



Downpatrick Family of Parishes

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 16th February 2025



Your prayers are requested for

Recently Deceased: Canon Noel Conway,

Fr. Brendan Smyth, Patrick McMullan,

Recently Deceased Other Parishes:

Raphael McIlHone (Killyleagh)

Month's Mind: Caroline McFettridge,

Caoimhe Mathers, Claire O'Hare,

Anniversaries: Peggy Fairfield, Michael McGrady, Lilian McGrady, Cyril (Nick) & Ellen Nichol, William Denvir, Brigid & William McKeown, Rosena & Peter Johnston, Eileen Lamont, Joe Blaney, Hugh & Margaret Rodgers, James & Sarah Halpin, Jean Stratton, Kieran Carson, Jimmy Trainor, Eileen Lamont (Newcastle),

Weekly Collections:

Offertory £1401, Loose Plate £919,

Direct Debits £2010. Thank You for your generous contributions to the Parish.

Mass Intentions – St. Patrick's 7.30pm

Mon 17th Feb:

Month's Mind: Caroline McFettridge,

1st Anniv: Arthur Martin,

Anniv: Paul Turley, Michael Robinson, Amelia McLoughlin,

Wed 19th: **Month's Mind:** Caoimhe Mathers,

Anniv: James Hampton jnr and All deceased relatives, Billy Burns, Brigid & William McKeown Rosena & Peter Johnston,

Fri 21st: **Month's Mind:** Claire O'Hare,

1st Anniv: Gareth Smith, **Anniv:** Fr. John - O'Laverty, Alfie Murphy, Jim Rice,

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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

a seven-week mission that will train parishioners in our **Community of Parishes** to share Jesus Christ with others and invite them to be part of the Church.

The mission will run on six Tuesday nights in Lent (starting 4 March) with a retreat day on Sat 12 April.

Venue - Parochial House Downpatrick
Time: 7.15 pm
To register or for further information call Mary on 028 4461 2084

See your parish bulletin and social media platforms for further details

Responding in Lent Called to be Pilgrims of Hope

'Evening of Mercy': Monday 17th February

6:45pm Confessions,

7:00pm Rosary,

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

8:10pm After Mass there will be prayers for physical healing and adoration followed by benediction,

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

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

Mothers Prayers has resumed in Patrick's Place on Thursday's at 9:30am. All welcome.

Coffee & social Morning: We are trying to establish a regular monthly coffee & chat morning on the last Friday of each month – however we need more volunteers. If you can spare one Friday a month, please contact Mary @ downpatrick@downandconnor.org or call 02844612084. We are having our first social coffee morning & chat on **Friday 28th February at 10am to 10:45am (immediately after Mass) in Patrick's Place.** All welcome.

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: www.stpatricksdowndpatrick.org Emergency Calls - contact 07841101678 or Fr Murray on 07541022535 Email is downpatrick@downandconnor.org

Word on Fire UK Bible Conference - February 2025:

Join Bishop Robert Barron and thousands of other Catholics from across the UK and beyond for Evangelisation & Culture: The Bible. Come to London this February to gain a deeper appreciation of the Sacred Scriptures and their relevance to the Church's mission today. **Date: Friday 21st - Saturday 22nd February 2025 – Location: Excel Centre, East London** Speakers Include - Bishop Robert Barron, N.T. Wright, Professor Tracey Rowland and more... For more information and to register, please visit: www.wordonfire.org/the-bible-event During the conference there will be an opportunity to gather with Irish participants to discuss Word on Fire in Ireland. If you are interested contact Emily on emily@faithversed.com or +44 (0)7481 940689 for more details.

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.

Down & Connor Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025: Celebrating the Jubilee Year and our 40th Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage: 9th / 10th – 15th /16th July. 5 & 7 Night options available. Please visit www.downandconnor.org/lourdes for more information or call the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162 or email lourdes@downandconnor.org Youth Team (9-16th July): applications now open (see website for details).

Mass Schedule Feb 25		
Date	Church	Time
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
Sat 1 st March	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 2 nd	St. Patrick's St. Malachy's	10:30am 10am

Recruitment: Downpatrick Parish are seeking to recruit a versatile and talented musician with experience in choral directing, who has the ability to inspire, train and rehearse choir members to a high standard. The successful candidate will be a proficient organist, with experience of directing and conducting a choir of young people in a church setting. Reporting to the Parish Priest, the terms are based on a permanent appointment requiring initially 4 hours per week, with the potential to increasing hours with the development of the role. Attendance will be for Saturday night Vigil Mass; other hours of attendance and work pattern to be agreed with the Parish Priest. Ability to work flexible hours is required from the post holder from time to time. Hourly rate and other relative terms are available within the application pack. If interested in making application for this post, please download an application form from either the Diocesan website at <http://www.downandconnor.org/job-vacancies> /or alternatively on the Community NI website, where details of the role are also available by way of an Application Form, Role Profile and Person Specification. Application Packs are also available from Downpatrick Parish Office Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Tuesday 25 February 2025.

Volunteering opportunities

Parish choir: Do you want to become part of the parish choir? There is a choir practice that takes place every Wednesday evening at 8pm to 9pm in Patrick's Place, at the top right of St. Patrick's church car park. There are various opportunities, from singing to playing the organ. For more information contact Mary on 07989273414 or speak to Mary after any Sunday Mass at 11:30am (after 10:30am Mass).

Laptop Operator: Are you good at computers? You can become part of the laptop operator's team. The laptop program is run by ProPresenter 7. You can test it out on your own computer at home. Just visit <https://www.renewedvision.com/propresenter> and download the free trial. Or you can watch videos of ProPresenter 7. Just type in 'ProPresenter 7' on YouTube. If you want to become part of the team you can email the parish at downpatrick@downandconnor.org