



Downpatrick Family of Parishes

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 26th January 2025



Your prayers are requested for

Recently Deceased: Clare O'Hare, Caoimhe Mathers,

Month's Mind: Arthur Mooney, Ursula Duffy,
Michael McCartan,

Anniversaries: Michael Gartland, Aidan Vaughan, John Doris, Miriam Quinn, Rosie Holland, Marie McCartan, Paddy Feenan, Eileen Walsh, Joan Keenan, Johnny Perry, Betty Perry, Anthony Evans, Alexis Mullan,

Weekly Collections:

Offertory £1010, Loose Plate £610,
Direct Debits £2010. Thank You for your generous contributions to the Parish.

Mass Intentions – St. Patrick's 7.30pm

Monday 27th:

Anniv: June Cogger, Eddie & Mary Mahon,

Wed 29th Month's Mind: Arthur Mooney

Anniv: Roisin Kearney, Kash Wright,
Francie Kearney, Eileen Walsh,

Friday 31st: Month's Mind: Ursula Duffy,

Month's Mind: Michael McCartan,
Anniv: Eileen Kelly, Thomas Kelly, Rita Quinn,
Kathleen Quinn,

Ways to Contact Us: There are several ways to contact us and keep up to date with Parish Events - We have a Facebook page - Downpatrick Parish, our website is www.stpatrickdownpatrick.org Emergency Calls - contact 07841101678 or Fr Murray on 07541022535 Email is downpatrick@downandconnor.org

Mass Schedule Jan/Feb 25		
Date	Church	Time
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
Sat 8 th	St. Patrick's St. Brigid's	5:30pm 7pm
Sun 9 th	St. Patrick's St. Colmcille's	10:30am 10am
Sat 15 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 16 th	St. Patrick's St. Malachy's	10:30am 10am
Sat 22 nd	St. Patrick's St. Brigid's	5:30pm 7pm
Sun 23 rd	St. Patrick's St. Colmcille's	10:30am 10am

'Evening of Mercy': Monday 27th January
6:45pm Confessions,
7:00pm Rosary,
7:30pm Mass,
8:10pm After Mass there will be prayer for those who have addictions to alcohol / drugs, followed by Benediction.

Confessions St Patrick's Church:

Mon 27th 6.45pm – 7.30pm

Friday 31st – 3pm -4pm

Saturday 1st Feb– 12 Noon – 1pm

Adoration: will Continue on Friday 31st January (after the cancellation on 24th Jan, due to storm Éowyn ay-oh-win) between 11am and 4pm, with a directed Holy Hour and confessions from 3pm to 4pm.

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

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.

Come with me my Love: 3-4pm Saturday 1st February, 2025. Good Shepherd Church, Ormeau Rd, Belfast. Celtic prayer and song in the company of Brigid of Kildare and the God she loved. Written and led by Breige O'Hare, music by Mairéad Duffy. All welcome. No booking needed. No admission fee.

Liturgy Committee: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 12th February at 7pm in the presbytery. All welcome – new and past members.

Mothers Prayers will resume in Patrick's Place on Thursday 30th January at 9:30am. All welcome.

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 March 1st, April 5th and May 3rd at 9.15am.

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.

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.

Pilgrimage to Slemish: The Family of Parishes have organised a Pilgrimage to Slemish on June 14th 2025. Leaving St. Patrick's Church Car Park at 9.30am and returning for approx 5.00pm Those who are comfortable and able to climb Slemish are invited to do so, however, those with Motability issues or who are not comfortable with the climb, are welcome to join us for the day - the cost for the bus is £5 per person payable via the Parish Office to secure your seat. Please bring a packed lunch and wear suitable clothing/footwear. Booking through Downpatrick Parish Office Tel 02844612084 - Monday - Thursday 9.15am - 2pm. Cost is payable on booking.



Many Parishes throughout the, Island and the World will hold Adoration or a Eucharistic Procession on February 1st. As a Parish, we invite you to join us for Adoration on Saturday 1st February in St Patrick's Church, Downpatrick from 10.15am to 5.00pm. All Welcome!