

Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

Parish Of Downpatrick

24th July 2022

Your Prayers Are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Jaiden Milligan, Patrick (Patsy)- Fitzsimons, Anne Ferran, John Cochrane - (Renfrewshire, Scotland), Eimear Downey (Breen) - (Spain, formerly Downpatrick),

Month's Mind: Frankie McAlister,

Anniversaries: Sr. M. Augustine O'Neill, Patrick Flynn, Ceilie Carson, Ethel Flynn, Dymrna Feenan, Colette Hutson, Elizabeth Stitt, Samuel Cleland, Edmund Hanna, Cormac Carson,

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

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1,561 Loose Plate £155 Direct Debits £1690, Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions St. Patrick's @7.30pm:

Monday 25th: Month's Mind: Frankie McAlister
Anniv: Sammy Sharvin, William Wade,

Friday 29th: Anniv: Roisin Magee, Jenny Rowden,

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.

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

Rev. John O'Laverty will be ordained a priest for our diocese on Sunday 31st July. Please pray for him in the lead up to his ordination. Fr. John will celebrate the 12 noon Mass in St. Patrick's on August 7th and will import his priestly blessing after Mass.

Foodbank & St. Vincent de Paul: Thank you for your recent generosity. Your contributions are very much needed to both of the above.

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

The Masses are as follows: July and August...
St. Brigid's August 6th and 13th at 7pm,
St. Colmcille's July 24th and August 21st at 11am. **St. Malachy's July 31st and August 28th at 10am.**

Please note: There will be no Mass in St. Brigid's on July 30th – even though this may have appeared in the bulletin and Parish App before. Currently, due to Covid, the available clergy in the area are down by two.

Fountain Foodbank: have resumed the collection of food in St. Patrick's Church. A trolley and boxes labelled Fountain Food Bank will be in the porches of the Church before the 5.30pm Mass on Saturdays and will remain there until after the 12 noon Mass on Sundays. 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 – to date they are distributing 25 parcels per week, this is twice the number they distributed before Covid. This year, so far, 2000 parcels have been distributed in Downpatrick and surrounding areas. All those who receive the parcels are extremely thankful.

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.

RGU Lotto. This week's lotto numbers were: 3-16-22-25. One ticket matched three numbers. Next week's jackpot is £4200. **PLAY ONLINE USING THE LINK ON FACEBOOK.**

Annual Novena Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 15th August 2022. £599.00 per person sharing. Price includes return bus transfer from Northern Ireland, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Avail of Novena Ceremonies. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £100.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

Novena Talks: Please listen again to the Novena talks (March 8th to 16th) which will appear on the Parish Facebook Page. The Transcripts of the talks are also on the parish App.

Blood Transfusion Service will take place on Monday 1st August at the South Eastern Regional College (Downpatrick Market Street campus) between 12:30pm to 4pm & 5pm to 7:30pm.

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.



The Youth 2000 Summer Festival is a four-day catholic event run by young people for young people from across Ireland. The event is free to everyone 18 to 35. It takes place at Clongowes Wood College, Co. Kildare between 11th to 14th August. There are free buses around the Country, updates will appear on their website. Come and listen to some amazing speakers giving workshops on your favourite topics. Meet other young Catholics on fire with the faith or simply be refreshed and inspired. For more information visit www.youth2000.ie or search their social media 'youth 2000 Ireland'.

Readings for Ordinary Time:

Sunday 24th July (17th Sunday of the year) (Year C)

Genesis 18: 20-32
Psalm 137: 1-6, 6-8
Colossians 2: 12-14
Luke 11: 1-13

Mon 25th Feast of St. James, Apostle

2 Corinthians 4: 7-15
Matthew 20: 20-28

Tuesday 26th Feast of St. Joachim & St. Anne, Patrons of Grandparents,

Ecclesiasticus 44: 1, 12-15
Matthew 13: 16-17

Wednesday 27th

Jeremiah 15: 10, 16-21
Matthew 13: 44-46

Thursday 28th

Jeremiah 18: 1-6
Matthew 13: 47-53

Friday 29th Feast of St. Martha

1 John 4: 7-16 & John 11: 19-27 (Saint) or
Jeremiah 26: 1-9 & Matthew 13: 54-58 (Day)

Saturday 30th

Jeremiah 26: 11-16, 24
Matthew 14: 1-12