



Downpatrick Family of Parishes

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025



**Your prayers are requested for**

**Recently Deceased:** Michael Fitzsimons, Daniel Hogg,  
**Other Parishes** Paul Ward, Malachy Curran (Killough)

**Anniversaries:** Sr. M. Perpetua, Sr. Thérèse O'Neill,  
Walter Keating, John Austin Keating, Joseph Coughlan,  
Brendan Tweedie, Brian & Madeleine Gilfedder, Hugh  
& Mary Young, Cecelia Tumelty, John & Patrick  
Rooney, Margaret Gilchrist, Pat Oakes, Maureen  
Moss, Bernadette McKenny, Bernard Deeny,  
Geraldine Fitzsimons, Marie Tumelty, James Galbraith,  
Jimmy Curran, Philomena Sloan,

**Weekly Collections:**

Offertory £1211, Loose Plate £886,  
Direct Debits £2010. Thank You for your generous  
contributions to the Parish.

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

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup>: Anniv:** Vera & Ignatius Vaughan,  
Brian & Madeleine Gilfedder, Hugh & Mary Young,

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup>: Anniv:** Gerry Doherty, Deceased members of  
the Kelly Family, Oonagh & Gerry Carson, Deirdre  
Robinson,

**Stations of the Cross:** During Lent the stations will be  
celebrated each Friday at 7:00pm in St. Patrick’s Church.  
Parishioners can join either in the church or online.

**Trocaire boxes** will be available in the churches from March  
2<sup>nd</sup>. Please bring your Trocaire box to the church at the end  
of Lent – preferably Holy Thursday. There is no other way  
for the Trocaire box to be collected – especially doorstep  
visitors!

**Confession:** During this Holy year of Hope we are all  
encouraged to go to – return to – the sacrament of  
Reconciliation (Confession) – times in the bulletin.

**Offertory Envelopes** will be available in the church porch  
(St. Patrick’s) from Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.



Even if you missed the last night, you can still join. All welcome.

**Confessions this week:**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – 3pm -4pm**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> – 12 Noon – 1pm**  
and any other time upon request to the priest.

**Please note: There will be no evening of mercy on  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March. There will be evening Mass.**

**Please note: The parish office will be closed on  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March and will re-open on Tuesday  
18<sup>th</sup> March. For emergencies only, please contact  
07841101678.**

**GODLY LEADERSHIP: ST PATRICK’S DAY CELEBRATIONS  
17 MARCH 2025:**

PLEASE JOIN US IN DOWN CATHEDRAL ON MONDAY 17  
MARCH 2025 FOR OUR ANNUAL ST PATRICK’S DAY  
FESTIVAL SERVICE FOLLOWED BY A COMPLIMENTARY  
‘PICNIC IN THE PEWS’.

**11.45am** Festival Service in Down Cathedral Preacher:  
His Honour David Turner KC Wreath laying ceremony at  
St Patrick’s Grave

**1.00pm** Complimentary ‘Picnic in the Pews’

**Masses on St. Patrick’s Day – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March:**

**St. Patrick’s – 9:30am (Mass in Irish)**

**St. Colmcille’s – 10am**

**St. Patrick’s – 7:30pm**

Mass Schedule March 2025		
Date	Church	Time
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. Colmcille's St. Patrick's	9:30am 10am 7:30pm
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. **Still a few places left.**

**Legion of Mary:** Legionaries and auxiliaries members are invited to attend the acies ceremony on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> March, starting with the legion prayers at 7:00pm followed by Mass at 7:30pm.

**Fountain Foodbank** acknowledge with thanks, donations of £80 to the foodbank. We are currently very short of carrier bags. If you have bags, please leave them in the trolley in St. Patrick's Church or at the Parochial House. Thank you.

#### **Forthcoming Events at Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre, Larne:**

**"See, I'm doing something new"** (Is 43:19) (Saturday, 22 March from 9:30 am – 4 pm) A Lenten renewing with Dr Gráinne Doherty In this day of input and quiet reflection, we will meditate on what is helping and what is blocking our embracing of God's love, and God's plans for each one of us.

**The Passion Story: "A Work of Infinite Love"** (Saturday, 12 April from 9:30 am - 4 pm) A Day of Prayer and Reflection with Fr Aidan Troy CP Fr Aidan will lead us in a day of prayer and reflection as we enter into Holy Week, where we are invited to immerse ourselves in this story of hope and unconditional love. To book a place(s) or for further details, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) – 028 28276455/28272196 or email [drumalis@btconnect.com](mailto:drumalis@btconnect.com) Further information also available on Drumalis website: <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

#### **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)

**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) Contact the office on 02844612084. 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). This can be downloaded on any Android or Apple device. Once downloaded, look for Downpatrick parish.

**The loss of a partner** through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering 'a weekend away for a lifetime of change' at Drumalis Conference and Retreat Centre, Larne, Friday 21st – Sunday 23rd March 2025. To find out more, contact Pauline 07519289185 or Marie 07896119669 or email [belfastbe@yahoo.com](mailto:belfastbe@yahoo.com)

**Jimmy's 10K Run – Road closures notice:** Please note that there will be road closures around St. Patrick's, to facilitate the 10K run on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March between 10:15am and 12:30pm.