

Downpatrick Pastoral Area

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 11th February 2024



Your prayers are requested for:

Recently Deceased: Jamie Marks,

Anniversaries: Fr. Sylvester McGrady, (Month's Mind: Sr. Mary Frances McCashin), Kathleen Flood, Liam McKeating, Kathleen Reilly, Danny Gilmore, Mary Ferguson, Maureen Morgan, Sydney Vaughan, Chris Lavery June Evans, Josephine & Ellen Blaney, Margaret Burns, William & Elizabeth Irwin, Joseph Graham, Louise Baker, Frankie Acton,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1,720, Loose Plate £420, Direct Debits £1880. Thank you for your generosity

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

Mon 12th Feb: Month's Mind: Sean McGarry
1st Anniv: Michaela Curran, **Anniv:** Kathleen Rooney, Veronica Stockdale, Mary Crane,

Wed 14th Feb: Ash Wednesday 9:30am & 7:30pm (St. Colmcille's 10am), No Mass intentions.

Fri 16th Feb: Anniv: Christopher Dobbin, Paul Turley, Christopher Dobbin, James Hampton jnr & Deceased members of the Hampton Family,

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

Lent 2024: Lent begins on ASH WEDNESDAY (14th February). Masses are at 9:30am and 7:30pm in St. Patrick's and 10am in St. Colmcille's. Ash Wednesday – along with Good Friday – is a day of fast and abstinence, when we should endeavour to abstain from meat of all types and fast having only one full meal and two collations (i.e. snacks). Anyone between 14 and 65 should try to fast. During Lent we should try to fast from something we like and give the money to charity e.g. Trocáire, St. Vincent de Paul etc. This fasting can be from alcohol or sweets or drinks or biscuits.

The Church leaves the choice to you but do try to do something in honour of the Lord who fasted for 40 days in the desert and who gave his life for us on Good Friday.

Parish Mass Schedule for February / March 2024:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 10 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 11 th	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 11 th	St. Malachy's	10am
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 12th February 2024
 6:45pm Confessions,
 7:00pm Rosary,
 7:30pm Mass, with sacrament of the sick,
 8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
 8:40pm Benediction, along with prayers of physical healing,
 All welcome for all or even part of the evening.



Bishop Alan McGuckian: Pope Francis has asked Bishop Alan McGuckian to become the new Bishop of Down and Connor. He is currently Bishop of Raphoe diocese (Donegal).

Bishop Alan is a native of Cloughmills (N. Antrim) and is a Jesuit. He has two other brothers who are in the same order.

He will officially become Bishop on March 19th and will be installed as Bishop in St. Peter's Cathedral (Belfast) on April 14th with Mass at 3pm.

* **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 Principal: 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

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.



Happy 100th Birthday to our parishioner Mary (Molly) O'Reilly. Best wishes from Downpatrick Parish.

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 venues from 7.30pm until 9pm. Tea/coffee will be served from 7pm.

- St Brigid's Hall, Belfast on 15th February.
- All Saints' Parish and Community Centre, Ballymena on 27th February.
- Patrick's Place, St. Patrick's Church, Downpatrick on 5th March.

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 I would encourage as many participants as possible to attend one or other of these presentations.



LOURDES YOUTH TEAM 2024



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Fares per person sharing.
Inclusive of return flights, transports,
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10-17 July 2024



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