

Downpatrick Pastoral Area

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024



Your prayers are requested for:

**Recently Deceased:**

**Month's Mind:** Brian Carberry, Agnes Molloy,

**Anniversaries:** Sr. M Teresa, Marie-Lou Mullan, Brian Martin, Bobby Murray, Agnes Lin Chian, William McKeating, Mary Rea, Paddy Rice, Christina Morrison, Frank Forbes, Brendan Keenan,

**Weekly Collection:** Offertory £1801, Loose Plate £505, Direct Debits £1971. Thank you for your generosity

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

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May: Month's Mind:** Brian Carberry,

**Anniv:** Claire Campbell

**Wed 29<sup>th</sup> May: Month's Mind:** Agnes Molloy,

**Anniv:** Una Burke,

**Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May: Anniv:** David Doran, Olive McCashin, Assumpta Taggart, Annie Murphy,

**Confessions St. Patrick's Church:**

Monday 6:45pm – 7:30pm

Friday 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Saturday 12Noon – 1:00pm



The booklets are available at the church porches and the Novena will take place in St. Patrick's Church before the morning Mass (instead of the rosary) each day, starting this Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May and finishing on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

**The altar Society:** Congratulations and Thanks to the ALTAR society for their beautiful floral displays during the First Communion and Confirmation services. With the mixture of lilies and coronations, roses and anthurium the altar was truly a wonder to behold!

Parish Mass Schedule for May / June 2024:

Date	Church	Time
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 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
6:45pm Confessions,  
7:00pm Rosary,  
7:30pm Mass, including sacrament of the sick  
8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,  
8:40pm Benediction, with prayers for physical healing,  
All welcome for all or even part of the evening.

**Please Note:** The parish office will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday and will re-open on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

**Welcome Team:** I wish on behalf of all the parish and its several schools to thank our wonderful WELCOME team who through the last few weeks of late April and May have provided a marvelous reception to our primary four and primary seven children on the occasion of the celebration of the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Their presence in PATRICK'S PLACE added so much to each occasion and created a memory for our children and their parents.

Thank you Team

Fr. John Murray

**Meditating with Mary:** Join us for a prayer evening on the three Thursdays in May. Continuing on the final Thursday 30<sup>th</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.

**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.

**One Day Pilgrimage** to Knock 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024, leaving St. Patrick's Church car park at 6:30am. For booking contact Mary 07895098189.

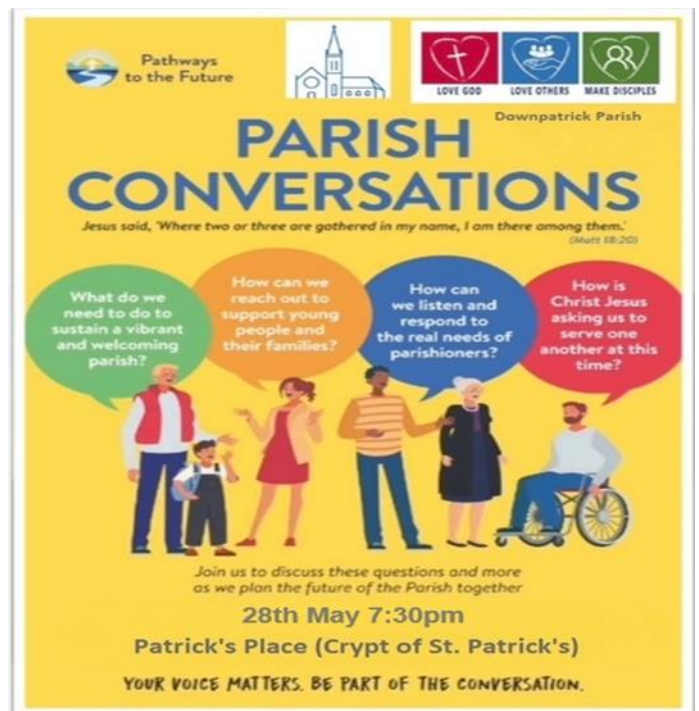
**Enrichment program:** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The Downpatrick Family of Parishes are offering a time of reflection and renewal for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The enrichment programme will be facilitated by Aishling Steen and Fr Paul Byrne from the Living Church Office. The programme has a blended approach of an online session followed by an in-person enrichment day. Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 7-8:30pm online via zoom Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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

**St. Patrick's Parish Welcome Team** invite you to a meeting in the presbytery on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 10:30am.

This meeting is for current members of the team and anyone who would like to be part of our Parish's WELCOME to parishioners on Sundays and all other special occasions.

The parish would especially like to thank the WELCOME TEAM for its wonderful presentations at the recent First Communion and Confirmation ceremonies.



#### **Cemetery Sunday Dates 2024:**

**Downpatrick:** Struell Cemetery on 7<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm

Killough Road Cemetery on 30<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm

**Kilclief:** St Malachy's Cemetery on 21<sup>st</sup> July at 3pm

**Saul & Ballee:** Ballycruttle Cemetery on 28<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm  
Saul Cemetery on 4<sup>th</sup> August at 3pm

**Bright:** St Joseph's Cemetery, Killough on 9<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm  
Our Lady Star of the Sea Cemetery, Rossglass on 9<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm – St Patrick's Cemetery, Legamaddy on 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 3pm

**Dunsford & Ardglass:** Ardglass Cemetery on 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 3pm – Dunsford Cemetery on 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 5pm

**Loughinisland:** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August - 11am Mass will be celebrated for all the deceased in both cemeteries.

Hopefully this celebration will take place outdoors in the New Cemetery. **The blessing of the graves** will take place at the end of that Mass. **Blessing of the graves in the Old Cemetery** will take place with prayers at 2:30 pm. For this celebration **please do not park along the Drumgooland Road;** please do use the parking facilities provided.

**Kilmore & Killyleagh** St Mary's Cemetery, Killyleagh on 9<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm – Holy Family Cemetery, Teconnaught on 9<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm