

Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

Parish Of Downpatrick

21st August 2022

Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Geraldine Gordon, Bernadette (Berny) Stratton (Belfast),

Month's Mind: Patsy Fitzsimons, Harry Sheridan,

Anniversaries: Roisin Rice, Noreen Lannin, Francis Savage, Louie Robinson, John Robinson, Johnnie & Mae Smyth, Edward Kerr, Malachy Kerr, Thomas (Tommy) Creaney, Patrick (Paddy) Galbraith,

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

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1,639 Loose Plate £333 Direct Debits £1685, Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions St. Patrick's @7.30pm:

Mon 22nd Aug: Month's Mind: Patsy Fitzsimons

Anniv: Francis Savage, Flo Austin Murphy, Paul McKenna,

Wed 24th August: Month's Mind: Harry Sheridan

1st Anniv: Edna Smyth, **Anniv:** Noreen Lannin,

Fri 26th Aug: Anniv: Noel & Bill Kearney, Fergal Magennis, Mary McKenzie,

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

The Dominicans in St Mary's Priory, Cork, would like to invite you to join us for one of six online courses this Autumn, to help you to go deeper in your faith. These courses, which will run for seven weeks, will take place over Zoom, so to be able to participate, you will need to install the free Zoom software (<https://zoom.us/download>). The courses will start late September. The cost of each course is €70 for the seven weeks. To book your place on a course, there is a 2-step process. First, please reply to this email stating your preferred course and giving your full name. Second, to pay for the course of your choice, please click on this link <https://www.dominicanscork.ie/giving/> and click on the 'Donate' button at the end of the page. Then click on the drop-down menu, please select 'seven week zoom courses'. You can pay with Debit/Credit card or PayPal. Alternatively, you can send a cheque for €70 made payable to 'Dominicans St Marys' to The Prior, St Mary's Priory, Popes Quay, Cork. Please include a note saying what course you are paying for. Please Note: The closing date for registering for a course is Thursday 15th September. After the closing date, you will receive another email with information about how to participate in the course you have registered for. We look forward to meeting you on one of the online courses.

St. Colmcille's / St. Brigid's/ St. Malachy's

The Masses are as follows: July and August... **St. Brigid's** August 13th at 7pm, **St. Colmcille's** August 21st at 11am. **St. Malachy's:** August 28th at 10am.

CALLING ALL CANTORS/SINGERS AT FUNERALS AND WEDDINGS! YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A PRACTICAL SEMINAR ON THE MUSIC FOR FUNERALS (SEPTEMBER 13TH) AND FOR WEDDINGS (OCTOBER 25TH) FROM 7.30 – 9.00 PM IN ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH DOWNPATRICK. THE SEMINAR WILL BE FREE AND WILL OFFER PRACTICAL HELP AND DIRECTION FOR CHOOSING THE RIGHT LITURGICAL MUSIC AND SETTINGS FOR THESE OCCASIONS. THERE WILL ALSO BE SOME GUIDANCE FOR CANTORS WHO ASSIST AT THE WEEKLY PARISH MASSES. THE SEMINAR WILL BE DIRECTED MAINLY BY MALACHY MCKEEVER OF THE DIOCESAN LITURGICAL COMMISSION WITH A SHORT INTRODUCTION ALSO FROM FR. JOHN MURRAY PP (DOWNPATRICK).

If you require further information, please email us - downpatrick@downandconnor.org

Mary's Meals: A representative from the charity Mary's Meals will speak at all Masses next weekend (27th/28th Aug) about their life-changing work of feeding children in some of the world's poorest countries with a daily meal at school. Envelopes will be available if you wish to support financially. Mary's Meals would also appreciate your prayers in support of their work. Prayer cards will be available after Mass. Further details our work can be found at www.marysmeals.org.uk or contact Caoimhe McCann on 07394564065.

Legion of Mary Annual pilgrimage to Knock Shrine: will take place on Sunday 25th 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.

HOLYLAND PILGRIMAGE 2023: Fr. Murray hopes to lead a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in May/June 2023. To register your interest, we ask that you email the parish:

downpatrick@downandconnor.org or contact Mary on 02844612084, once we have further details, costs, itinerary etc, we will email it to interested parties as we receive it.

Only 6 Places Left at present – of those who have expressed interest.



Adoration on Fridays: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, on Fridays will resume in September.

Installation of the New Canons: This will take place in St. Peter's Cathedral on Sunday 18th September at 3pm.

Readings for Ordinary Time:

21st Sunday of The Year (C)

Isaiah 66: 18-21

Psalm 116

Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13

Luke 13: 22-30

Monday August 22nd

Isaiah 9: 1-6

Luke 1: 26-28

Tuesday 23rd

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-3, 14-17

Matthew 23: 23-26

Wednesday 24th Feast of Bartholomew, Apostle

Apocalypse 21: 9-14

John 1: 45-51

Thursday 25th

1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

Matthew 24: 42-51

Friday 26th

1 Corinthians 1: 17-25

Matthew 25: 1-13

Saturday 27th: Feast of St. Monica

(Readings of the day) 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31

Matthew 25: 14-30

RGU Lotto. This week's lotto numbers were 5-12-16-26. Six tickets matched three numbers. Next week's jackpot is £4600. PLAY ONLINE USING THE LINK ON FACEBOOK.

St. Michaels Prayer Group meet at 2pm until 3pm every Thursday in Patrick's Place.

Parking: If you choose to park in front of the presbytery could we ask you to park at the kerb adjacent to the presbytery itself. This is to allow a free passage for the postman and other utility vans who enter by Folly Lane. Remember 'thoughtfulness' is one of the fruits of the Spirit (Gal 5:22).

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

Return to school dates for St. Mary's High School, Downpatrick

Year 8	Friday 26 th August	9.00am – 12.00pm Induction
Year 13	Tuesday 30 th August	9.00am – 12.00pm Induction
Year 11	Wednesday 31 st August	9.00am – 12.00pm Induction
Whole School Return	Thursday 1 st September 2022	