

Downpatrick Pastoral Area

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024



Parish Mass Schedule for January 2024:

Table with 3 columns: Date, Church, Time. It lists the mass schedule for January 2024, including special days like Epiphany and the Feast of St. Malachy's.

Your prayers are requested for:

Recently Deceased: Alice Rooney (Dpk & Kilcoo), Thomas Jervis,

Anniversaries: Deacon Paul McCormick, Sr. Mary Philomena, James Cochrane, William John Vance, Charles McGrady, Margaret McGrady, Agnes Halpin, Mary McGrady, Genevieve Walsh, Theresa Rees, Bridgid Studdard, James McGreevy, James Lowry, Delia Coyle, Margaret Fitzsimons, Ursula Hanna, John Foley, Margaret Smyth, John Denvir, Patrick Denvir, Peter Burns, Eileen Burns, Eileen McCartan, Eugene Simons,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1,008, Loose Plate £548, Mission Sunday £744, Direct Debits £1880. Thank you for your generosity

Mass Intentions, St. Patrick's @ 7:30pm: Mon 8th Jan: Anniv: Malachy Wynn, Patrick Doyle, Wed 10th Jan: Anniv: Charlie McStay Snr, James Lowry, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Snowy Graham, Fri 12th Jan: Month's Mind: Edward Dagens, Anniv: Pat Magorrian, Ita McConvey, Eileen McCartan,

'Evening of Mercy': Monday 8th January 2024 6:45pm Confessions 7:00pm Rosary 7:30pm Mass. 8:10pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:40pm Benediction, All welcome for all or even part of the evening.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament resumes on Friday 12th January.

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Feast of The Epiphany: January 6th 2024 (Holy Day of Obligation): Vigil Mass in St Patrick's on January 5th at 7.30pm. Mass on January 6th, 10am in St. Patrick's.

Church Unity Service in St. Patrick's Church on Sunday 21st January 2024 at 7:30pm with participation of the Christian Churches in Downpatrick. Guest preacher: Fr. Andrew Black (lecturer – St. Mary's College Belfast).

Foster Care: Bishop Donal has asked for our assistance in promoting the option of fostering in the Parish. There are many struggles within families which leads to children and young people needing foster care. During 10:30am Mass on the weekend of 28th January 2024 there will be staff from HSC NI Foster Care in our Church. The Foster Care staff will be available in Patrick's Place following Mass to speak with anyone who thinks they would like to learn more about fostering.

CONNECT 25 Connect with Jesus, connect with Others. Saturday 20th January 2024 Adoration, Prayer, Music, Benediction St Patrick's Church Downpatrick 7.00pm With Guest Speaker Fr Stephen Quinn OCD



**Christian Meditation  
and Movement**

**Resumes Sunday  
January 14th**

**Patrick's Place @ 7pm**

For more info  
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**Queen's University Catholic Chaplaincy – Alumni and Friends\* Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St Paul:** Departing Dublin on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024, the alumni and friends of the Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University will make pilgrimage to Greece and Malta over 10 days, following in the footsteps of Saint Paul. Our tour with Marian Pilgrimages will offer a profound journey through various significant locations associated with St Paul's life and missionary travels, among them Athens, Thessaloniki, Phillipi, Corinth and Valetta. Pilgrims can experience a profound connection to the apostle, his teachings, and the early Christian communities with which he is associated, while traversing these historically rich destinations. The pilgrimage is fully guided, with half-board accommodation in 4\* hotels. The University Chaplain, Fr Dominic McGrattan, will provide spiritual direction and the Chaplaincy's Director of Sacred Music, Marcella Walsh, will animate liturgies with music and song. For more information and details on how to book, email Chaplaincy Director, Shannon Campbell, at [catholicchaplaincy@gub.ac.uk](mailto:catholicchaplaincy@gub.ac.uk) *\*Please note, if you or a family member have studied at Queen's or served as a member of staff, know that we consider you among our alumni and friends.*



**FOLLOWING CHRIST**

**STARTS  
TUESDAY 16 JANUARY**

PATRICK'S PLACE, DOWNPATRICK PARISH

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