



Downpatrick Family of Parishes

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 6th April 2025



Your prayers are requested for

Recently Deceased: Margaret McCarthy, Noel Deegan, Davy Craig, Joan Sharvin, Anne Marie O'Hare,

Anniversaries: Sr. Angela, Michael McCabe, Sean Mackel, Phylis Mackel, Tony McCabe, Nellie Craig, Joe Fisher, Ann Holland, Arthur & Brigid Rooney, George Tumelty,

Weekly Collections:

Offertory £2351 (includes weekly DD),
Loose Plate £779, Thank You for your generous contributions to the Parish.

Mass Intentions – St. Patrick's 7.30pm

Mon 7th: Anniv: Jimmy Murray, Malachy Gilchrist, Rory Hunt,

Wed 9th: Anniv Harry & Stephen Shannon, Maureen Croskery,

Fri 11th: Anniv: Ann Murphy,

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 7th April – 6:45pm – 7:15pm

Friday 11th – 3pm -4pm

Saturday 12th – 12 Noon – 1pm

and any other time upon request to the priest.

'Evening of Mercy': Monday 7th April

6:45pm Confessions,

7:00pm Rosary,

7:30pm Mass,

8:10pm After Mass there will be time of quiet prayer, followed by Benediction.

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

Liturgy Committee Meeting will take place on Wednesday 9th April at 7pm in the parochial House. All welcome, especially children's liturgy team and all involved in Holy Week liturgy.

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 Refreshments will be available from April 28th onwards. If you require a room, please let us know as soon as possible.

Mass Schedule April 2025		
Date	Church	Time
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)
Wed 16 th Apr 12 Noon Mass of Chrism – St. Peters Belfast
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
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.

Eternal Light – A Requiem – by Howard Goodall will take place at Down Cathedral, Downpatrick, on Monday 14th 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.

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.

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.

The Diocese have opened another block of training for Lay Funeral Ministers. Full Training is provided. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office for an application form and further details. Training dates are as follows: The training will take place at the Diocesan Offices, 120 Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT14 6LA. Candidates must be available for all training sessions. Training Dates and Times: Session One: Thursday 29th May 6.30pm – 8.30pm Session Two: Saturday 7th June 10.00am – 4.00pm Session Three: Thursday 12th June 6.30pm – 8.30pm Session Four: Thursday 19th June 6.30pm – 8.30pm Session Five: Saturday 21st June 10.00am – 4.00pm

St. Pio Relics to visit Holycross Abbey (E41PH01): Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th May. Veneration and ceremonies from 10am to 8pm on Saturday and 9am to 8pm on Sunday (incorporating our annual St. Pio Pilgrimage on Sunday from 1.30pm). All are welcome. Contact 0504-43124 or hbparishoffice@gmail.com for information