



Downpatrick Family of Parishes

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 23rd March 2025



Your prayers are requested for

Recently Deceased: Sean Feenan, James Magorrian, Philip Tummon,

Anniversaries: Bronach Breen, Elizabeth McGarry, Joanne Walsh, June Hanna, Iain MacKenzie, Sean Higgins, John Skeffington, Kathleen Bohill,

Weekly Collections:

Offertory £1660 (includes weekly DD),
Loose Plate £342, Thank You for your generous contributions to the Parish.

Mass Intentions – St. Patrick’s 7.30pm

Mon 24th: Month’s Mind: Colin Jones,

Wed 26th: Anniv: Margaret & Dominic Murphy,
Shane Robinson, Maureen Sheppard,
John Skeffington, Annie Magee,

Fri 28st: Anniv: Rory Walsh,



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

Confessions St Patrick’s Church:

Confessions this week:

Monday 24th – 6:45pm – 7:15pm

Friday 28th – 3pm -4pm

Saturday 29th – 12 Noon – 1pm

and any other time upon request to the priest.

‘Evening of Mercy’: Monday 24th March

6:45pm Confessions,

7:00pm Rosary,

7:30pm Mass,

8:10pm After Mass there will be prayers for those who suffer from depression, worry and anxiety, followed by Benediction

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 2nd. 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.

Pilgrims of Hope - 24 Hours for the Lord: A key moment in this Jubilee Year 2025 is the celebration of “24 hours for the Lord”. This is an initiative of Pope Francis who writes, “special care should be taken to prepare priests and faithful to celebrate the sacrament of Confession and to make it readily available in its individual form” (SNC 5). In Down and Connor “24 Hours for the Lord” will be celebrated on Saturday, 29th March, in three centres: **St Mary’s Church, Belfast, from 11.00am until 5.30pm;** **All Saints Church, Ballymena, from 12 noon until 5.30pm;** **St Patrick’s, Church Downpatrick. 10.30am until 4.00pm.**

On Saturday 29th March, we will have several priests available for Confessions from 10:30am to 4:00pm. Penitential Service at 1:00pm. We encourage and welcome all who wish to attend.



Mass Schedule March / April 2025		
Date	Church	Time
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 29 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 30 th	St. Patrick's St. Malachy's	10:30am 10am
Sat 29th – 'Day for the Lord' (Part of the Holy year celebrations) Confessions during the day. Details later		
Sat 5 th April	St. Patrick's St. Brigid's	5:30pm 7pm
Sun 6 th April	St. Patrick's St. Colmcille's	10:30am 10am
Sat 12 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 13 th Palm Sunday	St. Patrick's St. Malachy's	10:30am 10am
Sat 19 th	St. Patrick's	9pm
There are no other Masses in the parish on this day		
Sun 20 th Easter Sunday (Please note the change of time)	St. Patrick's St. Malachy's St. Brigid's St. Colmcille's	10:30am 10am 10am 12 Noon
Sat 26 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 27 th	St. Patrick's St. Malachy's	10:30am 10am
Please note that the times for Holy Week and the Triduum will be in the bulletin next week.		

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

St. Vincent de Paul – St. Brigid's Crosses: Members of St. Patrick's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society wish to thank parishioners for their recent outstanding financial support. Our Christmas collection raised £11, 687.29p and donations for St. Brigid's crosses amounted to £1009.56p. Your generosity will enable us to continue helping the disadvantaged in our community.

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 Further information also available on Drumalis website: <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

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.stpatricksdowpatrick.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 We also have a parish app (Parish 365). This can be downloaded on any Android or Apple device. Once downloaded, look for Downpatrick parish.

Apology! To those who turned up at St. Brigid's on St. Patrick's Day. Fr. Murray had allocated one of the priests to say Mass at St. Colmcille's at the same time and had forgotten the arrangement for St. Brigid's, Sorry! Senior moments! Thanks to Jacinta, Anne and MaCartan for providing a creative Para liturgy instead.

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.**

Offertory Envelopes will be available in the church porch (St. Patrick's) from Saturday 22nd March.