

## Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

### Parish Of Downpatrick

18<sup>th</sup> June 2023



LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. MAKE DISCIPLES.

#### Your Prayers Are Requested for:

**Anniversaries:** Margaret Ann O’Neill, Danny McCartan, Emily & Patrick Morgan, Julianne Murphy, Annie Carr, Catherine & Thomas Miley, Lily & James Ferguson, Hugh Cunningham, Agnes & Bertie Connolly, Danny Morgan, Raymond Magennis, Rotha McClurg, Malachy Wallace, Liam Byrne, Clara & Anastasia Keenan, Anne Graham, William Rhodes,

**Weekly Collection:** Offertory £1,661, Loose Plate £381, Direct Debits £1155. Thank you for your generosity.

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

**Mon: 19<sup>th</sup> June 7:30pm: 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv:** Sammy McCoubrey, Anniv: John Murphy, Mary Shiels,

**Wed: 21<sup>st</sup> June 7:30pm: Anniv:** Pat Martin, Liam Martin,

**Fri: 23<sup>rd</sup> June 7:30pm: Month’s Mind:** Kathleen Glennon, **1<sup>st</sup> Anniv:** Seamus Rice, **Anniv:** John McKenna, May Bell, Con Magee, Angela Barden, Joseph McErlean, William Rhodes

**Confessions this week:** Mon 6:45pm, Fri 3pm-4pm, Sat 12pm-1pm.

**Patrick’s Place:** I wish to thank and encourage all parish and non-parish groups for their use of the crypt. Please remember there is NO PAID STAFF MEMBER who is responsible for cleaning. All cleaning is carried out on a voluntary basis. Users are gently reminded that they should leave the crypt – the way they found it – clean and tidy. All rubbish of any group should be taken home by the group. Thank You. **Fr. John Murray**

**19<sup>th</sup> June:** The clergy are attending a retreat on 19<sup>th</sup> June. There will not be a 9:30am Mass on that day. Mass as usual on Monday evening at 7:30pm. Bishop Donal McKeown has requested that all clergy attend the retreat.

**St. Joseph’s Young Priests Society** will meet on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June in the Presbytery.

**The 9:30am Mass** on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June will be attended by the pupils of Our Lady & St. Patrick.

#### Parish Mass Schedule for June/July 2023:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> June	St. Patrick’s	5:30pm
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Brigid’s	7pm
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick’s	9am & 12Noon
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy’s	10am
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	St. Colmcille’s	11am
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick’s	5:30pm
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick’s	9am & 12Noon
The Priests of the parish are also covering another parish this weekend in order to give the priest a break.		
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> – Cemetery Sunday – Killough Road 3pm		
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> July – Cemetery Sunday – Struell 3pm		
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> July	St. Patrick’s	5:30pm
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> July	St. Brigid’s	7pm
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Ardglass	6:30pm
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	St. Patrick’s	9am & 12Noon
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	St. Colmcille’s	11am
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick’s	5:30pm
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	St. Brigid’s	7pm
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick’s	9am & 12Noon
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy’s	10am
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick’s	5:30pm
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick’s	9am & 12Noon
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	St. Colmcille’s	11am
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	St. Patrick’s	5:30pm
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	St. Brigid’s	7pm
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St. Patrick’s	9am & 12Noon
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St. Malachy’s	10am
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick’s	5:30pm
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick’s	9am & 12Noon
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	St. Colmcille’s	11am

**‘Evening of Mercy’:** After 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday OT, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

6:45pm Confessions

7:00pm Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30pm Mass

8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

8:40pm Benediction

All welcome for all or even part of the evening.

**Parish Draw:** Many promoters have been asking about the Parish Draw in recent weeks. There will be a meeting about the draw on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 6:30pm in the presbytery. All promoters are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**The Apostolic Work** will hold their annual church door collection on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Please support the work of Irish missionaries abroad so they continue to meet education needs and community development.

**Baptism Course:** One of the ‘casualties’ of Covid was the Baptism Course which the parish offered to young parents prior to the birth of their child. It is hoped to restart this course in the early Autumn. There will be a couple of training sessions in the presbytery in preparation for this course. The second training evening will take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm – 8:30pm in the presbytery. This is a separate evening from the last – and it is for those who wish to help in bringing on the faith to the next generation. All welcome.

**Killough Road Cemetery:** Grass cutting and tidying of the Cemetery has been scheduled for Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Whilst our contractor does his best to control stray grass etc, we cannot guarantee that some graves may be affected, it may be advisable to either cover your family grave or leave any Cemetery Sunday preparation until after the cut on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**The Diocese of Derry & Clogher** are travelling to World Youth Day in Lisbon and have a small number of seats available. The group leave Dublin travelling to Porto on July 25<sup>th</sup>, spending a week in a Parish in Porto, and then travelling via Fatima to Lisbon, Leaving to fly home on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August. Bishop Donal McKeown will lead the group. The trip is open to anyone aged 18 and over and the total cost is £1000. If you are interested, the parish will help with costs. Please contact us on 02844612084 to get more information.

**‘The Letter’** Screening of the film has been postponed until the season of creation in September 2023.

#### **Cemetery Sunday in the Parish of Downpatrick:**

Killough Road, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June @ 3pm.

Struell, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July @ 3pm.

Visitors & Parishioners are invited to join us for readings, prayers and the rosary. Individuals, please bring Holy water for Blessing of graves. Service will be 30 mins approx.

#### **Tobar Mhuire Summer Institute 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

“Blessed are the Peacemakers” Speakers: Fr Chris Monaghan CP: Set My People Free – Peacebuilding in the Scriptures Peter McBride: Trauma as a spiritual fracture Brian McKee: Imagining a new and shared future together Each day begins at 10 am with tea/coffee and finishes each afternoon with optional liturgy at 4.30pm. Conference Costs: £40 per day (to include tea/coffee/light lunch) Residential Cost for Evening meal / Bed and Breakfast: £75 – single / £60 shared (plus conference cost) For further information or to book your place: Contact Tobar Mhuire T: 0284483044 Email:

[secretary@tobarmhuire.com](mailto:secretary@tobarmhuire.com)

**Downpatrick Pro-Life Group** hope to organise a bus to the ‘Rally For Life’ in Dublin on Saturday 1st July. If you are interested in travelling, please contact the parish office on 02844 612084.

**Day for Life** is celebrated this year on Sunday 18 June. The theme is ‘Listen to Her’ and focuses on the experience of one Catholic woman in the aftermath of abortion. It tells of her journey towards healing. The hope is that this will help people to listen, to understand and to respond with compassion.

#### **Local Cemetery Sunday Dates:**

##### **Downpatrick**

Killough Road 25<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm

Struell 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 3pm

##### **Dunsford**

Dunsford 18<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm

##### **Strangford**

St Malachy’s Kilclief Cemetery – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm

##### **Saul**

Ballycruttle Cemetery – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm

Saul Cemetery – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 3pm

**Lough Derg 2023** The Living Church Office are organising a three-day pilgrimage to Lough Derg. The Pilgrimage will be led by Jim Deeds. Dates: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023. Cost £90 includes luxury coach transfers. Bus departs 9am Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June from Glengall Street. Places are limited so early booking is recommended. Contact Claire Tel: 02890 690920 Email: [livingchurch@downandconnor.org](mailto:livingchurch@downandconnor.org)

**Dunsford & Ardglass pilgrimage to Knock:** One day pilgrimage on July 4<sup>th</sup> for booking & further information contact Mary 07895098189.

**Jill’s passionate interest** in intellectual disability and theology has developed over many years and represents an integration of her academic background and her personal experience as the mother of Rebecca, who has profound and complex intellectual disabilities. Takes place Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June Between 10am to 1pm, Living Church, 120 Cliftonville Road, Belfast. To book your place contact Louise: Tel: 07922437679 or Email: [l.mcquillan@downandconnor.org](mailto:l.mcquillan@downandconnor.org)

**Legion of Mary:** Will visit homes in the Marian Park/Rathkeltair area of the town over the next few weeks with the Fatima Statue.