

Downpatrick Pastoral Area

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 14th January 2024



Your prayers are requested for:

Recently Deceased: Sr. M Frances McCashin, Eileen Doherty, Margaret Robinson,

Anniversaries: Maria Lannin, Mary & Francis Woods, Oliver McNulty, Snowy Graham, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Ita McConvey, Thomas & Gary Rooney, Tereasa Finnerty, Mary Kelly, Bernie Sharvin, Mairead Quail, Nicholas McNaughton, Edwin Vance, Kathleen & Hugh Lundy, Jim Thompson,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1,875, Loose Plate £395, Direct Debits £1880. Thank you for your generosity

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

Mon 15th Jan: 1st Anniv: Maria Lannin, **Anniv:** Willie Shields, Cormac Wylie, Jim Thompson,

Wed 17th Jan: Month's Mind: Demond Grant **1st Anniv:** Sr. Maureen Grant, **Anniv:** Mary Kelly, James Cochrane, William John Vance, Charles & Mary McGrady, Genevieve Walsh, Margaret McGrady,

Fri 19th Jan: Anniv: John & Brian Murphy,

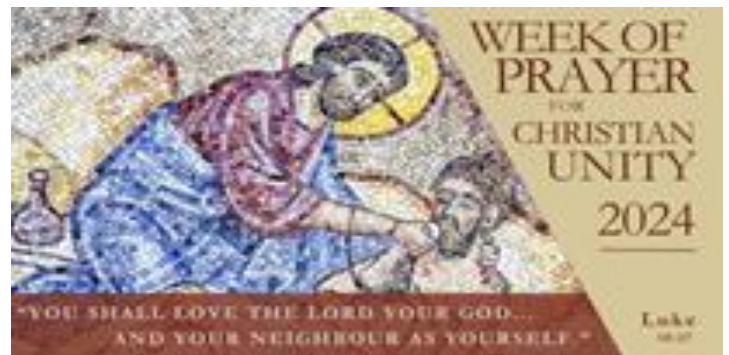
St. Joseph's Young Priests meeting in parochial house on Wednesday 17th January at 2pm. New members welcome.

Parish Mass Schedule for January 2024:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 13 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 14 th	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 14 th	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 20 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sat 20 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 21 st	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 21 st	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sat 27 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 28 th	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 28 th	St. Malachy's	10am

'Evening of Mercy': Monday 15th January 2024
6:45pm Confessions,
7:00pm Rosary,
7:30pm Mass, including sacrament of the sick,
8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
followed by prayers for physical healing,
8:40pm Benediction,
All welcome for all or even part of the evening.

Church Unity Service in St. Patrick's Church on Sunday 21st January 2024 at 7:30pm with participation of the Christian Churches in Downpatrick. Guest preacher: Fr. Andrew Black (lecturer – St. Mary's College Belfast). All welcome. Please support this event. Refreshments in crypt afterwards.



Foster Care: Bishop Donal has asked for our assistance in promoting the option of fostering in the Parish. There are many struggles within families which leads to children and young people needing foster care. During 10:30am Mass on the weekend of 14th January 2024 there will be staff from HSC NI Foster Care in our Church. The Foster Care staff will be available in Patrick's Place following Mass to speak with anyone who thinks they would like to learn more about fostering.

Thinking of Fostering?



Across Northern Ireland, there are children and young people who need a loving home and a stable environment in which they can develop and thrive.

Find out more
0800 0720 137
adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net



**Christian Meditation
and Movement**

Resumes Sunday
January 14th

Patrick's Place @ 7pm

For more info
contact Philomena
07754877021



FOLLOWING CHRIST

STARTS
TUESDAY 16 JANUARY

PATRICK'S PLACE, DOWNPATRICK PARISH

↓ SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS ↓

↓ REGISTER BY CALLING THE PARISH OFFICE (02844612084) ↓



CONNECT 25
Connect with Jesus, connect with Others

Saturday 20th January 2024
Adoration, Prayer, Music, Benediction
St Patrick's Church Downpatrick
7.00pm

With Guest Speaker
Fr Stephen Quinn OCD

The annual **4 Corners Festival** is set to return in February 2024 with a packed line-up of events which include everything from talks, discussions and exhibitions to music and literature. Now in its 12th year, the festival was conceived as a way to inspire people from across the city to transform it for the peace and wellbeing of all. The festival features a range of music, discussion, sport and faith-inspired events and will run from February 1st to 11th in venues in all four corners of the city. All festival events are free of charge, with most open to the public, although advance booking of tickets is mandatory. Select events will be streamed online on the official 4 Corners Festival YouTube and Facebook accounts. Tickets for the event will be available to book on the website. For more information about the festival and to keep up to date with programme updates go to www.4cornersfestival.com

Following Christ is a seven week journey that provides the tools to help Catholics grow in discipleship, including daily personal prayer, hearing God in Scripture, the power of the sacraments, forgiving one another, etc. The weekly sessions include prayer time, video teaching, chat, and small group discussion. We begin on Tuesday 16 January. The course will end on 27 March and will include a day-long retreat on Saturday 17 February. Venue: Patrick's Place. If you completed the Discovering Christ Course or Life in the Spirit Seminars or Alpha we would highly recommend that you consider taking part. Register in advance for Following Christ by ringing the Parish Office (02844612084)

The Bible in a Year Fr Mike Schmitz guides you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes. You won't just read the Bible you will finally understand how all the pieces fit together to tell an amazing story that continues in your life today!
www.Ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear
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www.Ascensionpress.com/CIY Both are available at Ascension press.com, YouTube or wherever you listen to podcasts.

Safeguarding Certificates: A small number of people have not collected their certificates. These are available from the parish office.

RGU Lotto. This week's lotto numbers were 6-12-14-23. Six tickets share £100. Next week's jackpot is £7200. PLAY ONLINE USING THE LINK ON FACEBOOK.