



Downpatrick Family of Parishes

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025



**Your prayers are requested for**

**Recently Deceased:** Donny Maguire,  
Mary Gordon (Ballynoe & Portaferry),

**Anniversaries:** Clare McCartan, Elizabeth McCauley, Sheila McAllister, Patrick McCrissican, Eileen McShane, Paddy Rice, Mary Rea, Tom McManus,

**Month's Mind:** Isobel Galbraith,

**Weekly Collections:**

Offertory £1000, DD £1900, Loose Plate £341.

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

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> June:** David Doran, Bella & Frank Ritchie,

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> June 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv:** Eileen Joan Sharvin,

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June: Month's Mind:** Isobel Galbraith,  
**Anniv:** Geraldine Keenan,

Mass Schedule May / June 2025		
Date	Church	Time
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> May	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> June	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> June	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am

**Canon John Murray & Fr. Henry:** As parishioners will know, Canon Murray is recuperating after a stay in hospital. Unfortunately, Fr Henry was also in hospital. Both Clergy are doing well and thank you for your ongoing prayerful support. This means that Masses in the Parish have changed this week. There WILL NOT BE A MORNING MASS IN ST PATRICK'S ON FRIDAYS FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. MASS TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OVER THE COMING WEEKS - WE WILL ADVISE PARISHIONERS AS SOON AS WE HAVE FURTHER INFORMATION.

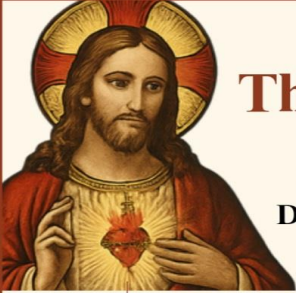
#### SAUL SUNDAY: PILGRIMS OF HOPE 2025

Celebrating the 1500th anniversary of St Patrick's arrival here in 432AD, the Most Rev Dr Mageean, Bishop of Down & Connor cut the first sod for the monumental statue on Slieve Patrick in Saul. The works took 6 years and the first Pilgrimage took place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 1938 when people travelled from all over Ireland to attend. So, began the traditional annual pilgrimage, known as "Saul Sunday". **This year Bishop McGuckian will return to celebrate Mass at 3pm on 1st June.** He encourages us all to be 'Pilgrims of Hope', joining him at Saul to reflect on Patrick's legacy and welcome the 'Sacred Heart Pilgrim Statue' blessed by Pope Francis to our diocese.

**Adoration:** Please note that Adoration has finished for the summer and will resume again in September.

**Please Note:** Readers Course, scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> June, has been postponed until further notice.

**In this Jubilee Year of Hope, come on an authentic ST PATRICK'S WAY pilgrimage experience** in Downpatrick on 7 June, or 5 July or 9 August, led by pilgrim guides Martina Purdy and Elaine Kelly. Visit The Saint Patrick Centre & see the fabulous IMAX film, receive your pilgrim passport on a 6 mile walk with guides to Inch Abbey and Saul Church & St Patrick's grave. Pilgrim Lunch @Saul Barn and bus transfers included £50 pp. (9am-3pm approx.) More info contact the Centre 028 4461 9000 or book online [www.saintpatrickcentre.com/experiences/](http://www.saintpatrickcentre.com/experiences/)



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# The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

**Diocesan Devotions June 2025**

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05 June, Thursday	Lower Mourne Parish
06 June, Friday	Saintfield & Carrickmannon Parish
07 June, Saturday	Kilmeegan & Kilcoo Parish- Castlewelling
08 June, Sunday	Duneane Parish- Cargin
09 June, Monday	Glenavy & Killead Parish
10 June, Tuesday	Loughshore Parish
11 June, Wednesday	Newtownards Parish
12 June, Thursday	Dunsford & Ardglass Parish
13 June, Friday	Lagmore Parish
14 June, Saturday	Twinbrook Parish
15 June, Sunday	St Oliver Plunkett Parish
16 June, Monday	St Teresa's Parish
17 June, Tuesday	St Michael's Parish
18 June, Wednesday	<b>DIOCESAN SACRED HEART NOVENA</b>
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	(Led by Bishop McGuckian and local clergy)
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# The Sisterhood of St. Elisabeth helps children in an orphanage and a psychiatric hospital

May 30<sup>th</sup> - June 1<sup>st</sup>



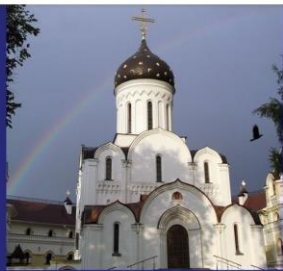
The sisters take care of the orphans and disabled children and adults, remembering the words: *Bear ye one another's burdens; and so you shall fulfill the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:2).*



Overwhelming love, the Word of God and Holy Communion that the sisters bring to the children, enlighten the desperate souls. *And he that shall receive one such little child in my name, receiveth me. (Matthew 18:5).*



Those who lost their hope, family and home find shelter and the Truth at the metochion of the Convent.



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*He that giveth to the poor, shall not want (Proverbs 28:27).* Your donations help to bring the orphans presents, clothes, toys, and development materials.



The clergy, nuns and lay sisters pray every day together with the children for continued health and strength of those who help the Convent.



You can also donate by buying icons, ceramics, decorations, and other artifacts produced in the workshop of the Convent.

Belarus Sisters will be selling items in the church on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Day trip to knock on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Price £35. For further information on bus pick up times, ring Mary 07895098189.

Please note: The Legion of Mary pilgrimage to Knock has been cancelled.

**DROMANTINE: FAMILY FUN DAY: SUNDAY 8TH JUNE 2025** 1.00 pm – 5.30 pm **ATTRACTIONS**

Grand Draw, Country & Western Music, Vintage Tractors, Gun Dog Display, Bouncy Castles, Obstacle Courses, Amusements, Pony & Trap Rides, Stalls, Food, Refreshments and much more! Admission-Donation £5 per car. Everyone Welcome. Society of African Missions 96 Glen Road, Newry, BT34 1RH

**RGU Lotto.** This weeks winning numbers were 5-6-10-11. Jackpot not won. Four tickets matched 3 numbers to share £100. Next weeks jackpot is £6500. Play online using the link on Facebook.

**Cemetery Sunday** will take place at the Killough Road on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm and at Struell cemetery on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm.

**PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK UPDATE:** THERE ARE A NUMBER OF TEMPORARY CHANGES TO MASS TIMES OVER THE COMING WEEKS. THERE WILL NOT BE ANY WEEKEND MASS IN ST. BRIGID'S, ST. COLMCILLE'S OR ST. MALACHY'S UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. CONFESSIONS IN ST PATRICK'S ON FRIDAY AFTERNOONS HAVE ALSO BEEN CANCELLED. ADORATION HAS FINISHED FOR THE SUMMER AND WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER. AS WE CURRENTLY ONLY HAVE ONE PRIEST IN THE PARISH, THE 9.30AM MASS MAY BE CANCELLED SHOULD A FUNERAL NEED TO BE FACILITATED. WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED AS WE PROCEED. AS ALWAYS, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING.

## A MONDAY STROLL: PILGRIMS OF HOPE 2025

Come along and join pilgrims from the local 'Family of Parishes' as we gently walk and pray for a renewed devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in our homes, parishes, schools, diocese and in our country. We joyfully process with one of the four statues that were blessed and sent to Ireland by Pope Francis to promote the Sacred Heart, as we prepare for the Down & Connor Diocesan Novena (18th to 26th June) and at Knock Shrine on June 22nd, Ireland's Re - Consecration to the Sacred Heart by Archbishop Martin. We leave at 530pm for Downpatrick



### Novena to The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Relics of St Margaret Mary Alacoque & St Claude la Colombière present from Paray-le-Monial, France at each Friday Novena Mass

 <p><b>Bishop Paul Dempsey</b> Church of the Holy Child Friday, May 2nd</p>	 <p><b>Archbishop Eamon Martin</b> Church of the Sacred Heart Friday, May 30th</p>
 <p><b>Bishop Fintan Monahan</b> Cathedral of SS. Peter &amp; Paul Friday, May 9th</p>	 <p><b>Father Charlie McDonnell</b> Church of the Assumption Friday, June 6th</p>
 <p><b>Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan</b> Cath. of the Most Holy Trinity Friday, May 16th</p>	 <p><b>Bishop Donal McKeown</b> Church of the Sacred Heart (Strabane) Friday, June 13th</p>
 <p><b>Bishop Brendan Leahy</b> St. John's Cathedral Friday, May 23rd</p>	 <p><b>Bishop Alan McGuckian</b> St. Peter's Cathedral Friday, June 20th</p>
 <p><b>Archbishop Dermot Farrell</b> Sacred Heart Church Friday, June 27th</p>	
 <p><b>Archbishop Eamon Martin</b> "Corpus Christi" Knock Shrine Sunday, June 22nd</p>	

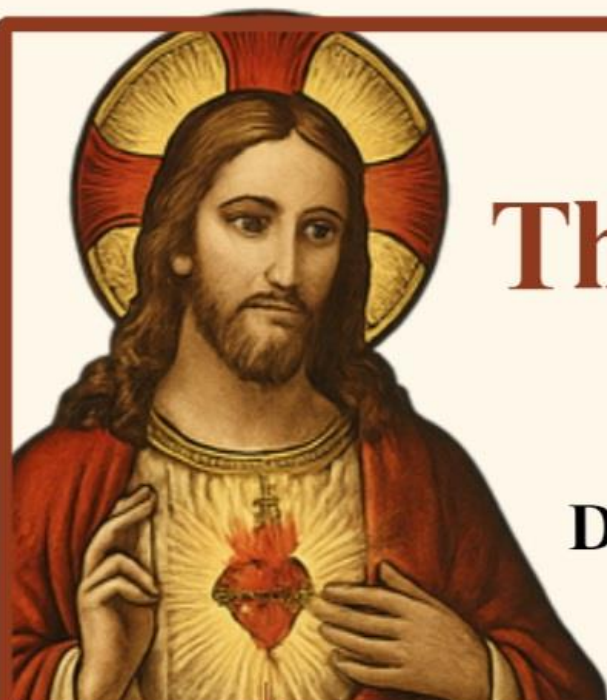
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**shalomworld.org/sacred-heart-2025**

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