

Downpatrick Pastoral Area

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024



**Your prayers are requested for:**

**Recently Deceased:** Agnes Molloy, Canon Brendan Beagon (St. Mary's on the hill parish, Glengormley),

**Recently Deceased Other Parishes:**

Jim McCambridge (Belfast), Jim Browne (Co. Mayo),

**Anniversaries:** Agnes Donnelly, Eddie Morgan, Billy Blaney, Rose Adair, Charles Adair, Margaret Jamison, Anne Price, Vincent Braniff, Alf Oakes, Lily & Jack Moore, Moore Family, Angela Carpenter, Jim & Ethna Quinn, Tommy Stitt,

**Weekly Collection:** Offertory £1269, Loose Plate £433, Direct Debits £1971. Thank you for your generosity

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

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May: Anniv:** Kathleen Fisher, Eddie Morgan,

**Wed 8<sup>th</sup> May: Anniv:** Joseph Torney, Thomas Gilgunn,

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> May: Anniv:** Noreen McStay, Noreen McMullan,

**BAPTISMS: 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.

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

Monday 6:45pm – 7:30pm

Friday 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Saturday 12Noon – 1:00pm

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society** coffee morning in Patrick's Place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May after 10:30am Mass. Proceeds to St. Josephs Young Priests Society. Raffle tickets available from any group member.

**Please note:** The Parish office will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday and will re-open on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. For emergencies only please contact: 07841101678.

Parish Mass Schedule for May 2024:

Date	Church	Time
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> May	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> May	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> May	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> May	St. Colmcille's	10am
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy's	10am
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	St. Colmcille's	10am
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

**'Evening of Mercy':** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

6:45pm Confessions,

7:00pm Rosary,

7:30pm Mass,

8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

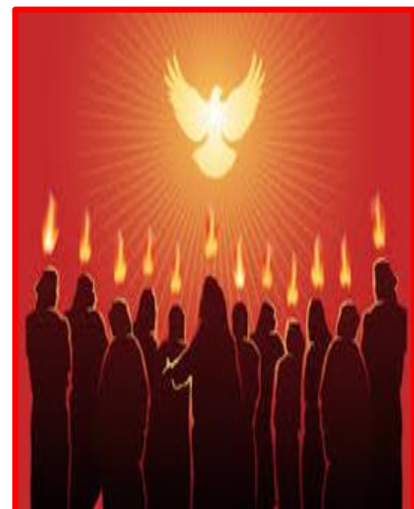
8:40pm Benediction, with litany of the Blessed Sacrament,

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 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> the 'Evening of Mercy' in St. Patrick's will be reduced.

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

**Pentecost Service** on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Meditating with Mary:** Join us in Patrick's Place for a prayer evening on the three Thursdays in May. Starting on Thursday 9<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.

**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?

**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.

**Fountain Foodbank** acknowledge with sincere thanks, the donations of £25 and £30 received via the trolley over the weekend.

Did you know we now have a drop off point at the Euro-Spar on the Ardglass Road. Please Support us if you are in a position to do so.

**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.

**Parish Liturgy Team:** The inaugural meeting of the new Parish Liturgy Committee took place on April 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm in the Parochial House. All welcome.

**Legion of Mary:** The trip to Knock being organised by the Legion of Mary has been cancelled.

**Down and Connor Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 2024**  
Led by Bishop Alan McGuckian S.J Spiritual Directors Fr G McCloskey, Fr M Graham, Canon S Gilmore 20 Aug 2024. 7 Nights £799 per person sharing direct return flights from Dublin to Lisbon afternoon flights. 20KG bags included. Return airport transfers in Fatima. 7 Nights Hotel Avenida. Full board: breakfast, lunch & dinner. For further information please contact: Joe Catney 07776 425 631/02890714001



*"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 Chapeltown, Dunsford**  
Tuesday 14th May: 9.30am - 1pm

*"To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan".*

**Lough Derg One Day Retreats in May:** These guided days of prayer and reflection will take place on Sun5<sup>th</sup>, Mon6<sup>th</sup>, Sun12<sup>th</sup>, Tue14<sup>th</sup>, Sat18<sup>th</sup>, Sun25<sup>th</sup> and Mon27<sup>th</sup>. More details can be found at [www.loughderg.ie](http://www.loughderg.ie) - €45 per person, booking essential.

**Your Parish needs you:** Dear parishioner we need volunteers – in several areas of parish life. Could you become:

- A reader at Sunday Mass
- A Eucharistic Minister
- A Member of the Finance committee
- A member of the new liturgy committee
- Become a member of the 'Laudato Si' group (Care for the earth)
- A member of the Pastoral Council

If you think you could help please ring 02844612084 or email [downpatrick@downandconnor.org](mailto:downpatrick@downandconnor.org)

ONLY ONE PERSON RANG IN LAST WEEK.