

Lecale Family of Parishes

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 8th December 2024



Your prayers are requested for

Recently Deceased: Angela Lavery, Jean Groves, Mary Trainor, Shane Craig, Sean Fitzsimons Jnr,

Anniversaries: Sr. Mary Joseph, Sr. Brigid, Eileen Fee, Martha Diamond, Harry Robinson, Bonough Robinson, Jerome McCabe, Michael McAleese, Frank O'Connor, Rea Pleasants, Paddy & Jim Hamilton, Patrick Ward, Alice Lannon, Gerry White, Maura Megahey, Brian Caraher, Michael, Agnes & Francis McAleenan,

Weekly Collection: Offertory £1080, Loose plate £545, Direct Debits £1870. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Mon 9th Anniv: Margaret Whinnery, Frank O'Connor, Michael, Agnes & Francis McAleenan,

Wed 11th 1st Anniv: Edward Dagens, Anniv Hugh Kearney & Jean Smyth, Frank, Kathleen & Frances Fitzsimons, Colm Fay, Mary McCann, Hermun McConvey & Deceased members of the Morgan family, Jerome McCabe,

Friday 13th 1st Anniv: Desomond Grant, Irene McKinney,



Advent Prayer by candle light will take place during the next two Tuesday's of advent. It will take place in St. Patrick's Church at 7:30pm on the following Tuesday's: 10th Dec, 17th Dec. All welcome to attend.

Mass Schedule December 24 / January 25

Date	Church	Time
Sat 7 th Dec	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 8 th Dec	St. Patrick's St. Malachy's	10:30am 10am
Sat 14 th	St. Patrick's St. Brigid's	5:30pm 7pm
Sun 15 th	St. Patrick's St. Colmcille's	10:30am 10am
Sat 21 st	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 22 nd	St. Patrick's St. Malachy's	10:30am 10am
Thurs 26th & Fri 27th 9:30am – No Evening Mass		
Sat 28 th	St. Patrick's St. Brigid's	5:30pm 7pm
Sun 29 th	St. Patrick's St. Colmcille's	10:30am 10am
Wed 1st Jan 2025 12pm – No other Masses this day		
Mon 30th, Tues 31st Dec, Thurs 2nd Jan – Daytime Masses only (9:30am– No Evening Masses.)		
Fri 3rd Jan 9:30am and 7:30pm		
Sat 4 th Jan	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 5 th Jan	St. Patrick's St. Malachy's	10:30am 10am
Mon 6 th Jan	St. Patrick's	9:30am
Feast of Epiphany	St. Brigid's St. Patrick's	10am 7:30pm
Tuesday 7th Jan > Normal Mass times from today		

Christmas Masses

Tuesday 24th December

St. Patrick's vigil 6:30pm and midnight 9:30pm
St. Brigid's vigil 7:30pm

Wednesday 25th December

St. Patrick's 10:30am
St. Malachy's 10am
St. Colmcille's 12Noon

Please note these changes from the bulletin of December 1st. This is because we will just have two priests for Christmas Masses.

'Evening of Mercy': Monday 9th Dec 2024

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

6:45pm Confessions,
7:00pm Rosary,
7:30pm Mass
8.10pm Following Mass there will be a quiet time of prayer (10 mins) , before Benediction.

Confessions St. Patrick's Church

Monday 6:45pm – 7:30pm
Friday 3:00pm – 4:00pm
Saturday 12Noon – 1:00pm

Feast of the Immaculate Conception: The feast this year is on Monday 9th December to avoid a clash with the second Sunday of Advent. There is no vigil Mass (on the Sunday) but the **parish Masses on the 9th are:**

St. Patrick's 9:30am and 7:30pm

St. Colmcille's 10am

Bishop McGuckian received the following information from the Holy See in Rome – “After detailed study of the question the Dicastery confirms the practice which has been well-established over the centuries: i.e for the case in which a Holy Day of obligation is transferred, ipso facto the obligation falls. In other words, there is no obligation to attend Mass on Monday, 9 December 2024, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.”

The Bishop appreciates that this clarification comes late in preparations for the weekend and your scheduling of Masses. While there is no obligation for the faithful to attend Mass on Monday, Bishop Alan continues to encourage all those who can to gather in the celebration of this feast.

Bambinelli Sunday (3rd of Advent): Parents and children are invited to bring their crib baby Jesus to the 10:30am Mass on December 15th. During the Mass they will be invited to come forward for a blessing for their family. The intention is that they take the baby home – wrap it in Christmas paper – and open it – as the first gift of Christmas – on the evening of the 24th.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

On Sunday 15th December, families are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their cribs to St. Patrick's Church for 10.30 mass where it will be blessed by Canon Murray.

You're
All
Invited



*St. John Paul II
began the
tradition of
**'Bambinelli
Sunday'**
to remind families
about the joyous
event of the birth
of Jesus.*

Please Join Us After Mass in Patrick's Place, Below Church Transept Where Our Wonderful Children's Liturgy Team Along With Our Pro-Life Group Will Be Providing Lots Of Fun Activities, Treats For The Children And Refreshments For Everyone.

There Will Also Be An Opportunity To Win One Of The Many Prizes In The Lucky Ticket Bonanza Provided By Our Apostolic Group, Who Will Be Fund Raising On The Day.

Apostolic Raffle: 15th December after Mass, Patrick's Place. Tickets from Margaret Magee, Catherine McAleenan or any committee member.

Open night & Open day: Our Lady & St. Patrick primary school, Monday 9th December 5pm to 7pm.
Open morning Tuesday 10th December 10:45am to 11:45am.

Liturgy Committee: The next meeting of the committee will take place in St. Patrick's Presbytery on Wednesday 11th December at 7pm. All members are invited to attend. Newcomers also welcome. We will especially be looking at preparation for our Christmas Masses.

Mary's Meals – Double The Love: Amongst the many challenges we see in today's world, your little acts of love can bring hope to desperately hungry children with a daily school meal with Mary's Meals. At this time, all donations made to Mary's Meals are being doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £900,000. Please keep us in your prayers during this Advent season that we can reach even more children around the world with our life-changing school meals this Christmas. There are many ways to give, including our gift cards and online Christmas Trees of Hope. Find out more at marysmeals.org.uk or freephone 0800 698 1212 .

St. Vincent De Paul Parish Ligoniel: 'Every year for the 9 days before Christmas, 16-24 December, we here at St. Vincent De Paul Parish invite you to our, 'Misa De Gallo.' (Mass of the Rooster.) It is a wonderful tradition in the Philippines and is continued by the Filipino Diaspora wherever they may be. This year on Christmas Eve we welcome Bishop Alan for the first time as our main Celebrant. We extend a warm invitation to all from across the Diocese and beyond! Every Blessing. Fr. Vincent Cushnahan PP.'