

Lecale Family of Parishes

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 22nd September 2024



Your prayers are requested for:

Recently Deceased: Mary Cunningham, Mary (May) Devlin (Belfast), Patrick Perry Downpatrick & Birmingham, Rose McLaughlin,

Anniversaries: Sr Mary Mercy, Sr Mary Ita, Pat McDonald, Maria Perry, James Blaney, Harriet McGrady, Betty Graham, Deceased Members of the McConvey Family, Margaret Laverty, Kathleen Laverty,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1069.26, Loose Plate £414.50, Direct Debits £1900. Autumn Offering £636.00, Autumn Loose £125.00 Thank you for your generosity.

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

Mon 23rd, 7.30pm: Recently Deceased: Patrick (Paddy) Perry,

Wed 25th: Anniv: Joseph Smyth, (Lenadoon) Deceased Members of The McConvey Family, Wanda Baszlawow,

Fri 27th: Anniv: Cyril Murray, Michelle Sheppard, Celine Vize, Hugh & Una Killen

Baptisms: We welcome Evie and their families to our Parish Mass today.

Confessions St. Patrick's Church

Monday 6:45pm – 7:30pm

Friday 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Saturday 12Noon – 1:00pm

MOTHER'S PRAYERS



This prayer group is for all women wanting to pray for their loved ones. In Mother's Prayers we place our children, grandchildren, and godchildren and those we care for into God's hands, surrendering our own plans and needs for them.

The start date after our summer break is on

Thursday 26th September 2024 at 10 am.

The venue is Patrick's Place (crypt),
St. Patrick's Church Downpatrick.

Mass Schedule September / October 2024

Date	Church	Time
Sat 21 st	St Patricks St Brigid's	5.30pm 7pm
Sun 22 nd	St Patricks St Colmcilles	10.30am 10am
Sat 28 th	St Patricks	5.30pm
Sun 29 th	St Patricks St Malachy's	10.30am 10am
Sat 5 th Oct	St. Patrick's St. Brigid's	5:30pm 7pm
Sun 6 th Oct	St. Patrick's St. Colmille's	10:30am 10am
Sat 12 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 13 th	St. Patrick's St. Malachy's	10:30am 10am
Sat 19 th	St. Patrick's St. Brigid's	5:30pm 7pm
Sun 20 th	St. Patrick's St. Colmille's	10:30am 10am
Sat 26 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 27 th	St. Patrick's St. Malachy's	10:30am 10am

'Evening of Mercy': Monday 23rd Sept 2024

6:45pm Confessions,

7:00pm Rosary,

7:30pm Mass,

Prayers for those who suffer from addiction during the prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. All welcome for all or even part of the evening.

Sorry! The pumps in the church heating system at St. Patrick's have both 'gone' at the same time. They have given 30 years of service. New ones have been ordered immediately and will be installed as soon as possible. In the meantime we hope parishioners will be able to put up with any reduction in temperature in the church.

Liturgy Committee: The next meeting of the Liturgy Committee will take place on Wednesday 2nd October in the Parochial House at 8pm. All are welcome to attend, especially those who attended during the spring term.

Legion of Mary Meet Each Tuesday in the Parochial house from 1pm – 2pm. If you are interested in the work of the Legion and would like to join us, call in on Tuesdays and meet with the group. New Members are always Welcome!



RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a process to introduce the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church to individuals who wish to learn more about Catholicism, including the opportunity, if they wish, to become Catholic through the Sacraments of Initiation. RCIA is a time of teaching, formation and conversion to come to know, love and develop a relationship with God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

How do I sign up for RCIA? The first step is to request a registration form by emailing rcia@downandconnor.org.

When and where does RCIA meet together? We meet Monday nights from 6.30 - 8.00 pm at St Mary's Hall, Chapel Lane, Belfast BT1 1HH from October to May. The start date for the programme is Monday 7th October 2024.

What is the format of the sessions? The sessions begin with prayer, followed by teaching, question and answer and small group discussion and concludes with prayer.

What is the cost for attending RCIA? There is a minimal cost to you to attend RCIA. Resources are provided by the diocese.

May I bring my spouse/fiancé to the sessions? Yes, you may. We encourage your spouse/fiancé to attend the sessions with you.

If I have been baptized in another church, do I need to be baptised again? In most cases, you do not need to be baptised again. The Catholic Church requires that you were baptised with water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We will need a copy of your baptismal certificate or other proof of baptism from the church where you were baptised. Proof of baptism may include a letter from the church, a copy of the membership record indicating that you were baptised, etc. I was told I need a sponsor who is a baptised and confirmed Catholic, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church. What if I don't know anyone who could do that? Don't worry about it. We have people who volunteer to fulfil the sponsor role.

Do I have to attend every session? Our desire is to have you attend all sessions. RCIA is certainly a place where you will learn about what the Catholic Church believes and teaches; however, it is much more than that. It is a process of getting to know Jesus Christ and growing together in community. RCIA is a process of conversion to a life with Christ. This process takes time-

and commitment on your part. How many sessions can I miss? RCIA is a building-block process and each session builds on the one before. However, we realise that there may be situations which would cause someone to be unable to attend. Therefore, absences are handled on a case-by-case basis. If you must miss a session, arrangements can be made to provide you with a copy of the notes from that session.

Can a Catholic attend to learn more about their faith? Yes, we have had many people do this in the past and would love to have you join us to learn more about your catholic faith!



'COME TO THE WELL' - A 1-DAY RETREAT
FACILITATED BY THE PASSIONISTS – OPEN TO ALL
AT TOBAR MHUIRE, CROSSGAR



SATURDAY 12th OCTOBER 2024

8.45am (Mass at 9.00 am) - 5.00pm (Vigil Mass at 5.30pm)

Keep **your** relationship with **JESUS** fresh through Prayer, Scripture and Meditation to help you grow as a Catholic Learn to listen to His word and love Him even more and deepen **your** understanding of God's plan for **you**



Retreat Prayer

JESUS, you invited the apostles to come away with You to a deserted place and rest a while. Like Your apostles, enable me to experience You on retreat — Your suffering love and tender compassion

Contact Tobar Mhuire direct on 02844 830242

between the hours of 9.15am and 12.45pm (Mon – Fri)

for details on cost and registration – information on numbers required for catering

Adoration Continues each Friday, from 11am – 4pm, We know the importance of community and the power of prayer, especially during challenging times, we invite you to join us during Adoration as we pray for the intentions of all those in our Parish family and beyond. Why not spend even 10 minutes with the Blessed Sacrament to pray for your own intentions? Everyone welcome! Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary are prayed each Friday from 3pm – 4pm

RGU Lotto: This week the winning numbers were 9-21-22-24. Jackpot not won. Two people matched 3 numbers to share £100. Next week the jackpot is £2900. **PLAY ONLINE USING THE LINK ON FACEBOOK..**