

**Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area**

**Parish Of Downpatrick**

**28th November 2021**

**Your Prayers Are Requested for:**

**Recently Deceased:** Patrick (Corky) Kelly, Pauline Gardiner,

**Month's Mind:** Sean Martin,

**Anniversaries:** Sylvester Vaughan, Gary Rooney, Gerry Stratton Jnr, Elizabeth Lavery, Gerald Laverty, Alice Lannin, Kathleen O'Reilly, Mary Kinsella, Patrick Hanna, Malachy Carson,

*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 £1436, Loose Plate £154, Direct Debits £1785 (Nov) Thank you for your generosity.

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

**Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> Dec: Anniv:** Sadie Savage, Frances Denvir, Kathleen O'Reilly, Alice Lannin,

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec: Anniv:** Lola Moore, Eilish Starkey, Deceased Members of The Moore Family, Joan Carson

**Confessions:** Confessions: Wednesday & Friday 3pm -4pm. Saturday 12 Noon to 1pm.

**Adoration:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays 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*

**Trocaire:** Thank you to all to all who donated to the collection, the total amount raised to date is £2309 Donations can be given to the clergy, the Parish office, placed in the collection boxes in St. Patrick's or online at [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)

**READER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER ROTA is available in the church porch. 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:** B. Turley

**Sat:** M. McGlogan & E. Darragh

**St Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal:** The SVP Annual Appeal this year will take place on 11th/12th December. Christmas is approaching and with it the colder weather and at this time hardship is felt even more keenly. We will all have noticed the increase in fuel and grocery costs over the last few months and no doubt those on low incomes – who struggle even on a daily basis - will have felt it to the point where it is literally a choice of “heat” or “eat”. The Society of Vincent de Paul is there to help those families and individuals and, we do so, and can only do so with your help - thank you for that. As ever, throughout the year and in spite of the necessary COVID restrictions, the parishioners of Downpatrick have been very generous and unstinting in their support. If you can make a donation to the Appeal there are envelopes available at the Parish Office, or the Vincent's Shops at Ballymote & Irish Street and please remember that if you are a tax-payer do use a Gift-Aid envelope whereby we can recoup the tax from HMRC. Unfortunately, we still cannot have face-to-face collections but there will be a designated box in the Church for any donations – large or small – all of which are most appreciated. Thank you for your support and prayers, and you remain in ours.

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**Christmas Masses** We are currently drawing up the rota for Christmas Masses and would ask that **Readers** contact Mary to let us know what their availability is for Masses over that period. If you are available to read at any of the following Masses, please let us know as soon as possible. We also require **Two stewards** for each Mass – please either call to the office or let us know your preference/availability via the WhatsApp group.

Parishioners – will have to book a place at whatever Mass they wish to attend. Because of the limited number of places and the expected volume of calls, This CAN ONLY be done by PHONE. PLEASE DO NOT EMAIL BOOKINGS and PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE BOOKING MESSAGES ON THE VOICEMAIL. Booking commences on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

**Mass Times are as follows:**

24<sup>th</sup> December 5.30pm, 7.30pm & 9.30pm

Christmas Day 9am & 12 noon

St. Stephen's Day: 9am, 12 Noon & 5pm

New Years Day: 12 Noon

The 'Normal' Rota will resume for the Saturday Evening 1<sup>st</sup> January Vigil Mass.

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**The Synod on Synodality:** *Preparing Our Hearts and Minds.* Pope Francis has invited every Diocese around the World to participate in this Universal Synod. This Synod is a process of journeying together. As the Church, we will listen to each other, dialogue with each other, pray together, discern together and make decisions together for the purpose of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the World! The starting point of this journey begins with our own personal prayer and reflection. *'Prayer opens hearts. It opens the ear to a listening that is more than hearing and makes us attentive to the action of the spirit of our lives'* (Cardinal Grech)

This week we encourage you to pray... *'We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we must pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path or partially influence our actions. Let us find in You, our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of the truth and what is right. Al we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen'*

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**Readings for the 1<sup>st</sup> Week in Advent**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year A in Lectionary)**

**Nov 28<sup>th</sup>**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 24: 4-5, 8-9,10,14

1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup>:**

Isaiah 2:1-5

Matthew 8:5-11

**Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Feast of St. Andrew**

Romans 10:9-18

Matthew 4:18-22

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Dec**

Isaiah 25: 6-10

Matthew 4: 18-22

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec**

Isaiah 26: 1-6

Matthew 7:21,24-27

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec**

Feast of St. Francis Xavier

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Mark 16:15-20

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Dec Feast of St John Damascene**

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26

Matthew 9:35 -10: 1, 6-8

**RGU Lotto:** This week's lotto numbers were: 6-22-25-27. Two people matched three numbers. Next week's jackpot is £2000. Play online using the link on the RGU Facebook.