

Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

Parish Of Downpatrick

12th December 2021

Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Month's Mind: Brigid Skeffington

Anniversaries Irene Mckinney, Emily Russell, Vincent Blaney, Jim Mullan, Elizabeth Hazzard, Dick Hazzard, Hugh Hazzard, Rosaleen Byers, Hugh Marnier, Eileen Fee, Teddy Tweedie, Kathleen Curran, Mary Fitzsimons,

May They Rest In Peace

Baptisms: Baptism can be booked by contacting Mary on 02844612084 Mon – Thurs 9.15am – 2.30pm.

A maximum of ten people can attend Baptisms, this includes parents and sponsors.

Weekly Collection: Offertory £2764, Loose Plate £290, Direct Debits £1785 (Nov) Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions St. Patrick's @7.30pm:

Monday 13th: Anniv: Irene McKinney, Emily Russell, Vincent Blaney, Harry & May Blaney, Margaret Whinnery

Wednesday, 15th: Anniv: Winnie Quinn, Frank & Kathleen Fitzsimons, Colm Fay, Mary McCann, Frances Fitzsimons,

Friday 17th, Month's Mind: Brigid Skeffington, Anniv: Jerome McCabe, Maureen Heeran,

Confessions: Confessions: Wednesday & Friday 3pm -4pm. Saturday 12 Noon to 1pm.

Adoration: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays from 11.00am to 7:30pm (Mass time)
If there is a funeral Mass on a Friday these times will be modified and parishioners will be informed

READER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER ROTA is available in the church porch. If you cannot attend on the day allocated to you, please contact one of the other reading team if possible to swap with them.

Weekday Readers:

Mon: J. Lavery

Tues: B. Gribben

Wed: J. Lavery

Thurs: K. Hanna

Fri: B. Turley

Sat: M. McGlogan & E. Darragh

St Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal: The SVP Annual Appeal this year will take place this weekend, 11th/12th December. Christmas is approaching and with it the colder weather and at this time hardship is felt even more keenly. We will all have noticed the increase in fuel and grocery costs over the last few months and no doubt those on low incomes – who struggle even on a daily basis - will have felt it to the point where it is literally a choice of “heat” or “eat”. We would appreciate your support this weekend.

The Church Boiler at St. Patrick's:

Apologies! Apologies!

Our Church boiler is old! It was installed at the time of the transept in 1992. It has given service beyond its 'sell date'!

A new boiler is tied in with the purchase of St. Michael's Parish Centre on Irish Street. When the legal papers for the centre are signed this month a new boiler can be ordered and installed.

In the meantime the parish is doing all it can to fix the current boiler. Currently there are six electric heaters in the church. We are sorry for any inconvenience but we are doing all we can to rectify the situation.

Parish Carol Service: Sunday 19th December 5pm - 6pm, featuring our Parish Choir, with contributions from Mary McCabe, Cora Kelly and Members of the Keralese community. This is a public event, no tickets required. Also Available via the webcam and Facebook Page.

Trocaire: Extend sincere thanks to all who supported the recent East Africa Appeal. They have sent a letter to the Parish acknowledging parishioners support. It is available to view in it's entirety on the Parish Facebook page.

Christmas Masses : Once again, as in 2020, it is sad that we cannot offer Masses in our smaller churches. All Christmas Masses will be in St. Patrick's, we have 140 places for each Mass available. Teams of Volunteers will ensure that the church is sanitized between Masses. Please God, we will be able to celebrate Masses in St. Malachy's, St. Colmcille' and St. Brigid's in 2022.

Parishioners – will have to book a place at whatever Mass they wish to attend. **Because of the limited number of places and the expected volume of calls, This CAN ONLY be done by PHONE. PLEASE DO NOT EMAIL BOOKINGS and PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE BOOKING MESSAGES ON THE VOICEMAIL.**

Mass Times are as follows:

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL FOR BOTH CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY. 5.30pm Mass is FULLY BOOKED, 7.30pm has a very small number of tickets available and THERE ARE LIMITED SPACES LEFT NOW FOR THE REMAINING MASSES.

24th December 7.30pm & 9.30pm

Christmas Day 9am & 12 noon

St. Stephen's Day: 9am, 12 Noon & 5pm (No Booking required)

New Years Day: 12 Noon (No booking required)

The 'Normal' Rota will resume for the Saturday Evening 1st January Vigil Mass.

RGU Numbers: This week's lotto numbers were 3-4,9,11. Six people matched three numbers. Next week's jackpot is £2200. play online using the link on Facebook.

Readings for the Third Week of Advent

3rd Sunday of Advent:

Zephaniah 3: 14-18

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippines 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18

Monday 13th:

Numbers 24:2-7,15-17

Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday 14th Feast of St John Of the Cross:

Readings of the Day

Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13

Matthew 21:28 -32

Wednesday 15th:

Isaiah 43: 6-8,18,21-26

Luke 7:19-23

Thursday 16th

Isaiah 54: 1-10

Luke 7:19-23

Friday 17th:

Isaiah 56: 1-3, 6-8,

John 5:33-36

Alternative Readings for 17th:

Genesis 49:2, 8-10

Matthew 1:1-17

Sat 18th:

Jeremiah 23: 5-8

Matthew 1:18-24