

## Lecale Family of Parishes

### Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024



Your prayers are requested for

**Recently Deceased:** Bridie O'Neill

**Anniversaries:** Sr. Mary Brenda, Billy & Ginny McKinney, Marie McGrady, Rosaleen Byers, Christina Dickinson, Malachy Carson, Sammy Mason, William John Vance, Margaret McCartan,

**Weekly Collection:** Offertory £1045, Direct Debits £1870. Thank you for your generosity.

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

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Anniv:** Jim Stranney,

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Bereavement evening Mass**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Anniv:** Jim Ferguson, Kathleen Miley, Bridie & Denis Rooney, Alex, Rosie, Tom & John - McMahon, Deceased members of Legion of Mary,

**Confessions St. Patrick's Church**

Monday 6:45pm – 7:30pm

Friday 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Saturday 12Noon – 1:00pm

**Advent Prayer by candle light** will take place during the four Tuesday's of advent. It will take place in St. Patrick's Church at 7:30pm on the following Tuesday's: 26<sup>th</sup> Nov, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec, 10<sup>th</sup> Dec, 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. All welcome to attend.

**Parish finance committee:** The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 8:30pm in the presbytery.

**Christmas at Fountain Foodbank:** We would appreciate it, if when you are shopping, you could help us with Christmas! Some sweets, crisps, biscuits would help us to help local families over the festive period. Your ongoing support & generosity is invaluable to our work!

## Mass Schedule November / December 2024

Date	Church	Time
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's St. Malachy's	10:30am 10am
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's St. Brigid's	5:30pm 7pm
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	St. Patrick's St. Colmcille's	10:30am 10am
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	St. Patrick's St. Malachy's	10:30am 10am
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's St. Brigid's	5:30pm 7pm
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's St. Colmcille's	10:30am 10am

**'Evening of Mercy':** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024

6:45pm Confessions,

7:00pm Rosary,

7:30pm Mass,

8.10pm After Mass there will be prayers offered for those who suffer from worry and anxiety, followed by Adoration.

**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.

**Evangelism Vitae: 'The Gospel of Life'** was Pope John Paul II's encyclical (1995) on the primacy of life from conception to natural death. Let us pray especially on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov that euthanasia will not be introduced at Westminster or in the Dail.

**Downpatrick Pro-life Group** are holding a quiet prayer vigil on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024 from 10:30am to 11:30am. This vigil will be held in St. Patrick's Square, Downpatrick (outside Danske Bank) in Market Street. Everyone welcome to join us as we pray that the 'assisted dying bill', which is having its 2<sup>nd</sup> reading in Westminster on 29<sup>th</sup> Nov, does not take place and the right to life from conception to natural death is upheld.

**SAFEGUARDING:** Following on from the Down and Connor Diocese Pathways to the Future Programme, we are pleased to announce the establishment of the Downpatrick Family of Parishes Safeguarding Committee. The Committee will comprise representatives from Downpatrick Parish, the Parish of Saul and Bailee, the Parish of Bright, the Parish of Dunsford and Ardglass and the Parish of Kilclief (Strangford). Mrs Patricia Magee (Mobile 07855 928241) will Chair the Committee, Mrs Karen Curran (Mobile 07803 270100) is Deputy Chair and Fr Aidan Brankin will be the Parish Priest on the Committee. The primary role of the Downpatrick Family of Parishes Safeguarding Committee is to: **1.** Ensure that Diocesan Safeguarding Policies and Procedures are implemented. **2.** Identify the activities within a Parish in which children and adults at risk are involved. This includes non-Parish groups, using Parish premises, who must state that they have appropriate safeguarding measures in place. **3.** Ensure that volunteers working with children, young people and adults at risk, are safely recruited, vetted and trained in accordance with Down and Connor Safeguarding procedures and adhere to a Code of Conduct. If you have a concern, suspicion, or wish to make an allegation of child abuse, or abuse in relation to an adult at risk, please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Office: Philip O'Hara, Designated Liaison Person, 120, Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT14 6LA. Telephone: 028 90 492798 Mobile: 07534 992124. Email: [philip.ohara@soddc.org](mailto:philip.ohara@soddc.org) or visit <https://downandconnorsafeguarding.com>

**RGU Lotto.** This weeks winning numbers were 12-22-23-25. Jackpot not won. No tickets matched 3 numbers. Next weeks jackpot is £3800. Play online using the link on Facebook.

**Legion of Mary Mass** for deceased legionnaires will be held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm in St. Patrick's Church. All auxiliary members are invited to attend.



**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](http://www.flameoflove.us)

### **Annual Parish Bereavement Mass:**

Will be celebrated in St Patrick's on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.** At this Mass we remember Friends and Family who have died in our Parish between 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024. Please check your loved ones details below, if there are any errors in spellings etc, please contact us as soon as possible so that we can correct.

### **During the Mass we will remember:**

Ita Cunningham, Brendan Doyle, Edward Dagens, Desmond Grant, Thomas Jervis, Eileen Doherty, Margaret Robinson, Sean McGarry, Mary Tully, Colette McGrady, Jamie Marks, Sean Quinn, Madeleine Maguire, John Crumley, Arthur Martin, Rita O Connor, Vincent Murphy, Gareth Smith, Mark Murphy, Patrick Hanna, Keith Thompson, Bernie Fagan, Shaun Fitzsimons, Charles Fitzpatrick, Dean Dobbin, Annie Magee, Tony McCabe, Gordon McKeown, Vera McCartan, Sean Mackel, Denis Keenan, Robert Hogg, Kieran Martin, Nora Lowry, Robert Rogan, Brian Carberry, Agnes Molloy, Eleanor Wynn, William McKeown, Maria Walsh, Dylan Kelly, Baby Sean Og Ferris, Eileen Joan Sharvin, Joan Curran, Colette McMahan, Mary Shields, John Trainor, Oliver Smyth, Anne Burns, Rose Feenan, Peter 'Tony' Quinn, Charlotte Fitzsimons, Eamon Maginn, Patrick McEvoy, Mary Cunningham, John Carlin, Jamie Rogan, Rose McLaughlin, Gerard Norney, Bernard 'Barney' McCreanor, Mary 'Mo' McKee, Rosena Quinn, Sean Kearney, Eileen Jervis, Patricia 'Paddy' Magennis, Karen Botsford, Baby McAndrew. Corrections can be made by calling 02844612084 or emailing [downpatrick@downandconnor.org](mailto:downpatrick@downandconnor.org)

**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](mailto:mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk)