

## Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

### Parish Of Downpatrick

26<sup>th</sup> June 2022

#### Your Prayers Are Requested for:

**Recently Deceased:** Brendan Stratton, Sammy McCoubrey, John McKenna,

**Anniversaries:** Rita & Felix Blaney, John Gargan, David Fegan, Rose Caraher, Thomas McLoughlin, Malachy Smyth, Patrick Joseph Gracey,  
*May They Rest In Peace*

**Baptisms:** Baptism can be booked in person only by contacting Mary at the Parish Office Mon – Thurs 9.15am – 2.30pm.

**Weekly Collection:** Offertory £1,316 Loose Plate £162 Direct Debits £1705, Thank you for your generosity.

#### **Mass Intentions St. Patrick's @7.30pm:**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup>: Anniv:** Thomas McErlean, David Fegan

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>: Anniv:** David McGrady,

**Confessions:** Confessions will take place on Monday 6:45pm – 7:20pm, Friday at 3pm to 4pm and on Saturday at 12pm to 1pm.

**Adoration on Fridays:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, on Friday's will resume in September.

**St. Vincent de Paul, Downpatrick,** would like to thank all who continue to donate generously and faithfully to the work of the Society. Every one of us has been affected by the soaring prices of the day-to-day staples and may have had to "tighten our belts" so it goes without saying that those in our community on low incomes are feeling it even more so. We have received some very generous donations anonymously and we are most grateful for those but every donation, great or small, is helping someone in need. Thank you for your ongoing financial and prayerful support and you remain in our prayers.

**Tea & Toast:** Tea & Toast has stopped for the Summer and will resume in September.

**St. Colmcille's / St. Brigid's** The Masses are as follows: St. Brigid's June 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, St. Colmcille's June 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> at 11am and in July... St. Brigid's July 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> 7pm, St. Colmcille's July 17<sup>th</sup> and , 24<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

**Fountain Foodbank:** Will resume the collection of food in St. Patrick's Church from Saturday & Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> June and will continue each weekend thereafter. A trolley and boxes labelled Fountain Food Bank will be in the porches of the Church before the 5.30pm Mass from Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and will remain there until after the 12 noon Mass on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>. Donated items must be tinned foods, or dry foods. In these difficult economic times, the need for the foodbank is greater than ever. Your outstanding generosity in the past has enabled us to support the members of our community needing help. We appreciate sincerely your ongoing support and commitment to the foodbank.

**Legion of Mary Annual pilgrimage to Knock Shrine:** will take place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The cost of the bus is £17 and is non-refundable with payment in full before departure. The price does not include food & drinks; each pilgrim/visitor can buy these separately. Pick up points: Castlewellan Chapel 6:30am, Downpatrick Library 6:45am, Crossgar Chapel 7am sharp. Everyone welcome. Please contact the trip organiser Sean McAlea (Ardglass 07504041526) or Colette (Downpatrick 07732610247) to make a booking.

**Franciscan Brothers:** Will visit Downpatrick this weekend – 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> June. The Order was founded in Galway in the early 1800's and worked to bring education to the poor, and were noted for their work with the poor during the famine. The Order now have Missions in rural Kenya and Uganda where they run agricultural colleges, Education is a vital key in progress in these countries. They are appealing for financial assistance from parishioners this weekend in order to continue their work of reconciliation, distribution of food, water and medicine during difficult times for poorer countries.

Donations can be left in the white collection box in the Sanctuary area or given to any of the priests. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Downpatrick Pro-life** are arranging a coach to attend the 'All Ireland Rally for Life' in Dublin on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022. The coach will leave St. Patrick's Church car park at 8:30am. With collection points at Castlewellan and Kilcoo if required. If you are interested in attending this event, please book your seat by contacting St. Patrick's Parish office on 02844612084 before Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022. The cost of the trip will be £10.00. Comfort stop on route.



<b>Readings for Ordinary Time:</b>	
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June (13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year)(Year C)</b>	
1 Kings: 19: 16, 19-21	Psalm: 1-2, 5, 7-11
Galations: 5: 1, 13-18	Luke 9: 51-62
<b>Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Feast of St. Cyril of Alexandria</b>	
Amos 2: 6-10, 13-16	Matthew 8: 19-22
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feast of St. Irenaeus</b>	
Amos 3: 1-8, 4: 11-12	Matthew 8: 23-27
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> St's. Peter &amp; Paul, Apostles</b>	
Acts 12: 1-11	2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18
Matthew 16: 13-19	
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Feast of the Roman Martyrs</b>	
Amos 7: 10-17	Matthew 9: 1-8
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July Feast of St. Oliver Plunket</b>	
Amos 8: 4-6, 9-12	Matthew 9: 9-13
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	
Amos 9: 11-15	Matthew 9: 14-17

**Thanks:** to Chris and his Son for replacing the projector bulb in St. Patrick's last week. The old bulb unfortunately blew on the morning of one of the schools First Holy Communions. It had given us 1979 hours of dedicated service.

**Tobar Mhuire Summer Institute** – We are delighted to announce that the annual Summer Institute will take place from Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July. We will explore how our shared Celtic heritage and spirituality offers hope and invites us to rediscover community in a world still under the threat of covid-19. Timothy Ray, a renowned speaker and writer in Celtic and Ignatian spirituality in the USA will lead us in this journey. Suggested donation: £40 each day (includes tea/coffee/light lunch) For more information contact: 02844830242 or [secretary@tobarmhuirecrossgar.com](mailto:secretary@tobarmhuirecrossgar.com)

**SCAM ALERT:** One of our Parishioners was recently contacted by text message telling her that she had been in touch with someone who had tested positive for Omicron – she was asked to book a PCR test ASAP Via a link in the text message, which she did, however, at the time of booking, she was asked for her bank details as although the PCR Test was free, postage had to be paid for. After entering her bank details, the lady spoke to a family member who advised that the text was a scam and suggested she should contact her bank immediately – she did this and was told that a member from her banks fraud team would contact her with advice and support – a while later 'The Bank' did ring her and run through various support/advice scenarios, towards the end of the call, 'The Bank' told the lady that her phone had been contaminated by the scam text message, but that they had been authorized by her telephone provider to resolve her phone issues – at this point the lady asked for a case ref number so that she could call her bank back... the caller terminated the call! The lady thankfully spoke to the fraud support team at her 'Real Bank' later in the day and get reassurance from them.

**Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:** Since restrictions due to Covid eased we have been able to return to a near normal liturgy. However, some of our former readers and Eucharistic ministers feel they can no longer provide this valuable service. For instance, currently we have only one reader for Sunday's 12:00pm Mass.

The Parish wishes to thank our past and current readers and Eucharistic ministers but also appeals for NEW READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS. Please give your name and contact details to our office on 44612084 or email: [downpatrick@downandconnor.org](mailto:downpatrick@downandconnor.org) If you think you can serve in this ministry.

The Parish would also invite the regular readers of St. Brigid's, St. Colmcille's and St. Malachy's to offer their services at St. Patrick's too. They can still be available for reading at the other churches. This suggestion also applies to the Eucharistic ministers. **Again, if you would like to do this please contact the office on 44612084. It is hoped to offer a refresher course for both readers and Eucharistic ministers in September. New readers and Eucharistic ministers can also attend these courses.**