

Downpatrick Pastoral Area

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 21st April 2024



Your prayers are requested for:

Recently Deceased: Baby Priya Donnelly, Norah Lowry, Robert Hogg,

Anniversaries: Sr. Mary Comgall, Annie Smyth, Harry Harris, James Cochrane, William Cochrane, William & Ellen Philips, Thomas Charles Murray, Annie Murray, Bernard McCartan, Leo McGrady, Mary Walker, Elizabeth Mackel, William B Laverty, William McConvey, Oliver Walsh, Maurice Smith,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1123, Loose Plate £521, Direct Debits £1971. Thank you for your generosity

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

Mon 22nd: Anniv: John & Elish Peel, Maureen Straney, William McConvey,

Wed 24th April: 1st Anniv: Alan Vaughan,

Fri 26th April: Anniv: Alf & Bell Oakes, Thomas Prior, Jim Connolly, Tommy McCrissican, Eugene Smyth,

BAPTISMS: We Welcome Baby Caoimhin, Baby Norah and their families to Mass this weekend. 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

Please Note: The 1st Holy Communion Mass for St. Colmcille's PS will take place on Saturday April 27th at 11:00am. There will be no 10:00am Mass that Morning.

Prayers for Vocations: St. Joseph's Young Priest's Society invite you to join them between 2pm and 3pm on Friday 26th April in St. Patrick's as they pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Parish Mass Schedule for April / May 2024:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 20 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 20 th	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 21 st	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 21 st	St. Colmcille's	10am
Tues 23 rd , Celebration of St. Mary's HS – St. Patrick's 11am		
Sat 27 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 28 th	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 28 th	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 4 th May	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 4 th May	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 5 th May	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 5 th May	St. Colmcille's	10am
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	10:30pm
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 22nd April 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.

Blessed Carlo Acutis: So that we won't 'clash' with the visit of Bl. Carlo Acutis relics to Ardglass on May 13th/14th the 'Evening of Mercy' in St. Patrick's will be reduced.

There will simply be Mass on that evening of May 13th and no rosary before or Adoration/Benediction afterwards.

Celebration of St. Mary's High School 1957 - 2024:

Mass in St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday 23rd April at 11am. We invite everyone, past pupils, friends, former staff and parishioners to join us for the Mass. Refreshments will be available in the school after Mass. Join us as we share memories of the school and pray for our new school going forward.

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.

Music in Parish Churches: The parish are now fully licensed to use **LITURGICAL MUSIC ONLY** at all events in the Church – usage of hymns is reported on a weekly basis to our licensing company. **We do not have permission or licensing to use secular music** in any form. Musicians visiting the Church for events, must contact the Parish Office and complete a copyright form prior to their event.

Musicians/Singers not engaged on a voluntary basis by the Parish must also provide insurance details to the Parish Office prior to visiting the Church for any event. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Church Media: Masses from St Patrick’s Church can now be viewed via a Fire stick – search ‘Church Media’ and add to favorites to enable viewing.

Safeguarding: Our parish safeguarding information is on the posters at the back of every church, in Patrick’s Place and in the Parochial House. If you have any concerns, suspicions or wish to make an allegation of child abuse contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Office Philip O’Hara, designated liaison person, 02890492798, Mob 07534992124 or email Philip.ohara@soddc.org

Marriage Enrichment: Marriage Enrichment Weekend, 26 – 28 April 2024, Co. Kildare: an opportunity to energise communication and romance in your marriage! Visit: www.marriageencounter.ie/marriage-encounter-weekend

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.

Knock Trip: The Legion of Mary are running the trip to Knock for Rosary Rally. The cost will be £25 on booking. There is a stop on the way there at the Motorway café and stop at Belcoo on way home for refreshments. The bus times are 6:30am from Castlewellan, 6:45am Downpatrick, Crossgar 7am and Saintfield 7:15am. All stops are at the Chapels. In Downpatrick St. Patrick’s car park. To book please ring Colette on 07732610247 thank you.

RGU Lotto. This week's lotto numbers were 6-14-15-24. Three tickets matched three numbers. Next week’s jackpot is £2000. **PLAY ONLINE USING THE LINK ON FACEBOOK.**

Fatima Pilgrimage: Last remaining places for Special Belfast pilgrimage to Fatima Pilgrimage 9th-14th August EX Dublin mass in Santarem where bleeding host took place, visit visionaries homes. Hungarian stations of the cross, Lisbon with church of Saint Anthony where he was born and baptised, seaside excursion. Payments can be made by instalments, Contact James Treacy 061921470 or email jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com



The poster features a central white cross surrounded by green leaves on the left, and a white silhouette of a person in a meditative pose on the right. The background is white with green wavy lines at the top and bottom. The text is in a dark green, serif font.

**Christian Meditation
and Movement**
Resumes Sunday
April 28th
Patrick’s Place @ 7pm
Everyone Welcome
For more info
contact Philomena
07754877021



The poster features a photograph of a young man with dark curly hair, wearing a red polo shirt with sunglasses hanging from the collar, standing in a grassy field. The background is a soft-focus landscape. The text is in white and blue, with some quotes in italics.

“Continuously ask your guardian angel for help. Your guardian angel has to become your best friend.”

“The only thing we have to ask God for, in prayer, is the desire to be holy.”

Parish of Dunsford and Ardglass
**Visit of Relic of
Blessed Carlo Acutis**
13th 14th May, 2024

St Nicholas’ Church, Ardglass
Monday 13th May 9.30am - 10pm
St Mary’s Church Chapelstown, Dunsford
Tuesday 14th May: 9.30am - 1pm

“To always be close to Jesus, that’s my life plan”.