

Downpatrick Pastoral Area

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 12th May 2024



Your prayers are requested for:

Recently Deceased: Kathleen Bready (Edward St. & England), Joseph Lennon (Stream St. & New Zealand),

Month's Mind: Robert Hogg,

Anniversaries: Leslie & Belle Davies, Noreen McStay, Robert Hunt, Ellen (Nellie) King, Jackie Graham, Sean Mulholland, Gerry Magee, Paddy Fitzsimons, Michael McGrady,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1856, Loose Plate £481, Direct Debits £1971. Thank you for your generosity

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

Mon 13th May: Anniv: Jacqueline Trainor, Veronica Sloan, Mary Deegan, Patrick Magennis,

Wed 15th May: Anniv: Joseph Hale,

Fri 17th May: Month's Mind: Robert Hogg,
Anniv: Sarah Hogg, Jack & Lily Moore, Deceased members of Moore Family,

BAPTISMS: Four weeks' notice required for all Baptisms. Baptism Courses are held on the 2nd 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.

Confessions St. Patrick's Church:

Monday 6:45pm – 7:30pm

Friday 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Saturday 12Noon – 1:00pm

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society coffee morning in Patrick's Place on Sunday 19th May after 10:30am Mass. Proceeds to St. Josephs Young Priests Society. Raffle tickets available from any group member.

Parish Mass Schedule for May 2024:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 11 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 12 th	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 12 th	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 18 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 18 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 19 th	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 19 th	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sat 25 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 26 th	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 26 th	St. Malachy's	10am

'Evening of Mercy': Monday 13th May 2024

7:30pm Mass,

Please note there will only be Mass on Monday evening, due to the Mass and the Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis, in Ardglass parish at 7:30pm.

The Evening of Mercy will resume next Monday 20th May.

Pentecost Service on Sunday 19th May at 7:30pm – 8:30pm open to EVERYONE in the parish – young and old. An evening of prayer and praise, of testimony and witness, of the word of God and an invitation to receive more of the Holy Spirit. Open to everyone but especially we invite parents & grandparents of all our P7 children due to receive Confirmation on May 20th – 23rd.



Meditating with Mary: Join us in Patrick's Place for a prayer evening on the three Thursdays in May. Continuing on Thursday 16th May at 7:30pm in the Parochial House. An opportunity to pray and reflect together during a month dedicated to Mary. Everyone welcome.

Family of Parishes: You are invited to attend a meeting about the new Downpatrick / Lecale Family of Parishes in 'Patrick's Place' (Crypt of St. Patrick's Church) on Tuesday 28th May at 7:30pm.

Your thoughts and views will be welcome as our own area moves forward. How can our parishes work together? How can our lay faithful be more involved? Can we share facilities better?

Parish Liturgy Team: The inaugural meeting of the new Parish Liturgy Committee took place on April 16th. Thank you for such a great attendance. Thanks also for the great discussions on the various items of trying to improve our parish liturgy. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday 14th May at 7:30pm in the Parochial House. All welcome.**

Legion of Mary: The trip to Knock being organised by the Legion of Mary has been cancelled.

St. Dillon's Ave field: In regard to the sole of the former boys' school, here is some information:
 The Dept of Education received £220,888
 Estate Agent £8,670 Solicitor fees £17,301
 St. MacNissi's Education Trust (D&C) £164,454
 St. Patrick's parish – refund of money paid for demolition of school in 2011/2012 £40,735

Parish Men's Group: After a very successful inaugural meeting, the men will meet again on 21st May at 7:30pm in Patrick's Place. All welcome.

Mother's Prayers would like to thank all those who supported the recent coffee morning. A total of £375 was raised on behalf of Mary's Meals.

St. Joseph's Young Priests society: Meeting on 15th May at 2pm in Parochial House. New members welcome.

Enrichment program: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The Downpatrick Family of Parishes are offering a time of reflection and renewal for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The enrichment programme will be facilitated by Aishling Steen and Fr Paul Byrne from the Living Church Office. The programme has a blended approach of an online session followed by an in-person enrichment day. Thursday 13th June 7-8:30pm online via zoom Saturday 15th June in person 10:00am-3:30pm
 Venue: Old School, Strangford Road, Dunsford BT30 7SP *To book your place please contact the parish office or Aishling at a.steen@downandconnor.org or telephone 02890690920

Blessed Carlo Acutis pray for us!

Programme

Monday 13th May

9.30am	Arrival of Relic to St.Nicholas' followed by Rosary
10.00am	Mass with Monsignor Anthony Figueiredo
11.00am	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
3.00pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet
7.00pm	Rosary
7.30pm	Mass with Bishop Alan McCuckian
9.40pm	Night Prayer and Benediction

Tuesday 14th May

9.30am	Arrival of Relic to St. Mary's Church Chapeltown followed by Rosary
10.00am	Mass with Monsignor Anthony Figueiredo
11.00am	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Confessions available throughout... Everybody welcome, especially schools!
 dunsfordandardglassparish.com (or Facebook)
 (Volunteers needed to help steward the visit: Phone Meave 07742 820018)

Your Parish needs you: Dear parishioner we need volunteers – in several areas of parish life. Could you become:

- A reader at Sunday Mass
- A Eucharistic Minister
- A Member of the Finance committee
- A member of the new liturgy committee
- Become a member of the 'Laudato Si' group (Care for the earth)
- A member of the Pastoral Council

If you think you could help please ring 02844612084 or email downpatrick@downandconnor.org

ONLY ONE PERSON RANG IN LAST WEEK.

Lough Derg One Day Retreats in May: These guided days of prayer and reflection will take place on Sun5th, Mon6th, Sun12th, Tue14th, Sat18th, Sun25th and Mon27th. More details can be found at www.loughderg.ie - €45 per person, booking essential.