

Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

Parish Of Downpatrick

5th February 2023



LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. MAKE DISCIPLES.

Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Month's Mind: June Clarke, Jim Lowry, Sr. Maureen Grant,

Anniversaries: Helena Fitzsimons, Matthew Fleming, Malachy McGrady, Patrick See, Alexander Overend, Patrick Gribban, Charles Newman, Noel McGrady, Willie Byrne, Henry McNeill, Sarah McNeill, Lawrence McNeill, Thomas Smyth, Mary Rice, Patrick Fee, Deaglan Moran, Joseph Blaney Snr, Elizabeth Irwin, Dermie, Gwen & Michael Fitzsimmons,

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

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

Mon: 6th February, 7.30pm: Anniv: Dominic Deegan, Evelyn Deegan,

Wed: 8th Feb 7:30pm: Month's Mind: June Clarke,
1st Anniv's: Patrick Gribban & Damien Trainor,
Anniv: George Trainor, Hugh Trainor, Barney Trainor, Margaret Trainor, Cabrini Curran, Patsy McDonald, Fitzsimmons Family Dermie, Gwen, Joe, Paddy and Micky, Mary Gracey,

Fri: 10th Feb 7:30pm: Month's Mind: Jim Lowry
Month's Mind: Sr. Maureen Grant

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

Christian Meditation and Movement continues on Sundays 7-8pm, this Sunday February 5th, 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

Parish Mass Schedule for January & February 2023:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 4 th February	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 4 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 5 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 5 th	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 11 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 11 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 12 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 12 th	St. Colmcille's	11am
Sat 18 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 19 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 19 th	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 25 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 25 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 26 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 26 th	St. Colmcille's	11am

Funeral Arrangements: As of February 1st 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 will change from every Friday to every first Friday of the month. Starting from the first Friday of February. The next tea & coffee will be on Friday 3rd March.

Walking with Patrick

March 9th 7:30pm to 9pm

Keep the date

More details to follow

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

RGU Lotto. This week's lotto numbers were 8-15-21-27. Four tickets matched three numbers to share £100. Next week's jackpot is £2300. PLAY ONLINE USING THE LINK ON FACEBOOK. Set Dancing Classes every Tuesday evening at 7.30, contact 07840117232.

St. Vincent de Paul: We are seeking volunteers for the St Vincent de Paul Shops in Downpatrick (Irish St and Ballymote). Morning and afternoon shifts are available. - If you can spare a few hours please contact Laurence on 07713286646.

Study Theology Online, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 8th. Find out more on our website, 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.

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 or go directly to the shalom world app or website to locate.

NI CANCER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES.

Sun 28 May to Fri 2 June 2023. The price of £799 (with price reduction for Cancer Patients) will include: return flights from Belfast International Airport, operated by Northern Star Travel Ltd. Full board and accommodation at the Hotel Agena in Lourdes for five nights based on twin/double/triple rooms. Service of JWT guides in Lourdes. The party will consist of patients, ex-patients, relatives and friends accompanied by medical, nursing and other staff. To enquire or to obtain a booking form please speak to a member of the committee on Tel. **078746 88388** or email mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk



Beloved Disciples

Spirituality for the
Autumn of Life

"Old age, is where wisdom is woven, which in turn illuminates the lives of younger generations and the entire community."

Pope Francis

Why not take some time this February/March to join us for the Beloved Disciples Programme which explores and celebrates the gifts that older people bring to our Church community. It reminds us that there is no such thing as retirement from the Kingdom of God and that we are called to discipleship at every age in our lives. The programme, designed for the over 60's runs for 4 weeks. Over a cup of tea/coffee there will be opportunities for talking and listening and sharing what our faith means to us as we continue our journey seeking to grow in the love of Christ and others. The programme for women, will begin on Friday 10th February at 11:00am at Living Church 120 Cliftonville Rd, Belfast, and will conclude on Friday 3rd March. Each session will be approximately one hour long and will be facilitated by Fr Paul Byrne from the Living Church Office. We look forward to welcoming you!