

Downpatrick Pastoral Area

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 18th February 2024



Your prayers are requested for:

Recently Deceased: Madeleine Maguire, Sean Quinn, John Crumley,

Month's Mind: Tommy Miley

Anniversaries: Sean McShane, Frankie Acton, Louise Baker, Hugh & Margaret Rodgers, William Denvir, Peggy Fairfield, Gretta Hampton, Rosemary Largey, Lilian McGrady, Kieran Carson,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1,444, Loose Plate £547, Direct Debits £1880. Thank you for your generosity

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

Mon 19th Feb: Anniv: Alfie Murphy, Michael Robinson, Billy Burns,

Wed 21st Feb: Month's Mind: Tommy Miley,
Anniv: Louise Baker, Danny Gilmore,

Fri 23rd Feb: Anniv: Marie Breen, Margaret Doran, Bobby Savage, Seamus Murphy, Jim Rice, Eileen McVeigh, Kevin Keenan, Hugh Finn, Henry Russell, Hugh McKee, Patrick McQuoid,



Baptisms: *We Welcome: Hudson, Níamh, Owen & Aria into our Parish Family.*

Four weeks' notice required for all Baptisms. Baptism Courses are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month in Patrick's Place. Parents of children for Baptism are only required to attend the course on **one** evening, usually lasting just over an hour. Baptisms can **ONLY** be booked by calling, in person to the Parish Office, Mon – Thurs 9.30am – 2pm.

Prayer During Lent:

St Patrick's Church is open daily, after morning Mass, for private prayer. (From 8am to late)

Adoration: Each Friday from 11am to 4pm in St. Patrick's with Divine Mercy chaplet at 3pm and rosary. Confessions are also available.

Parish Mass Schedule for February / March 2024:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 17 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sat 17 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 18 th	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 18 th	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sat 24 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 25 th	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 25 th	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 2 nd Mar	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sat 2 nd Mar	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 3 rd Mar	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 3 rd Mar	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sat 9 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 10 th	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 10 th	St. Malachy's	10am
Sunday 17th March St. Patrick's Day		
Sat 16 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sat 16 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 17 th	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 17 th	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sun 17 th	St. Malachy's	10am
Palm Sunday		
Sat 23 rd	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 24 th	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 24 th	St. Malachy's	10am
* Sun 24 th	St. Patrick's	12 Noon
Easter		
Sat 30 th	St. Patrick's	9pm
Sun 31 st	St. Malachy's	10am
Sun 31 st	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sun 31 st	St. Patrick's	10:30am

'Evening of Mercy': Monday 19th February 2024

6:45pm Confessions,
7:00pm Rosary,
7:30pm Mass,
8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
8:40pm Benediction, with prayers of healing for anxiety and worry.
All welcome for all or even part of the evening.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society: Meeting in Parochial House on February 21st at 2pm. New Members are always welcome! Simply call in and join us at our meeting.

Lectio Divina: Prayer Meeting each Tuesday morning in the Parochial House at 11am. We would extend a warm welcome to anyone who wishes to join us – call in any Tuesday at 11am



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE: The Permanent Deacon responds to the call of Jesus and his Church in three specific ways: through the ministry of Charity, the ministry of the Word and the ministry of the Altar with a particular focus on the ministry of charity. The Diocese invites expressions of interest from men, (married or single), who feel called to the Diaconate. Further relevant information can be found on the Diocesan website <https://www.downandconnor.org/living-church/diaconate/> There will be a meeting in St Patrick's Presbytery on March 7th at 7.30pm for anyone interested. It is hoped to commence a propaedeutic year of discernment in September 2024. Expressions of Interest forms will be issued by email to those who have responded to this announcement and the formal application and interview process will commence, with a view to completion in June 2024.

Lenten Reflection Week One: The agony of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Lord Jesus, as we begin our journey with you on the way of the Cross, open our hearts to the loving plan that you have for each one of us. As we walk with you, help us to recognise that you are also walking with each one of us. Help us to experience the consolation of your ever-present love and to remember that you make all things new. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen

Safeguarding: *If you have any safeguarding concerns see the information at the back of all churches for guidance or contact Parish Office on 02844612084 for contact details of committee*

Copyright and Music Licensing: This topic has been on the agenda of the Diocese for some time, and arrangements have now been made to offer advice and guidance to parishes to help them overcome some of the difficulties they may encounter if they do not have compliant processes in place. Presentations covering -

Copyright and Music Licensing will be held at the following venue from 7.30pm until 9pm. Tea/coffee will be served from 7pm.

- Patrick's Place, St. Patrick's Church, Downpatrick on 5th March at 7.30pm

The presentations will be particularly relevant to choir directors, choir members, cantors, psalmists, parish musicians and parish contemporary music groups. Those who are responsible for setting up or maintaining parish websites are especially welcome. This will be an invaluable resource for our parish that will help us to be compliant, and we would encourage as many participants as possible to attend one or other of these presentations.

* **Mass to commemorate La Salle High School** on Sunday 24th March at 12 Noon in St. Patrick's. This is open to all parishioners but especially to present and past pupils and staff of the School.

Message from the School: We are excited to extend a warm and open invitation to all current and past friends and families of our school community to join us in celebrating De La Salle High School at this special mass. Whether you are a former pupil, staff member, a friend of the school or part of our wider school community, your connection with De La Salle is something we hold dear and would like to celebrate. Please join us in celebration after the mass from 1:00pm to 2:30pm in the school.

Parish Envelopes & GDPR: The Parish Envelope 'year' is coming to an end and the new envelopes are being prepared. Because of GDPR (Data Protection Regulations) we are unable to leave boxes of envelopes in the church for collection without Parishioner permission.

As in previous years, the envelopes will be delivered to parishioners by a small team of helpers designated by Fr. Murray. ***If anyone does not want this method of distribution, they need to contact the Parish Office to arrange collection of their own set of envelopes from the Parochial House.***

ENVELOPES ARE NOT CURRENTLY READY FOR COLLECTION.

Mass on Feb 20th: Pupils from Years 8-10, De La Salle will be attending Mass on the 20th. Could Parishioners please accommodate the young students by sitting either in the transept or behind the Baptismal Font. Thank You for your co-operation.