

**Downpatrick Pastoral Area**

**Parish of Downpatrick**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024**



**Your prayers are requested for:**

**Recently Deceased:** Bernie Fegan, Shaun Fitzsimons,

**Month's Mind:** Arthur Martin, Vincent Murphy, Gareth Smith, Eileen Lamont,

**Anniversaries:** Sr Therese O Neill, Belle Magee, Brendan Tweedie, Dinny Brennan, Nellie Brennan, James Galbraith, Brian & Madeleine Gilfedder, Charles & Maureen Moss, Bernadette McKenny, Elizabeth & Gerald McComb, Kathleen Bohill, Josephine McCann, Iain MacKenzie, Deirdre Robinosn, Marie Tumelty, John & Patrick Rooney, Cecelia Tumelty, Colm McSheffrey, Margaret Savage, Gerry & Oonagh Carson,

**Weekly Collection:** Offertory £1,150, Loose Plate £492, Direct Debits £1920. Thank you for your generosity

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

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> March: Month's Mind:** Arthur Martin, **Anniv:** Josephine & Seamus Madine, Vera & Ignatius Vaughan, Lawrence Montague, Iain MacKenzie, Josephine McCann,

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> March: Month's Mind:** Vincent Murphy, **Anniv:** Gerry Doherty, Brian & Madeleine Gilfedder, Russell & Cepta MacNabb, Deirdre Robinson,

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Anniv: Month's Mind:** Gareth Smith, **Anniv:** Gerry & Oonagh Carson, Alfie Reynolds, Bronach Breen, Geraldine Fitzsimons,

**BAPTISMS: We welcome Reeva, Ruby & Blair into Our Parish family**

**Four weeks' notice required for all Baptisms.** Baptism Courses are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Parish Mass Schedule for March 2024:**

Date	Church	Time
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March St. Patrick's Day</b>		
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy's	10am
<b>Palm Sunday</b>		
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy's	10am
* Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	12:30pm
<b>Easter</b>		
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	9pm (Easter Vigil)
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	St. Malachy's	10am
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am

<b>Holy Week Schedule – St. Patrick's Church</b>		
<b>Normal weekly Masses Mon 25<sup>th</sup> to Wed 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>		
<b>Mon &amp; Wed 9:30am &amp; 7:30pm (Tues 9:30am only)</b>		
<b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Mar 12Noon Mass of Chrism – St. Peters Belfast</b>		
<b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Mar 9:30am – Morning Prayer</b>		
<b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Mar 7:30pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>		
<b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Mar 10pm – Night Prayer</b>		
<b>Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Mar 9:30am Morning Prayer</b>		
<b>Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion</b>		
<b>Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm Stations of the Cross</b>		
<b>Holy Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Morning Prayer</b>		
<b>Holy Sat 30<sup>th</sup> 9pm Easter Vigil &amp; Mass of the Resurrection</b>		
<b>Confessions during Holy Week in St. Patrick's</b>		
<b>Holy Thursday 8:30pm – 10pm</b>		
<b>Good Friday 4pm – 5pm</b>		
<b>Holy Saturday 11:30am to 1pm</b>		

**Fr. Murray will be celebrating the ceremonies on Holy Thursday and Good Friday in the parish of Kilclief / Strangford.**

**'Evening of Mercy':** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
 6:45pm Confessions,  
 7:00pm Rosary,  
 7:30pm Mass,  
 8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,  
 8:40pm Benediction, with prayers  
 All welcome for all or even part of the evening.

**Lay Led Funeral Ministry:** Would you be interested in serving the parish in helping the priests in the funeral ministry? If so, a training course will take place in Newcastle Parish Centre after Easter. Please contact the Parish office to give your name at [downpatrick@downandconnor.org](mailto:downpatrick@downandconnor.org) or 02844612084. We will then be in touch with you with more details of the short course.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** There will be a short meeting of ALL parish Eucharistic Ministers in St. Patrick's Presbytery on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm. The meeting will look at three issues - Visitation of the sick and housebound in the parish - Visitation of the sick in hospital and homes - Recruitment of new ministers

**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

**Safeguarding:** Our parish safeguarding information is on the posters at the back of every church, in Patrick's Place and in the Parochial House. If you have any concerns, suspicions or wish to make an allegation of child abuse contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Office Philip O'Hara, designated liaison person, 02890492798, Mob 07534992124 or email [Philip.ohara@soddc.org](mailto:Philip.ohara@soddc.org)

**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. Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary each Friday at 3pm

**Marriage Enrichment:** Marriage Enrichment Weekend, 26 – 28 April 2024, Co. Kildare: an opportunity to energise communication and romance in your marriage! Visit: [www.marriageencounter.ie/marriage-encounter-weekend](http://www.marriageencounter.ie/marriage-encounter-weekend)

\* **De La Salle School Mass:** There will be a Mass in St Patrick's on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> at 12.30 to celebrate the life and history of La Salle HS before its merger in the Autumn into Lecale Trinity Grammar. – The Mass is open to all, and especially to Pupils, past pupils and staff of the school. Everyone Welcome at the school after Mass for a trip down memory lane and a catch up with a cuppa! We look forward to seeing you all from 1:30pm to 3pm.

**Parish Office:** The office will be closed on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Re-opening Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Parish Liturgy Team:** The Parish are developing a Liturgy Team to act as a resource to promote and enhance parishioner involvement in weekend Masses. If you would like to be involved in this exciting new initiative, please let us know, by email [downpatrick@downandconnor.org](mailto:downpatrick@downandconnor.org) or calling into the parish office, alternatively, We will hold our first meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Parochial House – anyone interested is invited to come along to the meeting.



**NOVENA FOR VOCATIONS**

St. Patrick's Church Downpatrick  
Monday 11th - Tuesday 19th March 2024  
Prayers before 9.30am Mass each day  
Tuesday 19th - Fr. James O'Reilly  
will celebrate the 9.30am Mass  
and speak about his vocation

**Lenten Reflection:**  
*Most glorious Father, Your will is perfect. You called Your Son to the suffering of the Cross. Through that act of perfect love, the suffering Your Son endured gave You perfect glory. Lord Jesus, please give me Your courage as I face my own sufferings in life and help me to imitate Your perfect obedience to the Father's will in all things so that I, too, may give Him glory. Jesus, I trust in You.*



**Childrens Liturgy**

EVERY SUNDAY MORNING AT ST PATRICKS 10.30AM MASS

**Fill in a form for your child before mass**  
Please arrive early to do so at the Main Door.

or email [downpatrick@downandconnor.org](mailto:downpatrick@downandconnor.org) to get a form now!

**All children aged 4 - 9 welcome**  
Older siblings are welcome to accompany children for support if needed.

