

Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

Parish Of Downpatrick

9th / 16th April 2023



LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. MAKE DISCIPLES.

Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Anniversaries: Sr. Angela Deignan, Maurice Smith, James Blaney, Agnes Blaney, Harry Balney, Brendan McVeigh, Charlie Mount, Michael McCabe, Kathleen Doyle, Leo McGrady, Patsy Reynolds, Bernard Smyth,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £2295, Loose Plate £110, Direct Debits £1655, Thank you for your generosity.

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

Mon: 17th April, 7.30pm:

Recently Deceased: Peter Smith, **Anniv:** Maurice Smith, Maureen Croskery,

Wed: 19th April 7:30pm: Anniv: Agnes Vint, Brigid McKervey,

Fri: 21st April 7:30pm: Month's Mind: Ellen McGrady, **Anniv:** Kevin Curran, Maureen Stranney, Josie Cunningham, Ellen O'Hare & Brian O'Hare,

Confessions this week: Good Friday & Holy Saturday 10:30am to 1pm,

Adoration/Exposition: Of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on Friday 21st April from 11am – 7pm.

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

Easter Holy Water: Is available in the Sanctuary area – the water is free, however, to cover the cost of the bottles, a small bottle is £1 or a larger bottle is £2, please drop the money into any of the collection boxes at the front of the church.

Divine Mercy Sunday is on April 16th. The Chaplet will be recited at 3pm in St. Patrick's Church. The nine-day novena starts on Good Friday and will be available on the Parish Facebook page at 3pm each day. Join us online or in person in St Patrick's Church each day.

Parish Mass Schedule for April 2023:

Date	Church	Time
Sun 9th Dawn Mass 6am – St. Patrick's Mountain - Saul		
Sun 9 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 9 th	St. Malachy's	10am
Sun 9 th	St. Colmcille's	11am
No Evening Masses from Mon 10th to Fri 14th April		
Sat 15 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 15 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 16 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sat 22 nd	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 23 rd	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 23 rd	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 29 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 29 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 30 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 30 th	St. Colmcille's	11am

Bishop Oliver Doeme is coming to the All-Ireland Rosary Rally on June 3rd, 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 07732610247

RGU Lotto. This week's lotto numbers were 13-14-18-26. Three tickets matched three numbers to win £100. Next week's jackpot is £3200. PLAY ONLINE USING THE LINK ON FACEBOOK. Set Dancing Classes every Tuesday evening at 7.30, new members very welcome - contact 07840117232.

LEGION OF MARY MORNING STAR VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT Catholic men and women wanted to join The Legion of Mary, to help with the mission of the Legion to care for the spiritual and temporal needs of vulnerable and homeless men living in Morning Star House. For more information please call 07596128437 after 5pm any day."

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.

Belarus Sisters: Thank you to the many parishioners who took time to look at the beautiful icons and other items that the Sisters brought us from Belarus last weekend. Thank you to all who were able to make a purchase and provide much needed funds for the work of the Sisters in looking after orphans and their mothers.

A Warm Place: There will be no Tea, Coffee & Toast on 7th April (Good Friday). The next Tea, Coffee & Toast will be on Friday 5th May.

St Michael's Prayer Group is hosting a six week course of Life In The Spirit seminars, commencing on Thursday 27th of April starting at 7.30 pm in Patrick's Place This is the first time our parish has sponsored this course, and we look forward to welcoming as many of our parishioners, as possible. Each night will have a different theme and will be hosted by different speakers, and will deal with different aspects of Life in the Spirit. We would encourage you to "come and see" what it is like to find a different way of relating to God. No one need worry about being asked to do anything, but be present to the Lord. The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked that every parish in the world should host Life in the Spirit seminars. This is the parish of Downpatrick carrying out the Holy Fathers wishes. In these politically correct days, it seems that our world has totally lost its moral compass and we are bombarded with social media intrusions in our lives 24/7. However, we have suffered with Jesus in Gethsemane, helped, in some way, to carry His cross up the Via Dolorosa and rejoiced with Him on Resurrection Day, so come and see what it's like to walk in The Spirit with Him. We look forward to seeing you on the 27th." St Michael's Prayer Group.

'Evening of Mercy': Monday of 2nd Sunday After Easter 17th April.
6:45pm Confessions
7:00pm Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:30pm Mass
8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
8:40pm Benediction
All welcome for all or even part of the evening.

There will be no access to Stream Street side of St. Patrick's this week. This is to facilitate repairs to the roof of the Church.

The Parish office is closed until Monday 17th April.

In the event of an emergency, please contact
07841101678

Trocaire: By donating this Easter, you could help with the 'Build back better' Campaign - COVID-19 has shown us how interconnected and interdependent our world is. It has also highlighted how vulnerable the poorest members of our global society are during emergencies. Too many countries lack basic healthcare. Too many countries lack safety nets to protect their people. Billions of dollars globally are now being injected into economies through bailouts and stimulus packages. Yet we have to rebuild the world in a way that ensures millions of people are not left behind.

The pandemic has highlighted the structural failures in our existing economic, political and social systems. These failures have created the global crises of climate change, biodiversity loss, food insecurity, conflict, displacement and deepening inequality.

These crises are a result of political choices over decades, along with unregulated corporate power. They have undermined human rights and the protection of the environment.

Now is the time to make different political choices. Now is the time to Build Back Better.

We have the opportunity to transform to more sustainable, resilient, and inclusive societies that leave no-one behind.

Building back better is not a return to business as usual.

- Building back better means supporting countries with overseas aid so they can build the healthcare systems and infrastructure needed to overcome this crisis.
- Building back better means investing in an economic recovery that tackles the climate emergency.
- Building back better means an economic recovery that is fair and just for all, that doesn't involve exploitation. It means companies respect human rights when their operations have the potential to impact on vulnerable people.
- For more information, visit trocaire.org