

Downpatrick Pastoral Area

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 9th/16th July 2023



LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. MAKE DISCIPLES.

Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Fr Oliver Treanor, Marie McAuley, Joseph Layden,

Anniversaries: Sr. M. Bernadette, Margaret McGrady, Susannah Norton, Cecelia Carson, Conor Smith, Brian McCartney, Robert McCartney, Patrick Denvir, Rita & William Polly, Anastasia Smyth, Pat Kernan, Hugh Cunningham,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1,960, Loose Plate £549, Direct Debits £1200. Thank you for your generosity

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

Mon: 10th July: Anniv: Paddy Teggart, Tony McKee, Patrick Denvir,

Wednesday 12th July: Anniv: Sheila Vaughan

Friday 14th July: Anniv: Philomena Curran, Sean McQuoid

Monday 17th July: John Forsythe, Patricia Rhodes,

Wednesday 19th July: 1st Anniv Patrick Fitzsimons, **Anniv:** Pauline Fitzsimons,

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

'Evening of Mercy': Monday 10th July

6:45pm Confessions

7:00pm Rosary

7:30pm Mass

8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

8:40pm Benediction

All welcome for all or even part of the evening.

Adoration: During July and August there will be Adoration in St. Colmcille's every Wednesday from 3pm – 4pm and in St. Patrick's every Friday from 3pm – 4pm. Everyone welcome.

The Parish Office is now closed until July 17th. The next Bulletin will be published on Sunday, July 22nd.

Parish Mass Schedule for July 2023:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 15 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 16 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 16 th	St. Colmcille's	11am
Sat 22 nd	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 22 nd	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 23 rd	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 23 rd	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 29 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 30 th	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Sun 30 th	St. Colmcille's	11am

Parish Draw: As you know the parish draw was due to be launched again in April 2020. But owing to the Covid pandemic it had to be suspended because our promoters would have been unable to make their returns. Recently, after a meeting with Canon Murray the promoters decided to re-launch the draw in October 2023. It was decided to have only one draw with 21 prizes on the basis of the returns that had been received by March 2020. If anyone still wishes to become a member the final closing date for receipts will be 31st August 2023. More details about the prizes and the method for choosing the winners will be issued in the near future. Owing to the fact that some of our promoters are ill and some are no longer collecting the draw in October will be the last one. Many thanks to all our promoters and members for helping to make a success of the draw over the last few years. The draw brought in a substantial amount for the parish. Further details will be published in the bulletin on July 22nd.

Masses in St. Patrick's: Thank you for the response to my recent talk on 'rescheduling of Masses in St. Patrick's. Thank you for the positivity, and also for the appreciation of the difficulties imposed by an ageing clergy and the regular need – sometimes at short notice, to cover neighbouring parishes. The response to my suggestion did, however, raise some issues which need to be resolved. Last Sunday, as Celebrant at St. Colmcille's, I outlined the proposal and suggested that future Mass times at St. Colmcille's would need to be tweaked. Given two choices, 10am or 12 Noon, the attendees, almost unanimously voted for 10am. Some responses to my talk on the change in St Patrick's raised other questions – could it be changed to 10.30am? Accordingly, on Sunday 20th August, we will have a vote at both the 9am and 12 Noon masses on one issue – what time the Mass will be

at in St. Patrick's from September 1st – 10.30am Or 11am. Also, on that weekend, I would suggest a vote at the Vigil Mass (19th Aug) on whether to have the Vigil at 5.30pm or 6pm. Saul have a Mass at 5pm and a Mass at 6pm would facilitate those who work all day Saturday. I hope after these votes that a new Mass schedule in St Patrick's will be acceptable to most people in the Parish.

St. Malachy's Ballykilbeg: Work has just finished on the installation of a replacement boiler in St. Malachy's Church. The new system is up and running well. Thank you for your patience during the time it took to get the project off the ground.

Fr. Oliver Treanor: A priest of Down & Connor Diocese passed away on Sunday last. Fr. Oliver taught for many years in St. Malachy's College, Belfast and in St. Patrick's, Maynooth. During his lifetime, he published several books on all aspects of our Catholic faith. Many parishioners will remember Fr. Oliver for an excellent course he gave some years ago on being a reader at Mass. Fr. Treanor was buried after Requiem Mass celebrated by Fr. Murray in Warrenpoint on July 5th. *Requiescat in Pace*

Site of Boys Primary School:

As Parishioners will be aware, the site has now been sold. It was sold by St. MacNissi's Educational Trust. The parish were simply 'caretakers' after the school closed. The proceeds of the sale will allow St. MacNissi's Educational Trust to settle the significant outstanding grant recoverable from the Department for Education and to re-imburse Downpatrick parish for the school demolition and associated costs. The remainder of the proceeds from the sale will be reinvested in the future education of young people across the Diocese of Down and Connor. Parishioners will be notified via the bulletin of any further updates. Contrary to recent rumours – the playing fields at St. Dillon's Avenue HAVE Not been sold.

Recordings of Live Webcam: If wish to have a Wedding or Funeral Service recorded in order to keep it, please contact us at least 24 hours before the service to allow us to set this up. Funerals are usually available by scrolling through events on our Facebook page – however, we do not automatically record or live broadcast weddings to Facebook, they need to be arranged in advance.

Light the Fire
August 6th Hill of Slane

Sr. Briega McKenna, Fr. Pablo Escriva de Romani, Archbishop Eamon Martin, Dana

12.15 Praise & Worship
1pm Gathering
1.15pm Rosary
2pm Mass
4.30pm Depart for home

in the spirit of
WYD LISBON 2023
Mary arose and went with haste

Dana & Music Ministry will sing Light the Fire

• Talks • Eucharistic Healing Service

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MEET OTHER YOUNG CATHOLICS.
EXPLORE YOUR FAITH.
COME AND SEE.