



## Downpatrick Family of Parishes

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 15th June 2025



### Your prayers are requested for

**Recently Deceased:** Paul Quinn, Maurice Feenan, Anthony (Tony) Hynds, Patricia McLaughlin, Alastair Killen,

**Anniversaries:** Liam Byrne, Seamus Rice, Clara Keenan, Anastasia Keenan, Hugh King, Margaret Ann O'Neill, Ciaran Taggart,

### Weekly Collections:

Offertory £1400, DD £1900, Loose Plate £362.

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

**Wed 18th June: Anniv:** Julieanne Murphy, John Murphy, Hugh & Ellen King,

**Fri 20th June: Anniv:** Pat Martin, Liam Martin, Peter Jennings, Ciaran Taggart,

### PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK UPDATE:

**ST. BRIGID'S: THE EVENING MASS WILL RESUME ON 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> AND 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE WE ARE UNABLE TO RESTORE MASS AT ST. COLMCILLE'S AND ST. MALACHY'S. WE HOPE TO RESTORE THESE MASS TIMES IN THE FUTURE. CONFESSIONS IN ST PATRICK'S ON FRIDAY AFTERNOONS HAVE 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.**

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

**Thomas Hampton:** We ask for your prayers for Thomas who will be ordained Deacon in Rome this week.

**St. Joseph's young priests society** are meeting in the Parochial House, Downpatrick on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm. New members always welcome.

### Mass Schedule June 2025

Date	Church	Time
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	St. Brigid's	7pm
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	St. Brigid's	7pm
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.

**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.

18<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025

### Clonard Solemn Novena

*In honour of our Mother of Perpetual Help*



#### WEEKDAYS

6:45am, 9:30am, 11:30am,  
4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm.

#### SATURDAY and SUNDAY

6:45am, 9:30am, 11:30am,  
1:30pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm.

#### Sacrament of the Sick

Friday, 20th June at 9:30am, 11:30am and 6:00pm

#### Procession in Thanksgiving to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

After the final 8:00pm Mass on Thursday, 26th June

**Clonard Novena:** The month of June in the minds of many people is connected to the annual Novena in honour of Our Mother of Perpetual Help here at Clonard. The Novena this year begins on Wednesday, June 18th and concludes on Thursday, June 26th, with the Feast Day of Our Mother of Perpetual Help on Friday June 27th. The theme of the Novena this year, in line with the theme of the Holy Year, is "Pilgrims of Hope in a time of Uncertainty."

### 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 5:30pm 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

 <b>Bishop Paul Dempsey</b> Church of the Holy Child Friday, May 2nd	 <b>Archbishop Eamon Martin</b> Church of the Sacred Heart Friday, May 30th
 <b>Bishop Fintan Monahan</b> Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul Friday, May 9th	 <b>Father Charlie McDonnell</b> Church of the Assumption Friday, June 6th
 <b>Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan</b> Cath. of the Most Holy Trinity Friday, May 16th	 <b>Bishop Donal McKeown</b> Church of the Sacred Heart (Strabane) Friday, June 13th
 <b>Bishop Brendan Leahy</b> St John's Cathedral Friday, May 23rd	 <b>Bishop Alan McGuckian</b> St Peter's Cathedral Friday, June 20th
 <b>Archbishop Dermot Farrell</b> Sacred Heart Church Friday, June 27th	 <b>WATCH LIVE ON</b> <b>SHALOM WORLD</b> shalomworld.org/sacred-heart-2025
 <b>Archbishop Eamon Martin</b> "Corpus Christi" Knock Shrine Sunday, June 22nd	

Watch online via:

<https://shalomworld.org/sacred-heart-2025>

**Parish Carpet:** You may have noticed that we have a new carpet in the porch. This was made possible by a group of very generous parishioners who paid for the majority of the work, alongside a donation from the Parish. We are extremely grateful for the very generous donations, and in particular, want to thank the individual who co-ordinated the entire project.

**Safeguarding:** Our parish safeguarding information is on the posters at the back of every church, in Patrick's Place and in the Parochial House. If you have any concerns, suspicions or wish to make an allegation of child abuse contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Office Philip O'Hara, designated liaison person, 02890492798, Mob 07534992124 or email [Philip.ohara@soddc.org](mailto:Philip.ohara@soddc.org)

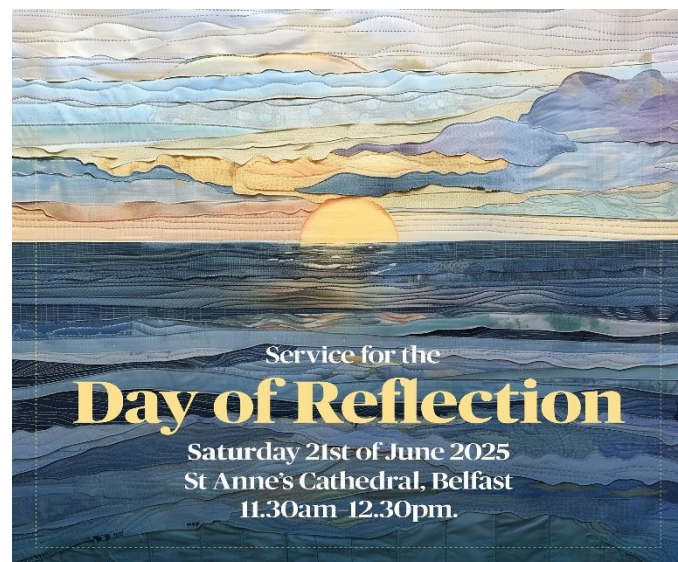
**Blurb about Summer Schemes:** Youth Initiatives Summer Schemes are happening again this summer at two great locations here in Downpatrick for anyone 10-14 years old FREE of charge (except for trips). Message YI ([dpk@youthinitiatives.com](mailto:dpk@youthinitiatives.com))

Week 1 is at Our Lady and St Patrick's - 21st -25th of July  
Week 2 is at St. Colmcille's 11-15th of August.

**FUNDRAISER FOR TOBER MHUIRE:** (Following damage caused by storm Eoin) Presenting 'The Andrea Rice Band' St Patrick's Centre, Downpatrick Friday 27th June '25 Tickets £15 from the St. Patrick's centre or Crossgar monastery.

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

**In this Jubilee Year of Hope, come on an authentic ST PATRICK'S WAY** pilgrimage experience in Downpatrick on 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/)



**Day of Reflection:** The Day of Reflection is on 21st June each year. This special day provides an opportunity for reflection and to remember that so many suffered from all corners of society in our conflict. We invite you to a service at St Anne's Cathedral from 11.30am-12.30pm on Saturday 21st June where the Day will be marked by victims as well as religious, civic and political representatives. This event is free and open to all.

## **Gaza: “Words are not enough!” – Irish Bishops call for solidarity at parish level**

Bishops stated the following concerning the humanitarian disaster in Gaza: “In Gaza people are starving and adequate aid is being denied; it seems clear that famine is being used as a weapon of war. Already over 600,000 Palestinians have been displaced. The evidence points to a staged strategy of ethnic cleansing aimed at removing the Palestinian people from their homes and their homeland. It is becoming increasingly clear to people on the ground that these are genocidal actions sanctioned by the Government of Israel.

“What is happening in Gaza – and the West Bank – is the death of tens of thousands of non-combatants, many of them women and children. This is unconscionable and disproportionate. It is immoral for world leaders to stand by inactively in the face of this outrageous tragedy for humanity.

“Words are not enough! There is an urgent need for the international community to intervene, cut off arms supplies and bring the carnage to an end. This will call for courage on the part of leaders. Examples of courage are being given every day by heroic doctors, nurses and aid workers risking their lives in service of the wounded and those who have been displaced.”

As noted already, bishops offered prayers for the people of Gaza and Ukraine as well as other troubled places in the world. In relation to the deteriorating situation in Gaza they noted that as of early June 2025, the humanitarian crisis there has intensified dramatically. To date, almost 55,000 people have been killed in Gaza and the West Bank, since the horrific events of 7 October 2023.

Bishops welcomed the response to their call in their statement of 26 May for a ‘Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace’ in Gaza on Friday last, 6 June. The entire month of June, the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, should be a time of special prayer for peace. All parishes are asked to give expression to their solidarity with the suffering people of Gaza during June.

Bishops continued, “People in parishes across the country are horrified by what they are witnessing. They may feel helpless. But they can show their solidarity in different ways by lobbying their political representatives, by supporting humanitarian aid and, above all, by continuing to pray for an end to the conflict now and the resumption of peace, including the return of all hostages and prisoners.”

Bishops listened again to the recent words of Pope Leo XIV and resonated with them: “In the Gaza Strip, the cry of mothers, of fathers who clutch the lifeless bodies of children and who are continually forced to move in search of a little food and safer shelter from bombing, rises ever more intensely to the sky. I renew my appeal to the leaders: cease-fire, release all hostages, fully respect humanitarian law. Mary Queen of Peace, pray for us.” (General Audience, 28 May 2025).