

Downpatrick Family of Parishes

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 19th January 2025



Your prayers are requested for

Recently Deceased: Pauline Hazard, Winnie McDowell,

Month's Mind: John Hanna, Sean Fitzsimons,

Anniversaries: Charles McGrady, Bobby Hanna, Geraldine Blanchette, Kathleen & Hugh Lundy, Steven & Angela Wallace, Margaret Smyth, Simon O'Reilly, Mairead Quail, Joe Gordon Jnr, Hugh Linehan, Cyril Denvir, Sarah Kerr, Alice McAllister, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Snowy Graham, Betty & Jimmy Laird, Hannah Robinson, Francis McCrissican, James Mullan, Marie Mullan, Susan Laverty, Jim Hampton,

Weekly Collections:

Offertory £1606.00, Loose Plate £976, Direct Debits £2010. Thank You for your generous contributions to the Parish.

Mass Intentions – St. Patrick's 7.30pm

Monday 20th: Month's Mind: John Hanna,

Anniv: Patricia McComiskey, Charles & Mary McGrady, Dolores Bohill,

Wednesday 22nd 1st Anniv: Colette McGrady

1st Anniv: Tommy Miley,

Anniv: Brian & John Murphy, Pauline McKendry,

Friday 24th: Month's Mind: Sean Fitzsimons,

Anniv: Rosemary Quinn, George & Kathleen-Smyth, Aidan Vaughan, Pat Magorrian, John-Ritchie, Vincent & Hugh Kelly, Cormac Wylie,

Mass Schedule Jan/Feb 25

| Date | Church | Time |
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| Sat 18 th | St. Patrick's | 5:30pm |
| Sun 19 th | St. Patrick's St. Malachy's | 10:30am 10am |
| Sat 25 th | St. Patrick's St. Brigid's | 5:30pm 7pm |
| Sun 26 th | St. Patrick's St. Colmcille's | 10:30am 10am |
| Sat 1 st Feb | St. Patrick's | 5:30pm |
| Sun 2 nd Feb | St. Patrick's St. Malachy's | 10:30am 10am |

'Evening of Mercy': Monday 20th January

6:45pm Confessions,

7:00pm Rosary,

7:30pm Mass, including the sacrament of the sick

8:10pm After Mass there will be a time of quiet

Adoration followed by Benediction.

Confessions St Patrick's Church:

Mon 20th 6.45pm – 7.30pm

Friday 24th – 3pm -4pm

Saturday 1st Feb – 12 Noon – 1pm

Adoration: Continues every Friday between 11am and 4pm, with a directed Holy Hour and confessions from 3pm to 4pm.

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*

Men's Group will resume on Tuesday 18th February at 7:30pm in Patrick's Place, St. Patrick's Church, Downpatrick.

Have your say in how your Parish works: Are you a current Pastoral Council Member or are you interested in joining the Pastoral Council in your Parish? The Pathways Team are offering training to existing and interested individuals. Join us on Tuesday 28th January 7pm -9 pm. Tea/coffee served from 6:30 pm, at The Mercy Site (formerly St Mary's), Downpatrick. Tea/coffee served from 6:30 pm the meeting will begin promptly at 7pm. If you are interested and want to have a deeper understanding of what the PPC does, why not join us on the evening - there is no obligation to commit to joining the PPC at this event. **Awareness Training:** This will comprise of One evening session which is open to all interested parishioners. The evening will provide an overview of the context, role, and responsibilities of a Parish Pastoral Council, and the gifts, skills, and qualities required to be a PPC member. These information sessions will help those who may have an interest in this leadership role to understand what the role entails and discern if it is a role for them. At the conclusion of the evening, those participants who have an interest in serving on the PPC will be invited to register their name.



Acknowledge with thanks, cash donations of £56 received recently. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.



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



Lectio Divina Resumed 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.

Parish Readers: There will be a ‘Day of Reflection’ for ALL our parish readers and readers in our ‘Family of Parishes’ in Tobar Mhuire (Crossgar) on Saturday 8th February from 10am to 4pm. A hot meal will be provided at lunch. Please ring / email the parish office (44612084) or downpatrick@downandconnor.org to book your place and indicate any dietary needs.

RESPONDING IN LENT 2025 TO THE CALL OF THIS HOLY YEAR TO BE PILGRIMS OF HOPE: WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK WITH CONFIDENCE TO OTHERS ABOUT YOUR FAITH? DOES THE IDEA OF DOING THAT INTIMIDATE YOU A LITTLE? Sharing Christ is the third of the Christ Life courses. A seven-week mission that trains Catholics to share Jesus Christ with others and invites them to be part of the Church. TOPICS: Called to Share Christ, Befriending Others, Sharing Your Story, Presenting the Good News, The Power to Share Christ, Put Out Into the Deep for a Catch, Inviting Others to Meet Jesus. Each evening, they will be time to chat, to pray, to watch a video and to share your responses to the talk. The Sharing Christ mission in our Community of Parishes will run on six Tuesday nights in Lent (starting 4 March) with a retreat day on Sat 12 April. Venue - Parochial House Downpatrick Time: 7.15pm. To register or for further information call Mary on 028 4461 2084 or email downpatrick@downandconnor.org If you have attended Discovering Christ/Following Christ we would love to have you be part of the Sharing Christ Course. If you haven’t attended but you know that you are loved by Jesus, and faithfully seek to love him in return in prayer and the sacraments then why not come along and learn how to share your experience with others?

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.