

Downpatrick Pastoral Area

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024



**Your prayers are requested for:**

**Recently Deceased:** Patrick (Paddy) Hanna, Gareth Smith,

**Month's Mind:** Sean Quinn,

**Anniversaries:** Sr. Margaret, Sr. Mary Agnes, Liam Lynn, Jean Peacock, Henry Craig, Kieran Craig, Annie Quinn, Brendan Burns, Maureen McKeown, Thomas Jervis Snr, Danny Jervis, Gerard Jervis, Thomas Jervis Jnr, Joseph Devlin, Laura Murray, Oonagh Carson, Joseph McGrady, Jack McGrady,

**Weekly Collection:** Offertory £971, Loose Plate £470, Direct Debits £1880. Thank you for your generosity

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

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> March: Anniv:** Gerry Tracey,

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> March: Anniv:** Cathal Brennan,

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> March: Month's Mind:** Sean Quinn,  
**Anniv:** Marie & Charles Canavan, Thomas Jervis Snr, Danny Jervis, Gerard Jervis, Thomas Jervis Jnr,



**Baptisms: We Welcome:** Grace, Rhea, Estella & Jessica into our Parish Family.

**Four weeks' notice required for all Baptisms.** Baptism Courses are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Parish Mass Schedule for March 2024:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy's	10am
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March St. Patrick's Day</b>		
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy's	10am
<b>Palm Sunday</b>		
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy's	10am
* Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	12:30pm
<b>Easter</b>		
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	9pm (Easter Vigil)
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	St. Malachy's	10am
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am

**'Evening of Mercy':** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 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.

**Lectio Divina:** Prayer Meeting each Tuesday morning in the Parochial House at 11am. We would extend a warm welcome to anyone who wishes to join us – call in any Tuesday at 11am

**Vocations:** Downpatrick Parish invites you to join our upcoming Novena for vocations between 11<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March. Our Novena will be prayed before 9:30am Mass each day and uploaded to our Facebook page and website.

\* **Mass to commemorate La Salle High School** on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 12:30pm in St. Patrick's. This is open to all parishioners but especially to present and past pupils and staff of the School.

**Message from the School:** We are excited to extend a warm and open invitation to all current and past friends and families of our school community to join us in celebrating De La Salle High School at this special mass. Whether you are a former pupil, staff member, a friend of the school or part of our wider school community, your connection with De La Salle is something we hold dear and would like to celebrate. Please join us in celebration after the mass from 1:30pm to 3:00pm in the school.



### EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE PERMANENT

**DIACONATE:** The Permanent Deacon responds to the call of Jesus and his Church in three specific ways: through the ministry of Charity, the ministry of the Word and the ministry of the Altar with a particular focus on the ministry of charity. The Diocese invites expressions of interest from men, (married or single), who feel called to the Diaconate. Further relevant information can be found on the Diocesan website <https://www.downandconnor.org/living-church/diaconate/> There will be a meeting in St Patrick's Presbytery on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm for anyone interested. It is hoped to commence a propaedeutic year of discernment in September 2024. Expressions of Interest forms will be issued by email to those who have responded to this announcement and the formal application and interview process will commence, with a view to completion in June 2024.

**Lay Led Funeral Ministry:** Would you be interested in serving the parish in helping the priests in the funeral ministry? If so, a training course will take place in Newcastle Parish Centre after Easter. Please contact the Parish office to give your name at [downpatrick@downandconnor.org](mailto:downpatrick@downandconnor.org) or 02844612084. We will then be in touch with you with more details of the short course.

*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](mailto:Philip.ohara@soddc.org)*

**Lenten Reflection Week Three:** My cleansing Lord, You cleansed the Temple of Jerusalem not once, but twice. Your zeal for its purity of worship was clear. Please come and make my soul your dwelling place today and cleanse me of all sin. Please help me to especially see any ways that I have remained obstinate in my sin, and please cleanse those sins with much vigor. Jesus, I trust in You.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** There will be a short meeting of ALL parish Eucharistic Ministers in St. Patrick's Presbytery on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm. The meeting will look at three issues:

- Visitation of the sick and housebound in the parish
- Visitation of the sick in hospital and homes
- Recruitment of new ministers

**Copyright and Music Licensing:** This topic has been on the agenda of the Diocese for some time, and arrangements have now been made to offer advice and guidance to parishes to help them overcome some of the difficulties they may encounter if they do not have compliant processes in place. Presentations covering - Copyright and Music Licensing will be held at the following venue from 7.30pm until 9pm. Tea/coffee will be served from 7pm.

- **Patrick's Place, St. Patrick's Church, Downpatrick on 5th March at 7.30pm**

The presentations will be particularly relevant to choir directors, choir members, cantors, psalmists, parish musicians and parish contemporary music groups. Those who are responsible for setting up or maintaining parish websites are especially welcome. This will be an invaluable resource for our parish that will help us to be compliant, and we would encourage as many participants as possible to attend one or other of these presentations.

### Prayer During Lent:

**St Patrick's Church** is open daily, after morning Mass, for private prayer. (From 8am to late)

**Adoration:** Each Friday from 11am to 4pm in St. Patrick's with Divine Mercy chaplet at 3pm and rosary. Confessions are also available.

**Legion of Mary** will visit homes in Scotch Street, Fountain Street area over the next few weeks.

**Parish Envelopes & GDPR:** The Parish Envelope 'year' is coming to an end and the new envelopes are being prepared. Because of GDPR (Data Protection Regulations) we are unable to leave boxes of envelopes in the church for collection without Parishioner permission.

As in previous years, the envelopes will be delivered to parishioners by a small team of helpers designated by Fr. Murray. ***If anyone does not want this method of distribution, they need to contact the Parish Office to arrange collection of their own set of envelopes from the Parochial House.***

**ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR COLLECTION FROM THE PARISH OFFICE MON – THURS FROM 10AM – 2PM**