



Downpatrick Family of Parishes

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025



**Your prayers are requested for**

**Recently Deceased:** Joan Sharvin, Eddie Synott, Paula McCreesh, Elizabeth (Lily) O’Hare, Sue Walsh,  
**Other Parishes:** David Jamison (England),

**Anniversaries:** Fr. Finbar Glavan, Maurice Smith, Ailish Philip, Brian Rice, Maureen Rice, James Rice, Patrick McVeigh, Hamilton Family, Lynch Family, Pleasants Family, Pat Lynch, Brian McGrady, Gerard McGrady, Damian McGrady, Robert & Sarah Hogg, John Fitzsimons, Stephen Rice, James Blaney, Agnes Blaney, Harry Blaney, Michael McCashin,

**Weekly Collections:**  
Offertory £3,444 (includes weekly DD),  
Loose Plate £730, Thank You for your generous contributions to the Parish.

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

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup>: Month’s Mind:** Philip Tummon,  
**Month’s Mind:** Malachi Curran, **Anniv:** Stephen Rice, Nora Lowry, Terry Bell, Joe Cassidy, Michael McCashin,

**Wed 16<sup>th</sup>: Month’s Mind:** James Magorrian,  
**1<sup>st</sup> Anniv:** Robert Hogg, **Anniv:** Bernadette Magorrian, Maureen Stranney, Kevin Curran, Oliver Walsh, Sarah Hogg, Brigid McKerverey & Stewart McKerverey, Alan Vaughan, John Fitzsimons, Geoff Flanagan, Pat Lynch, Brian McGrady, Gerard McGrady, Damian McGrady,

**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** are available in the churches. 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 14<sup>th</sup> April** – 6:45pm – 7:15pm  
**Holy Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>** – 8:30pm – 10:00pm  
**Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup>** – 4pm -5pm  
**Holy Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>** – 10am – 1pm  
and any other time upon request to the priest.

**‘Evening of Mercy’:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April

6:45pm Confessions,  
7:00pm Rosary,  
7:30pm Mass,  
8:10pm After Mass there will be time of quiet prayer, followed by Benediction.

**Public Prayers at St. Brigid’s Church car park** on Good

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 12 Noon. Starting with Devine Mercy Novena, then Holy Face prayers, then the Rosary – sorrowful mysteries. Everyone welcome.

**Good Friday (April 18<sup>th</sup>)** is a day of fast and abstinence

in honour of the Passion of the Lord. This means that we should not eat meat or meat products during the day and that those between 14-65 should try to keep the Lenten fast – one meal and two collations (i.e. two small snacks).

**Good Friday Christian witness:** You are invited to join

the other Christian denominations in the town on Good Friday at 1pm in front of the St. Patrick’s Centre. There will be a short time of prayer scripture reading and hymns. Please come and join us.

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

**MONTH’S MIND REFRESHMENTS DOWNPATRICK PARISH:**

It is a lovely Catholic Tradition to attend a Mass for our beloved deceased a month after their death. It sometimes gives an opportunity to those who may not have been able to attend the funeral, to pay their respects. The Parish extends an invitation to those gathering for a Month’s Mind meet in the Presbytery afterwards for a cup of tea and a biscuit. Family are welcome to extend the invitation to friends and extended Family members who attend the Mass. Since the Parish is itself, a charity, a small donation would be appreciated to cover the costs. Bookings must be made in advance - please contact Mary on 02844612084 or email [downpatrick@downandconnor.org](mailto:downpatrick@downandconnor.org) Refreshments will be available from April 28<sup>th</sup> onwards. If you require a room, please let us know as soon as possible.

Mass Schedule April 2025		
Date	Church	Time
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday	St. Patrick's St. Malachy's	10:30am 10am
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	9pm
There are no other Masses in the parish on this day		
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday	St. Patrick's St. Malachy's St. Colmcille's	10:30am 10am 10am
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's St. Malachy's	10:30am 10am

Holy Week Schedule – St. Patrick's Church
Normal weekly Masses Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> to Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> April
Mon & Wed 9:30am & 7:30pm (Tues 9:30am only)
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr 12 Noon Mass of Chrism – St. Peters Belfast
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr 9:30am – Morning Prayer
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr 7:30pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr 10pm – Night Prayer
Good Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> Apr 9:30am Morning Prayer
Good Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> 3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Good Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> Apr 7:30pm Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr 9:30am Morning Prayer
Holy Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> 9pm Easter Vigil & Mass of the Resurrection
Easter Sunday Masses 20 <sup>th</sup> 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 10am to 1pm

**Eternal Light – A Requiem – by Howard Goodall** will take place at Down Cathedral, Downpatrick, on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7:45pm. Performed by incorporating Cadenza and Down Cathedral choir. Programme will also include 'Pre Jesu' from Requiem by Andrew Lloyd Webber. Admission (at the door) £15 including refreshments. Doors open at 7:15pm. All proceeds go to the cathedral restoration.

**SVP Saul Conference** day trip to knock, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Price £40. Includes Breakfast on the way down and Dinner on the way up. Pick up at 7:00am sharp. For more information, contact: Marie 07801896229 or Caroline 07928346114.

**Please note:** The parish office will be closed from Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April and will re-open on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April. There will be an Easter Sunday bulletin covering two weeks. The next Sunday bulletin after Easter will be on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May. For emergencies only please ring 07841101678.

**Collection for Catholics in the Holy Land:** The annual Good Friday Collection aims to promote among the Christian faithful, a love for the Land of the Lord. Under the supervision of the Order of the Friars Minor (the order charged with responsibility for the Holy Places), this collection is used to help maintain the Holy Places, assist pilgrims and to help the local parish communities with social assistance including health care, education work related schemes and housing restoration.

**Lord, teach us to pray:** After Easter Fr. Murray will lead a seminar on prayer part of which has been given before. The topics each evening will be: 1. The "Lectio Divina method of prayer 2. The Ignation – Prayer of imagination 3. Praying the Mass – the liturgy of the word 4. Praying the Mass – The liturgy of the Eucharist. Dates to follow – venue: St. Patrick's Church.

**One day retreat for readers** cancelled from Feb 8<sup>th</sup> (due to Canon Conway's funeral) has been rescheduled for Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June in Tobar Mhuire. Please put this new date in your diary. If you were scheduled to attend on 8<sup>th</sup> Feb and CANNOT attend on 7<sup>th</sup> June please let the office at Downpatrick know (02844612084).

**Legion of Mary trip to Knock Shrine:** The 40<sup>th</sup> All Ireland Rosary Rally will be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Bus will leave St. Patrick's Church Downpatrick at 6:45am, Crossgar Chapel at 7am and Saintfield Chapel at 7:10am. Return trip costs £30. Bring a packed lunch. Please leave money in an envelope with name and phone number in the parish office to confirm your seat. Posters are on display in chapel.

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** 27<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm in St. Patrick's Church, Downpatrick. It will include the divine mercy chaplet and rosary. The 9 day novena starts on Good Friday.

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