



Downpatrick Family of Parishes

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025



**Your prayers are requested for**

**Recently Deceased:** Canon Noel Conway,

Fr. Brendan Smyth, Pat McMullan,

**Deceased Other parishes:** Daniel Mageean (Bright),

**Month's Mind:** Geraldine (Junior) Boyle, John O'Neill,

**Anniversaries:** Maureen Morgan, Mary Ferguson, Matthew Fleming, Arthur Martin, Danny Gilmore, Kevin Keenan, Noeleen Rowlands, Robert (Bobby) Savage, Maria Graham

**Weekly Collections:**

Offertory £1270, Loose Plate £335,

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

**Mass Intentions – St. Patrick's 7.30pm**

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb:**

**Month's Mind:** Geraldine (Junior) Boyle,

**1<sup>st</sup> Anniv:** Patrick (Paddy) Hanna,

**Anniv:** James Murphy, Hugh McKee, Danny Gilmore, Hugh Finn, Marie Breen, Bobby Savage,

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup>: Anniv:** Kevin Keenan, Kathleen Rooney, James Rooney, Veronica Stockdale, Mary Crane, John Rooney,

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup>: Month's Mind:** John O'Neill

**Anniv:** Brendan Burns, Margaret Doran, Maureen McKeown, John Blaney,

**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](http://www.stpatricksdowndpatrick.org) Emergency Calls - contact 07841101678 or Fr Murray on 07778580595 (Please only ring in an emergency Email is [downpatrick@downandconnor.org](mailto:downpatrick@downandconnor.org) We also have a parish app (Parish 365).

**Confessions St Patrick's Church:**

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup>** 6.45pm – 7.20pm

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup>** – 3pm -4pm

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March** – 12 Noon – 1pm

**'Evening of Mercy':** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February  
6:45pm Confessions,  
7:00pm Rosary,  
7:30pm Mass, including the sacrament of the sick,  
8:10pm After Mass there will be prayers those who suffer from depression, anxiety and worry, followed by quiet adoration and Benediction,

**Men's Group** Apologies for the short notice of cancellation on Tuesday. A new date will be given in the coming weeks.

**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](mailto:downpatrick@downandconnor.org) or call 02844612084. We are having our first social coffee morning & chat on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 10am to 10:45am (immediately after Mass) in Patrick's Place.** All welcome.



Mass Schedule Feb 25		
Date	Church	Time
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	St. Patrick's St. Brigid's	5:30pm 7pm
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St. Patrick's St. Colmcille's	10:30am 10am
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> March	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	St. Patrick's St. Malachy's	10:30am 10am
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's St. Brigid's	5:30pm 7pm
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's St. Colmcille's	10:30am 10am
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's St. Malachy's	10:30am 10am
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Feast of St. Patrick	St. Patrick's St. Brigid's St. Colmcille's	9:30am 10am 10am
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	St. Patrick's St. Brigid's	5:30pm 7pm
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St. Patrick's St. Colmcille's	10:30am 10am
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's St. Malachy's	10:30am 10am
<b>Sat 29<sup>th</sup> – 'Day for the Lord' (Part of the Holy year celebrations) Confessions during the day. Details later</b>		

**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.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests** invite you to their meeting at the Parochial house on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 2:00pm. New members welcome.

**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](mailto:downpatrick@downandconnor.org)

**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 1<sup>st</sup> March 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 1<sup>st</sup>, April 5<sup>th</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9.15am.