

Lecale Family of Parishes

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 1st December 2024



Your prayers are requested for

Recently Deceased: Eamonn O'Donnell, Angela Dunn, Jean Groves, Angela Lavery, Bridie O'Neill

Anniversaries: Gerard Smyth, Kathleen O'Reilly, Marian Fitzsimons, Agnes O'Hare, Patricia Grant, Elizabeth Lavery, Sadie Savage, Gerald Laverty, Rosina Burns, Felix & Rita Blaney, Patricia Hunt, Brian & Walter Montgomery, Sylvester Vaughan Jnr, Frances Denvir, Mary Kinsella, John Trainor, Jean & Frank Connolly, Maudie Perry, Joan Carson,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1365, Loose plate £588, Direct Debits £1870. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Monday 2nd Dec Anniv: Sadie Savage, Frances Denvir, Kathleen O'Reilly, Maudie Perry,

Wednesday 4th Joan Carson,

Friday 6th Month's Mind Peter Vaughan,
Anniv: Patricia Brown,



Advent Prayer by candle light will take place during the next three Tuesday's of advent. It will take place in St. Patrick's Church at 7:30pm on the following Tuesday's: 3rd Dec, 10th Dec, 17th Dec. All welcome to attend.

Mass Schedule December 24 / January 25

Date	Church	Time
Sat 30 th Nov	St. Patrick's St. Brigid's	5:30pm 7pm
Sun 1 st Dec	St. Patrick's St. Colmcille's	10:30am 10am
Sat 7 th Dec	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 8 th Dec	St. Patrick's St. Malachy's	10:30am 10am
Sat 14 th	St. Patrick's St. Brigid's	5:30pm 7pm
Sun 15 th	St. Patrick's St. Colmcille's	10:30am 10am
Sat 21 st	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 22 nd	St. Patrick's St. Malachy's	10:30am 10am
Tuesday 24 th Vigil Masses	St. Patrick's St. Brigid's St. Patrick's	6:30pm 8pm 9:30pm
Please note that these times may be adjusted depending on the number of priests available at that time		
Wednesday 25 th Daytime Masses	St. Patrick's St. Malachy's St. Colmcille's	10:30am 10am 10am
Thurs 26th & Fri 27th 9:30am – No Evening Mass		
Sat 28 th	St. Patrick's St. Brigid's	5:30pm 7pm
Sun 29 th	St. Patrick's St. Colmcille's	10:30am 10am
Wed 1st Jan 2025 12pm – No other Masses this day		
Mon 30th, Tues 31st Dec, Thurs 2nd Jan – Daytime Masses only (9:30am– No Evening Masses.)		
Fri 3rd Jan 9:30am and 7:30pm		
Sat 4 th Jan	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 5 th Jan	St. Patrick's St. Malachy's	10:30am 10am
Mon 6 th Jan Feast of Epiphany	St. Patrick's St. Brigid's St. Patrick's	9:30am 10am 7:30pm
Tuesday 7th Jan > Normal Mass times from today		

'Evening of Mercy': Monday 2nd Dec 2024
6:45pm Confessions,
7:00pm Rosary,
7:30pm Mass & the sacrament of the sick,
8.10pm After Mass there will be quiet time of prayer, followed by Benediction.

Confessions St. Patrick's Church

Monday 6:45pm – 7:30pm
Friday 3:00pm – 4:00pm
Saturday 12Noon – 1:00pm

Feast of the Immaculate Conception: The feast this year is on Monday 9th December to avoid a clash with the second Sunday of Advent. It is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION and as Catholics we should attend Mass on this day. There is no vigil Mass (on the Sunday) but the parish Masses on the 9th are: St. Patrick's 9:30am and 7:30pm

St. Colmcille's 10am

RADIO MARIA IRELAND Christmas Fundraiser! Join us on Thursday 5th December in the Balmoral Hotel, Belfast. Doors open on the night at 6pm followed by a four course meal, live music information about Radio Maria and its Mission, Vision and how it can help support the faithful across the island of Ireland today. Why not come along and enjoy a great night and help a charity! To book your ticket (recommended £60/€65 per person) go to Eventbrite.ie or to book over the phone or for more information, call the studio on 00353 1 4 123456 or more info (inc. the other Fundraisers) on www.radiomaria.ie Radio Maria Ireland is available on digital television via Saorview, Freeview, website www.radiomaria.ie, or on the App 'Radio Maria Ireland', via Alexa, Facebook and Google and, for those without digital connectivity via landline phone broadcast on 01 437 3277.



The Flame of Love is Jesus Himself and lives in Mary's Immaculate Heart. The primary goal of this Flame is to save souls by passing on the Flame to each other through prayer. Join our Flame of Love Prayer Group, every Tuesday from 7pm – 8pm in the Parochial House. Everyone welcome. Further information on the Flame of Love is available at www.flameoflove.us

NI cancer pilgrimage to Lourdes: Sat 10 May to Thurs 15 May 2025. The price of £859 (with price reduction for Cancer Patients) includes: Return flights from Belfast International Airport, operated by Northern Star Travel Ltd and facilitated by Joe Walsh Tours. Full board and accommodation at the Hotel Agena in Lourdes for five nights based on twin/double/triple rooms. The party will consist of patients, ex-patients, relatives and friends accompanied by medical, nursing and other staff. To enquire or to obtain a booking form please contact:- Mrs Jean Clarke, Hon. Secretary, NI Cancer Pilgrimage, 67 Ballynahinch Road, Carryduff, Belfast, BT8 8DL, or speak to us on Tel. 078746 88388, or e-mail at:- mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk

Liturgy Processions: **A).** Entrance procession: the reader at Mass is asked to carry the book (lectionary) with the priest and proceed with him to the altar. At the altar the reader then places the book on the lectern and returns to their place **B).** Offertory Procession: We hope to restore a short offertory procession. The gifts will be on a table at the centre beside the baptismal font and the people chosen will present them to the priest at the front. Our liturgy committee members may ask you on a Sunday to be part of the procession.

Mary's Meals – Double The Love: Amongst the many challenges we see in today's world, your little acts of love can bring hope to desperately hungry children with a daily school meal with Mary's Meals. At this time, all donations made to Mary's Meals are being doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £900,000. Please keep us in your prayers during this Advent season that we can reach even more children around the world with our life-changing school meals this Christmas. There are many ways to give, including our gift cards and online Christmas Trees of Hope. Find out more at marysmeals.org.uk or freephone 0800 698 1212 .

St. Vincent De Paul Parish Ligoniel: 'Every year for the 9 days before Christmas, 16-24 December, we here at St. Vincent De Paul Parish invite you to our, 'Misa De Gallo.' (Mass of the Rooster.) It is a wonderful tradition in the Philippines and is continued by the Filipino Diaspora wherever they may be. This year on Christmas Eve we welcome Bishop Alan for the first time as our main Celebrant. We extend a warm invitation to all from across the the Diocese and beyond! Every Blessing. Fr. Vincent Cushnahan PP.'

Open night: St. Brigid's primary school, Monday 2nd December 6pm to 7:30pm. Principals address at 6pm.

Open night: St. Colmcille's Primary School, Thursday 5th December 4:30pm to 6pm. Principals address at 4:30pm.

Open night & Open day: Our Lady & St. Patrick primary school, Monday 9th December 5pm to 7pm. Open morning Tuesday 10th December 10:45am to 11:45am.

Open afternoon: Convent of Mercy Nursery School, Thursday 9th January by appointment only. Book an appointment from Thursday 5th December.

Liturgy Committee: The next meeting of the committee will take place in St. Patrick's Presbytery on Wednesday 11th December at 7pm. All members are invited to attend. Newcomers also welcome. We will especially be looking at preparation for our Christmas Masses.