

Downpatrick Pastoral Area

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024



**Your prayers are requested for:**

**Recently Deceased:** Keith Thompson,

**Month's Mind:** Jamie Marks, Sean Quinn,

**Anniversaries:** Sr. Mary Perpetua, Bernard Deeny, Vera Beattie, Oonagh Carson, Cathal Brennan, Gary Kinkead, Elizabeth Kelly, Elaine Deegan, Alife Marron, Ellen McGrady, Pat Oakes, Paul Gilgunn,

**Weekly Collection:** Offertory £1896, Loose Plate £346, Direct Debits £1880. Thank you for your generosity

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

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> March: Month's Mind:** Madeleine Maguire, **1<sup>st</sup> Anniv:** Ellen McGrady, **Anniv:** Paul Gilgunn, Gerard McAuley, James Perry,

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> March: Anniv:** Billy Murphy, Patrick Davey,

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> March: Anniv:** Brian McConvey, Belle Magee,



**Baptisms:** *We Welcome: Baby Orla and her Parents David & Anna 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.

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

Parish Mass Schedule for March 2024:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy's	10am
<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

**'Evening of Mercy':** Monday 11<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 prayer for those suffering addiction,  
 All welcome for all or even part of the evening.

**Holy Week Schedule – St. Patrick's Church**

**Normal weekly Masses Mon 25<sup>th</sup> to Wed 27<sup>th</sup> March**

**Mon & Wed 9:30am & 7:30pm (Tues 9:30am only)**

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Mar 12Noon Mass of Chrism – St. Peters Belfast**

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Mar 9:30am – Morning Prayer**

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Mar 7:30pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Mar 10pm – Night Prayer**

**Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Mar 9:30am Morning Prayer**

**Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

**Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm Stations of the Cross**

**Holy Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Morning Prayer**

**Holy Sat 30<sup>th</sup> 9pm Easter Vigil & Mass of the Resurrection**

**Confessions during Holy Week in St. Patrick's**

**Holy Thursday 8:30pm – 10pm**

**Good Friday 4pm – 5pm**

**Holy Saturday 11:30am to 1pm**

\* **Mass to commemorate La Salle High School** on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 12:30pm 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 1:30pm to 3:00pm in the school.



**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.

*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)*

**Lenten Reflection Week Four:** My teaching Lord, Your sacred Truth is so deep, so profound and so transforming that it remains too much for me to fully comprehend and embrace. For that reason, I thank You for the mercy of speaking to me in veiled ways so as to continually draw me deeper in my faith and knowledge of You. Please continue to open my mind and heart to You so that, one day, I will understand Your Truth most fully. Jesus, I trust in You.

**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

**Mass of Chrism** in St. Peter's Cathedral on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 12 Noon. The celebrant will be Bishop Alan McGuckian.



**Vocations:** Downpatrick Parish invites you to join our upcoming Novena for vocations between 11<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March. Our Novena will be prayed before 9:30am Mass each day and uploaded to our Facebook page and website.

**Legion of Mary** will visit homes in Scotch Street, Fountain Street area over the next few weeks.

**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 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 READY FOR COLLECTION FROM THE PARISH OFFICE MON – THURS FROM 10AM – 2PM**

**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)