



Downpatrick Family of Parishes

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 2nd February 2025



Your prayers are requested for

Recently Deceased: John O'Neill

Month's Mind: Libby Smyth, Veronica (Mary) Quail, Michael (Mickey) Fisher

Anniversaries: Rita Quinn, Kathleen Quinn, Margaret Savage, Patrick (Pat) Keenan, Sharon Heaney, Peter McCartan, Ann-Marie Smyth, Matthew Fleming, James Digney, Angela McGarry, Patrick McCrissican, Rose McManus, Charles Moss, Josie Lobb, Charles Newman, Brendan Rice, Patrick Fee,

Weekly Collections:

Offertory £1818, Loose Plate £304, Direct Debits £2010. Thank You for your generous contributions to the Parish.

Mass Intentions – St. Patrick's 7.30pm

Monday 3rd Feb: Month's Mind: Libby Smyth
1st Anniv: Jamie Marks, **Anniv:** Noel McGrath, George Trainor, Damian Trainor, Margaret Trainor, Hugh Trainor, Barney Trainor, Cabrini Curran, Patrick O'Donald, Malachy Craig,

Wed 5th: Anniv: Remembering deceased members of the Fitzsimmons family (Marian Park), Mary Gracey & June Clarke, Donn Drrgan, Alice Deegan, Brendan Rice,

Fri 7th: Month's Mind: Veronica (Mary) Quail,
Month's Mind: Michael (Mickey) Fisher
Anniv: Jean Kearney, Jimmy Shields, Malachy McGrady,

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

go bear fruit.
sharing CHRIST

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 3rd February

6:45pm Confessions,
7:00pm Rosary,
7:30pm Mass,
8:10pm After Mass parishioners can have their throats blessed with the blessing of St. Blaise followed by a quiet time of prayer and Benediction.

Confessions St Patrick's Church:

Mon 3rd 6.45pm – 7.20pm

Friday 7th – 3pm -4pm

Saturday 8th– 12 Noon – 1pm

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



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!

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Mass Schedule Feb 25		
Date	Church	Time
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