

## Lecale Family Of Parishes – Prayer Groups

## **Downpatrick Parish**



Lectio Divina Meet at 11am each Tuesday Morning in the Parochial House. The Group gather to pray using scripture. Lectio Divina has four separate steps – Read; Meditate; pray; contemplate; A passage of Scripture is read, then its meaning is reflected upon by the group, followed by prayer and contemplation on the word of God. Interested? Why not join us on a Tuesday Morning!

**Legion of Mary:** Meet each Tuesday in the Parochial House at 1pm. If you are interested in their work, pop in and have a chat any Tuesday.

## LEGION OF MARY What is the Legion of Mary?

The Legion of Mary is an association of Catholic men and woman who, with the sanction of the church and under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of All Graces, have formed themselves into a Legion for services in the warfare which is perpetually being waged by The Church against the forces of evil.

The Aims of the Legion of Mary:

Increase the personal holiness of its members through the imitation of the virtues of Mary. Foster a deeper devotion to Mary among all people.

Undertake various apostolic works.

What must one do to be a member?

There are two types of membership: The active members who attends weekly meetings and does two hours apostolic work each week The auxiliary or praying membership.

## What are the Duties of an Auxiliary Member ?

The daily recitation of the Rosary. The daily recitation of the prayers contained in the Legion prayer leaflet called the "Tessera".

Are these Prayers offered for the Legion of Mary ?

No. these prayers are offered for the intentions of our Blessed Lady.

Why does the Legion of Mary not require that these prayers be offered for the intentions of the Legion ?

It is the aim of the legion to foster and spread devotion to Mary and this is done by asking the auxiliary members to offer these prayers daily for Our Blessed Lady to do with as she sees fit. The Legion feels that in the disposal of these treasures, our Blessed Mother will have regard for the needs of the Legion of Mary. If one has already promised to say a Daily Rosary for a certain intention is it necessary to say another one?

No, persons whose daily rosary is firmly bound to a particular intentions may become auxiliary members without saying an additional Legion rosary.

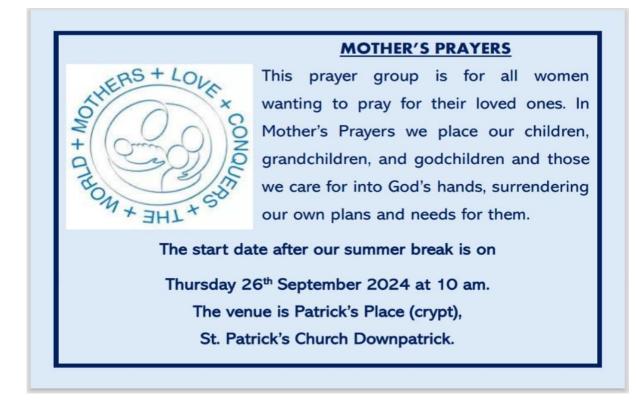
What advantages are there to being an Auxiliary Member ?

Auxiliary members share in all prayers and works of the thousands of active members throughout the world. After death they share in the thousands of Masses offered each November by all the Praesidia of the Legion of Mary throughout the world for the repose of the souls of all active and auxiliary members.

Auxiliary members gain all the indulgences attached to the saying of the Rosary and also to the aspirations and prayers included on the Tessera.



<u>The Flame of Love Prayer Group</u> meet each Tuesday Evening in the Parochial House at 7.30pm. New Members always welcome. For further information on the Group, visit flameoflove.us



Mothers Prayers meet each Thursday in Patrick's Place at 10am – everyone welcome!



*St Joseph's Young Priests Society* exists to help students on their journey to priesthood. The society fosters vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It assists students for the priesthood both financially and by prayer. It promotes the vocation of the laity and fosters a greater understanding and love of the Eucharist and Mass.

The Downpatrick Branch of St Joseph's Young Priests Society meet regularly in the Parochial House – Please check the bulletin for meeting dates and times.