and Movement

Resumes Sunday April 28th

Patrick's Place @ 7pm

Everyone Welcome

For more info contact Philomena
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