

Downpatrick Family of Parishes

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 12th January 2025



Your prayers are requested for

Recently Deceased: John Hanna, Michael McCartan, Veronica Quail, Libby Smith, Ursula Duffy, Caroline McAteer-McFettridge, Pauline Smith, Florence Cargill, Michael Fisher, Geraldine (Junior) Boyle, Siobhan McAlinden,

Month's Mind: Brigid Vaughan, Maureen Flanagan, Libby Labrosse, Anne-Marie Gordon,

Anniversaries: Sr Mary Philomena, Sr. Maureen Grant, Mary Kelly, George Peacock, Delia Coyle, Kathleen Barry Walsh, James Blaney, Agnes Blaney, Harry Blaney, Jim Thompson, Peter & Ellen Burns, John Denvir, Patrick Denvir, Willie Shields, John Oakes, Eugene Simons, Margaret Smyth, Ursula Hanna, John Foley, Ida McConvey, Simon O'Reilly, Michael McGrady,

Weekly Collections:

29.12.24 – Offertory £2630.00, Loose Plate £866

Christmas Offering: Envelopes £2935, Loose Plate £3225

06.01.25: Offertory £1425.00, Loose Plate £390, Monthly £1215, Loose Plate £150

Direct Debits £2010

Thank You for your generous contributions to the Parish.

Mass Intentions – St. Patrick's 7.30pm

Monday 13th: **Month's Mind:** Brigid Vaughan, **Anniv:** Simon & Joyce O Reilly, Jim Thompson, Patrick Doyle, Mary & John Turley, Mickey O'Hare, Margaret Robinson,

Wednesday 15th: **Month's Mind:** Maureen Flanagan

Anniv: Kevin Fitzpatrick, Snowy Graham, William Shields,

Friday 17th: **Month's Mind:** Libby Labrosse, **Anniv:** Maria Lannin, Pat & Mary Kelly, Mairead Vance -Shields,

Mass Schedule Jan/Feb 25		
Date	Church	Time
Sat 11th	St Patrick's	5.30pm
	St Brigid's	7pm
Sun 12th	St Patrick's	10.30am
	St Colmcille's	10.00am
Sat 18th	St Patrick's	5.30pm
Sun 19th	St Patrick's	10.30am
	St Brigid's	10.00am
Sat 25th	St Patrick's	5.30pm
	St Brigid's	7pm
Sun 26th	St Patrick's	10.30am
	St. Colmcille's	10am
Feb 1st	St Patrick's	5.30pm
Feb 2 nd	S Patrick's	10.30am
	St Malachy's	10.00am

'Evening of Mercy': Monday 13th January

6:45pm Confessions,

7:00pm Rosary,

7:30pm Mass

The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during Mass. After Mass there will be a time of quiet Adoration followed by Benediction.

Confessions St Patrick's Church:

Mon 13th 6.45pm – 7.30pm

Friday 17th – 3pm -4pm

Saturday 18th – 12 Noon – 1pm

Adoration: Resumed on Friday 10th and continues every Friday between 11am and 4pm, with a directed Holy Hour and confessions from 3pm to 4pm.

Apostolic Work: Acknowledge with sincere thanks all those who supported the Christmas Raffle. The amount raised was £1072.00

Retreat To Celebrate The Jubilee - The Theme For This Years Retreat is "WITNESSES OF HOPE":

DRUMALIS RETREAT CENTRE LARNE, FRIDAY EVENING 17TH – SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY 2025
SPEAKER – FR DARREN BRENNAN. Join us for the weekend or for a day. An opportunity to grow in faith together. To book a place contact Margaret on 07716 288811 - *Hosted by Down & Connor Charismatic Renewal Committee*

RGU Lotto. This week's winning numbers were 8-15-18-23. Jackpot not won. Three matched 3 numbers to share £100. £4500.

Five First Saturdays: The First Saturday Devotion is also known as the Act of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is said that the Blessed Virgin Requested the devotion in an Apparition to Sr. Lucia in Pontevedra, Spain in 1925. Reparation being the act of making amends for wrongs and in doing so, honor Mary, Acts of Reparation requires devotees to attend Confessions (within the Octave), Receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, meditate for 15 minutes on the Mysteries of the Rosary. You are invited to join us in St. Patrick's Church on Saturday 1st February 2025 at 9.15am for the second of five consecutive monthly devotions, please join us for one or all of the Saturdays. Devotions will continue on Feb 1st, March 1st, April 5th and May 3rd at 9.15am.



Acknowledge with thanks, cash donations of £240 received in recent weeks. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.



Flame of Love Prayer Group resumes in the Parochial House on Tuesday 14th January at 7.15pm. All welcome.



Lectio Divina Resumes in the Parochial House on Tuesday 14th January at 11am – New Members always Welcome!



Please be aware of online Facebook 'Scams' in relation to live streaming of funerals – several parishioners have had 'friend requests' from pages which appear to offer a live stream of Parish Funerals – We ONLY have one Webcam and its located in St Patrick's – ALL services are streamed free of charge online via the parish facebook page – 'Downpatrick Parish' or on our website – www.stpatricksdowndpatrick.com If you get a request or a page that seems suspicious appears in your feed – Block it and Report! Clicking on links can lead to your social media being hacked and, in some instances, bank card details have been accessed after being provided to these 'scam' pages. Please be aware and be extra cautious!

SAFEGUARDING: Following on from the Down and Connor Diocese Pathways to the Future Programme, we are pleased to announce the establishment of the Downpatrick Family of Parishes Safeguarding

Committee. The Committee will comprise representatives from Downpatrick Parish, the Parish of Saul and Bailee, the Parish of Bright, the Parish of Dunsford and Ardglass and the Parish of Kilclief (Strangford). Mrs Patricia Magee (Mobile 07855 928241) will Chair the Committee, Mrs Karen Curran (Mobile 07803 270100) is Deputy Chair and Fr Aidan Brankin will be the Parish Priest on the Committee. The primary role of the Downpatrick Family of Parishes Safeguarding Committee is to: **1.** Ensure that Diocesan Safeguarding Policies and Procedures are implemented. **2.** Identify the activities within a Parish in which children and adults at risk are involved. This includes non-Parish groups, using Parish premises, who must state that they have appropriate safeguarding measures in place. **3.** Ensure that volunteers working with children, young people and adults at risk, are safely recruited, vetted and trained in accordance with Down and Connor Safeguarding procedures and adhere to a Code of Conduct.

****Could This Be You? **** With the arrival and induction of a new bishop (Bishop McGuckian, began in Down and Connor in April) the committees and various councils of the diocese must be renewed. This is taking place on a diocesan level. This also applies to similar bodies within parishes. Our current Parish Pastoral Council has served the parish for several years. Now is the time to renew its mandate and extend its service for a further period of years. Fr. John, our Parish Priest, is inviting passionate individuals to join a new Pastoral Council in the upcoming year. This group will support Fr. John in shaping and implementing a fresh pastoral plan for our parish. Are you someone who feels inspired to help others come to faith? Do you envision a community that is welcoming, supportive, and full of life? Even if you're not heavily involved yet, Fr. John is looking for individuals with ideas and a heart for growth. Maybe you see something in the parish that is lacking or missing, and you would like to help. Maybe there is something that 'annoys' you and you would also like to do something about it. If Fr. John's vision excites you and you'd like to lend your support, we invite you to take part in an initial training session before committing. To express interest, please place your name and contact details in an envelope in the box at the front of the church over drop into the Parish Office. Fr. John would also like to extend his heartfelt thanks to the current and recent past members of the Pastoral Council for their dedicated service, wisdom, and support over the years. To borrow the phrase of Bishop Donal McKeown's pastoral letter in 2023 when he was apostolic administrator of our diocese: 'COME AND BE PART OF GOD'S DREAM.'