



Downpatrick Family of Parishes

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 30th March 2025



Your prayers are requested for

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

Anniversaries: Phylis Robinson, Patrick Harris, Ann Heaps, Maisie Trainor, Pat Morgan, Francis McKeown, Charles McKeown, Gerry Carson, Joseph McGrady, Jack McGrady, Bridget & Ernest Stewart, Kathleen Dooley, Sean O'Hare, Brian McCabe,

Weekly Collections:

Offertory £1321 (includes weekly DD),
Loose Plate £615, Thank You for your generous contributions to the Parish.

Mass Intentions – St. Patrick's 7.30pm

Mon 31st March: Anniv: Noreen McGreevy, Alfie Reynolds, Clare Louise Clarke,

Wed 2nd April: Anniv Kathleen Dooley, Brian McCabe

Fri 4th: Month's Mind: Mary (Molly) O'Reilly,

Month's Mind: Bill Heron, **Anniv:** Brendan McVeigh, Richard & Elizabeth McConvey,

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.

Confessions St Patrick's Church:

Confessions this week:

Monday 31st March – 6:45pm – 7:15pm

Friday 4th April – 3pm -4pm

Saturday 5th – 12 Noon – 1pm

and any other time upon request to the priest.

'Evening of Mercy': Monday 31st March

6:45pm Confessions,

7:00pm Rosary,

7:30pm Mass,

8:10pm After Mass there will be prayers for healing of the Family Tree, followed by Benediction

Offertory Envelopes are now available in the church porch (St. Patrick's).

Repair on St. Patrick's Church: As you are well aware there were a number of severe storms in January, perhaps your own property suffered damage. Unfortunately, the Church at St. Patrick's suffered a lot of damage – slates missing, ridge tiles damaged, the window above the altar damaged etc.

Doing nothing is not an option. The parish has already had a drone survey done to examine the damage and locate the areas for repair.

Starting in May a firm will be given the task of repairing the damage. This work will take approximately 16 weeks. The firm will have a couple of portacabins in the carpark. This area will be fenced off and will not be open to parishioners. Access to Patrick's Place will still be possible.

Mass Schedule March / April 2025		
Date	Church	Time
Sat 29 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 30 th	St. Patrick's St. Malachy's	10:30am 10am
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	St. Patrick's St. Malachy's St. Colmcille's	10:30am 10am 10am
Sat 26 th	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 27 th	St. Patrick's St. Malachy's	10:30am 10am

Holy Week Schedule – St. Patrick's Church	
Normal weekly Masses Mon 14 th to Wed 16 th April	
Mon & Wed 9:30am & 7:30pm (Tues 9:30am only)	
Thurs 17 th Apr 9:30am – Morning Prayer	
Thurs 17 th Apr 7:30pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper	
Thurs 17 th Apr 10pm – Night Prayer	
Good Friday 18 th Apr 9:30am Morning Prayer	
Good Friday 18 th 3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion	
Good Friday 18 th Apr 7:30pm Stations of the Cross	
Holy Saturday 19 th Apr 9:30am Morning Prayer	
Holy Sat 19 th 9pm Easter Vigil & Mass of the Resurrection	
Easter Sunday Masses 20 th Apr: St. Patrick's 10:30am, St. Malachy's 10am, St. Colmcille's 10am.	
Confessions during Holy Week in St. Patrick's	
Holy Thursday 8:30pm – 10pm	
Good Friday 4pm – 5pm	
Holy Saturday 11:30am to 1pm	

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.**

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 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.

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 5th April 2025 at 9.15am for the fourth of five consecutive monthly devotions, please join us for one or all of the Saturdays. Devotions will continue on April 5th and May 3rd at 9.15am.

Forthcoming Events at Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre, Larne:

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>