



Downpatrick Family of Parishes

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025



Your prayers are requested for

**Month's Mind:** Pat McMullan,

**Anniversaries:** Sr. M. Agnes, Sr. Margaret, Marie Tumelty, Elaine Deegan, Ellen McGrady, Alf Marron, Belle Magee, Robert McAlister, Donald Monkhouse, Betty Kelly, Nellie Brennan, Dinny Brennan, Marie Mullan, Josephine McCann, Garry Kinkead,

**Weekly Collections:**

Offertory £1260, Loose Plate £501, Direct Debits £2010. Thank You for your generous contributions to the Parish.

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

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> March: Anniv:** Billy Murphy, Ellen McGrady, Gerard Blaney, Paul Gilgunn,

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv:** Sean Fitzsimons, Anniv: Betty Kelly,

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup>: Month's Mind:** Pat McMullan, **1<sup>st</sup> Anniv:** Charles Fitzpatrick, **Anniv:** Paddy Davey, Charles & Marie Canavan, Brian McConvey, Belle Magee,

**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.

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?

go bear fruit.

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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*

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

**Confessions St Patrick's Church:**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March** 6.45pm – 7.20pm

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup>** – 3pm -4pm

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>** – 12 Noon – 1pm

**'Evening of Mercy':** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March

6:45pm Confessions,

7:00pm Rosary,

7:30pm Mass,

8:10pm After Mass there will be prayers for those who suffer from addictions followed by Benediction

**Truth Recovery Programme**, "Seeking the Truth ", mandated by the Northern Ireland Executive. This programme is a recommendation from the Truth, Acknowledgement, and Accountability Report, which investigated the operations of Mother and Baby Home Institutions, Magdalene Laundries. and Workhouses in Northern Ireland. If you or a family member have been affected by a Mother and Baby Home Institution, Magdalene Laundry, or Workhouse, the Truth and Recovery programme would like to hear from you. I would like to clarify that although this work is also commissioned by the Northern Ireland Executive, it is entirely separate from the recent input you may have provided regarding Historical Abuse within Faith Organisations. Thank you for your cooperation and support. God Bless, Bishop Alan McGuckian.

+ Alan McGuckian SJ.

Mass Schedule March 2025		
Date	Church	Time
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's St. Brigid's	5:30pm 7pm
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's St. Colmcille's	10:30am 10am
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. Brigid's St. Colmcille's St. Patrick's	9:30am 10am 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
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> – 'Day for the Lord' (Part of the Holy year celebrations) Confessions during the day. Details later		

**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.**

**Jimmy's 10K Run – Road closures notice:**

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

**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.

**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.stpatricksdownpatrick.org](http://www.stpatricksdownpatrick.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.

**Conclave:** Behind the Scenes at Vatican II (Drumalis, Larne – Wednesday, 12 March from 7-9 pm) An evening with Brian McKee, Director at Drumalis, as he takes you into the politics behind the closed doors and the conversations in the coffee shops of Rome that eventually led to the Second Vatican Council. Tea/coffee/refreshments will be served. Voluntary donation. To book a place(s), 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>

**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)