

Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

Parish Of Downpatrick

2nd April 2023



Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Bernadette Kelly,
Claire Louise Clarke,

Anniversaries: Stephen Rice, Sean O Hare, Rory Walsh,
Pat Morgan, James McComiskey, Margaret McComiskey
John Quail, Gerry Carson, Joe Fisher, Nellie Kenny, Hugh
Cunningham, Karen & Rita Hanna, Betty Byrne, David
Williams,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1,515, Loose Plate £275,
Direct Debits £1655, Thank you for your generosity.

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

Mon: 3rd April, 7.30pm: 1st Anniv: Tony Keown,
Anniv: Oonagh & Gerry Carson,

Wed: 5th Apr 7:30pm: Anniv: Francie Kelly, Anne Murphy,
Stephen Rice, Myra O' Connell, Malachy Gilchrist,
Rory Hunt, Theresa Mageean,

Confessions this week: Monday 6:45pm,
Good Friday & Holy Saturday 10:30am to 1pm,

'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.

Offertory Envelopes: The envelopes for the new
Offertory Collection Year are available to collect from
the Parish Office, during office hours, up until Thursday
6th April. We would encourage parishioners when
collecting their own envelopes, to collect envelopes for
a friend or neighbour – this would be a huge help to us
in the delivery of envelopes throughout the parish.

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.

Stations of the Cross will take place each Wednesday
of Lent at 7pm in St. Patrick's Church. You can attend
in person or join us online on the parish webcam or
Facebook page.

Parish Mass Schedule for April 2023:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 1 st April	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 1 st April	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 2 nd	St. Patrick's	9am & 12Noon
Thurs 6 th Lord's Last Supper Mass 7:30pm St. Patrick's		
Fri 7 th The Lord's Passion 3:00pm St. Patrick's		
Sat 8 th – Easter Vigil – St. Patrick's – 9:00pm		
Sun 9 th 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 10 th to Fri 14 th 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

'Evening of Mercy': Monday of Holy Week 2nd 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.

**Palm Sunday Penitential
Service**
with several confessors will
take place at 5pm in
St. Patrick's on Sunday
2nd April.





HOLY WEEK

Chrism Mass: The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated in St. Peter's Cathedral on Spy Wednesday, 5 April, at 12 noon. Everyone is invited to come along.

Mass of the Lord's last Supper will be celebrated in St. Patrick's at 7:30pm on Thursday 6th April. Please note: there will be no morning Mass at 9:30am.

Good Friday will have the liturgy of the Lord's Passion in St. Patrick's at 3pm. There will also be the annual collection for the Catholics of the Holy Land.

Prayers: On Thursday 6th, Friday 7th and Saturday 8th April. There will be morning prayer at 9:30am on each of these mornings. Please note: there will be no morning Mass at 9:30am & 10am on Saturday. Parishioners are welcome.

Dawn Mass on St. Patrick's Mountain, Saul, on Easter Sunday morning at 6am. Please note: There will not be Mass at Struell Wells this year.

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.

Thank you to Tom and Brigid Hogan and friends who sold hundreds of St. Brigid's Crosses recently. Proceeds of the sales went to Spiritan Missionaries (£500) and the Franciscan Brothers (£500). Both of these groups have visited our parish recently. Br. Brian in 2022 and Fr. Patrick Moran – Just this weekend past.

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 – if you would like to travel with them, contact Colette 07732610247

RGU Lotto. This week's lotto numbers were 13-15-18-21. One ticket matched three numbers to win £100. Next week's jackpot is £3100. PLAY ONLINE USING THE LINK ON FACEBOOK. Set Dancing Classes every Tuesday evening at 7.30, new members very welcome - contact 07840117232.



SPY WEDNESDAY
 YOUTH PRAYER EVENT
 Wed 5th of April
 7:00-8:30PM

St. Colmille's Catholic Church,
 Downpatrick

A Night of prayers, worship, activities, stories, snacks and more.

Want to know more? Contact 07591734764

All are welcome to the Youth Prayer Event on Wednesday 5th of April run with Youth Initiatives from 7:00-8:30 at St. Colmilles. The night will include prayer, worship, games, stories, and a snack at the end. If you want to know more, please contact Sarah at 07591734764. All ages are welcome! We hope to see you there.

"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 at the Parish office 02844612084. Someone will contact you about training and answer any questions you may have.