

Downpatrick Pastoral Area

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024



Your prayers are requested for:

**Recently Deceased:** Eleanor Wynn, Kathleen Brady,

**Month's Mind:** Nora Lowry, Ailish Philip, Kieran Marytin

**Anniversaries:** Sr. M. Aloysius, Sr. M. Leontia, Sean Mulholland, Sylvester Vaughan Snr, Patrick (Pat) Feenan, Lily Connor, Hughie Keenan, Mary Ellen Keenan, Mary Harris, Sheila McAlister, Eleanor Cope, Alice Gargan, Bessie Rooney, Elizabeth Williams, Jack Quinn, Bridget Donald,

**Weekly Collection:** Offertory £1256, Loose Plate £481, Direct Debits £1971. Thank you for your generosity

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

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> May: Month's Mind:** Nora Lowry  
**Anniv:** Mary & Harry Harris,

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Month's Mind:** Ailish Philip,  
**Anniv:** Patrick (Pat) Feenan,

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May: Month's Mind:** Kieran Martin,  
**Anniv:** Marie Byrne,

**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 19<sup>th</sup> May after 10:30am Mass. Proceeds to St. Josephs Young Priests Society. Raffle tickets available from any group member.

**Pentecost Service** on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Parish Mass Schedule for May / June 2024:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> June	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> June	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	St. Colmcille's	10am

The priests of the parish continue to cover the Parish of Strangford & Kilclief.

**'Evening of Mercy':** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024

6:45pm Confessions,  
7:00pm Rosary,  
7:30pm Mass,  
8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,  
8:40pm Benediction, with litany of the Blessed Sacrament,  
All welcome for all or even part of the evening.



**Meditating with Mary:** Join us for a prayer evening on the three Thursdays in May. Continuing on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7:30pm in the Parochial House. An opportunity to pray and reflect together during a month dedicated to Mary. Everyone welcome.

**Car Parking at the front of the church:** The parking spots at the front of the church are reserved for BLUE BADGE Holders Only. If you have this badge please display it when you park there. Thank you.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> 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?

**Readers of God's Word:** Rota available in sacristy.

**Parish Men's Group:** After a very successful inaugural meeting, the men will meet again on 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Trocaire:** The weight of water is a terrible burden to bear. But this Lent your caring and compassion are helping lift that weight from loving families like Malita's. Thank you.

Thank you for the pipes and taps that will soon save backbreaking labour and countless hours hauling water that's unsafe to drink. Thank you for solar-powered water systems and deep, sustainable boreholes that bring clean water to hardworking communities struggling with poverty and climate shocks. Thank you for agroecology training, and help keeping children like Malita's beloved twins, Patrick and Patricia, in school. Thank you for emergency food baskets, and climate-hardy seeds in farmer-run seed banks, with simple drip irrigation systems to nurture every sprout.

**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](mailto:a.steen@downandconnor.org) or telephone 02890690920



**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](http://www.loughderg.ie) - €45 per person, booking essential.