

## Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

### Parish Of Downpatrick

12<sup>th</sup> February 2023



LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. MAKE DISCIPLES.

#### Your Prayers Are Requested for:

**Recently Deceased:** Kathleen flood, Damien Fitzsimons (Saul), Alice Deegan,

**Month's Mind:** Maria Lannin,

**Anniversaries:** Sr. M. Catherine, Oliver McMullan, Sean McShane, Greta Hampton, Jean Kearney, Brendan Rice, Liam McKeating, June Evans, Desmond Mulvaney, Sydney Vaughan, Chris Laverty,

**Weekly Collection:** Offertory £1216, Loose Plate £187, Direct Debits £1775, Thank you for your generosity

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

**Mon: 13<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7.30pm: Month's Mind:** James Thompson  
**Anniv:** Christopher Dobbin,

**Wed: 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 7:30pm: Anniv:** James Hampton Jnr & deceased members of the Hampton Family,

**Fri: 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 7:30pm: Month's Mind:** Maria Lannin,  
**Anniv:** Michael Robinson, Paul Turley, Billy Burns, Marie Rogan,

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

**Funeral Arrangements:** As of February 1<sup>st</sup> 2023, there will be a new arrangement for funerals, in our parish. Funeral Masses will be celebrated at the 9:30am Mass in St. Patrick's. If the bereaved family wish for a later time (due to the distance travelled by mourners) the funeral Mass will take place at 11am or 12 noon, upon agreement with the family, the undertakers and the priests. However if this is the case THERE WILL NOT BE A MASS AT 9:30am that morning in St. Patrick's. Parishioners will be informed about this via the parish Facebook page and parish app which can be downloaded for free. We hope parishioners will understand and appreciate these changes. These arrangements will hopefully be temporary.

**Tea & Coffee** The next tea & coffee will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

#### Parish Mass Schedule for January & February 2023:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	St. Colmcille's	11am
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	St. Colmcille's	11am

**Discovering Christ** is for anyone who is curious. Enjoy tea/coffee/cake and listen to a thought-provoking talk that is designed to explore the meaning and purpose of your life. After the talk, you can share your thoughts in a small group (and talk as much or as little as you wish). It's all done in a warm, friendly, and judgement-free environment. Discovering Christ is fun, relaxed, and free. Tuesdays from 14 February to 28 March at 7pm Patrick's Place – St Patrick's Church Downpatrick Just drop in or call 028 4461 2084 to let us know you're coming.

**Bereavement:** The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave, Belfast, on three Saturdays (January 21st; February 18th and March 18th 2023) Booking essential. Residential weekend in Drumalis, Larne, 10/12th March. To find out more, contact Phil: 02890 207645 or Marie 07896119669 or email [belfastbe@yahoo.com](mailto:belfastbe@yahoo.com)

#### **Walking with Patrick**

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> March

Venue: St. Mary's HS, Ardglass Road,

Time: 7:30pm to 9:00pm

Where is our parish now?

What would you like it to be?

What is your vision for our parish?

"The people perish without a vision"  
(Proverbs 29:18)

Discussion, Chat, Listening, Prayer

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Meeting for St. Patrick's Eucharistic Ministers in Parochial House at 8:15pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:** Meeting will take place in the Parochial House on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 8:15pm.

**Study Theology Online, is this for you?** The PRIORITY provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 8<sup>th</sup>. Find out more on our website, [www.prioryinstitute.com](http://www.prioryinstitute.com)

**Adoration / Exposition** has resumed in St. Patrick's. It will continue from 11am to 7pm. If you have a designated slot during the day we ask you please to try to be faithful to it during 2023. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited at 3pm. Confessions will also take place every Friday from 3pm to 4pm.

**Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse February 24th 2023.** Pope Francis has invited Bishops around the world to establish a special day of prayer in the Church year to support the journey of human and spiritual recovery and to pray for and remember victims and survivors of abuse within our Church. This day is not only for victims and survivors who have been so severely injured, either inside or outside our Church, but also for the families and communities affected by grief for their loved ones. In Down and Connor a special Mass will be celebrated on FRIDAY 24TH February 2023 in Saint Patrick's Church Donegall Street at 1:00pm. At this mass the Candle of Atonement will be lit. You are invited to attend this important Diocesan event. Prayers will also be offered at Masses in our own Parish.

**Altaration!** A fascinating Lenten Programme for Parents! The Mystery of Mass revealed. Altaration is the answer every Catholic parent has been waiting for when a teen asks 'Why do I have to go to Mass?' The goal of Altaration is not to fill hearts with information, but to pierce the heart with transformation! Through a unique learning experience, including powerful video, one will come to see Mass in a totally new way. We encourage parents to register for this series, with particular emphasis on parents that have children preparing for the Sacraments this year. Join us for this amazing 5 week Lenten Programme, commencing Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 5pm – 6.30pm in the Sacred Heart Centre, Saintfield Parish. To register, contact [siantfield@downandconnor.org](mailto:siantfield@downandconnor.org) or [noreen@thekerrs18.plus.com](mailto:noreen@thekerrs18.plus.com)

**Blood Transfusion Service** will take place at St. Patrick's Grammar School on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm to 8pm. To book an appointment please ring 08085 534 653.

**Christian Meditation** and Movement continues on Sundays 7-8pm, this Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup>, In Patrick's Place. Each session includes movement and breath awareness to help still the mind. Experience a deep meditation on scripture, using 'Lectio Divina'. This is a unique opportunity to learn to praise and worship God using the mind, body and spirit. All welcome, bring along a mat and blanket. For more information call Philomena: 07754877021

**Shalom World:** Watch the 'Vocare' programme this week. It features Fr. Murray's vocation story you can locate it at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=VUJPaRPiXx4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VUJPaRPiXx4) or go directly to the shalom world app or website to locate.

**Christian Meditation and Movement:** Returns on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 7pm – 8pm in Patrick's Place. During these sessions, we will reflect upon Lenten themed scripture using Lectio Divina and worship God in a unique way – using body, mind and spirit. Everyone very welcome, please bring a blanket and a mat. Further details available from Philomena 07754877021

**Applications** are now being accepted for our Diocesan Youth Team trip to Lourdes in July 2023. Cost is £690 per person sharing, which includes return flights, transportation, full board accommodation, and insurance. Date: 11th – 17th July 2023. All applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 24 from July 2023. Limited Spaces available. For more information, please contact [Lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:Lourdes@downandconnor.org)

**Trocaire:** Dear Fr Murray, I am writing to gratefully acknowledge the generous donation of £372 sent to Trócaire on behalf of the parishioners of Downpatrick Parish. These funds were raised from sales of Trócaire's Gifts of Love and donations made at Christmas. This contribution will help to make a life-changing difference for families in the 16 countries where Trocaire and our partner organisations work. Please convey our sincere thanks to your parishioners for their thoughtful generosity. I would like to acknowledge and thank Carmel McCartan, a valued Trocaire volunteer, who kindly organised this fundraising activity, we greatly appreciate her support.

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