



Downpatrick Family of Parishes

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 9th February 2025



Your prayers are requested for

Recently Deceased:

Canon Noel Conway (Retired)
Fr. Brendan Smyth PP (Crossgar)
Margaret Rafferty, Anthony Blaney,

Month's Mind: Henry Tumelty, Pauline Hazard,
Winifred (Winnie) McDowell,

Anniversaries: Fr. Sylvester McGrady, Sr. Mary Catherine, Alexander Overend, Kathleen Flood, Noel McGrady, Sydney Vaughan, Patrick Gribben, June Evans, Joseph & Ellen Blaney, William & Elizabeth Irwin, Margaret Burns, Oliver McMullan, Liam McKeating, Sean McShane, Gretta Hampton, Joe Blaney, Harry Greenwood, Annie Greenwood,

Weekly Collections:

Offertory £1080, Loose Plate £200,
Direct Debits £2010. Thank You for your generous contributions to the Parish.

Mass Intentions – St. Patrick's 7.30pm

Mon 10th Feb: Month's Mind: Henry Tumelty,
1st Anniv: Sean Quinn,
1st Anniv: Madeleine Maguire,
1st Anniv: Ellen Digney,

Wed 12th: Month's Mind: Pauline Hazard,
Anniv: Christopher Dobbin,

Fri 14th:
Month's Mind: Winifred (Winnie) McDowell,
Anniv: Michaela Curran,

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

'Evening of Mercy': Monday 10th February
6:45pm Confessions,
7:00pm Rosary,
7:30pm Mass, including the sacrament of the sick,
8:10pm After Mass there will be a quiet time of adoration followed by benediction,

Confessions St Patrick's Church:

Mon 10th 6.45pm – 7.20pm

Friday 14th – 3pm -4pm

Saturday 15th– 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.

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

Mothers Prayers has resumed in Patrick's Place on Thursday 30th January 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.

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 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

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.

Volunteering opportunities

Wanted: Some of our lectionaries require rebinding. Binders of this calibre are not plentiful. A firm in Belfast has agreed to do our work.

Would anyone who works in Belfast be willing to deliver and collect our lectionaries over the next few weeks? Contact the parish office if you can do this on 02844612084.

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 07989273 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