



Downpatrick Family of Parishes

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 10th August 2025



Your prayers are requested for

Recently Deceased: Peggy Baker, John Stitt,

Months Mind: Patrick McAuley,

Anniversaries: Sr. Dorothy Walsh, Agnes McKeown, Margaret Hynds, Jackie Smyth, Edward John O'Hare, Hugh Taggart, Seamus Craig, Cecelia Curran, Oliver Morgan, James Magee, Ita T. McNeill, Marie Lavery, Dessie Magee, Sarah Jane Nixon, Barry Beswick, James, Kathleen & Mary Carson, John Brady, Annie Galbraith, Tommy Creaney, Charlotte Fitzsimons, James McComiskey, Seamus Byrne, James Reilly,

Weekly Collections: Offertory £1698, DD £2020, Loose Plate £663.

Mass Intentions – St. Patrick's 7.30pm

Mon 11th Aug: Anniv: George Murphy, James Magee, Barrie Beswick,

Friday 15th Month's Mind: Patrick McAuley, **Anniv:** Roisin Rice, Ita T. McNeill, Marie Lavery,

Mass Schedule August 2025		
Date	Church	Time
Sat 9 th	St Patricks	5.30pm
Sun 10 th	St Patrick's	10.30am
Sun 10 th	St Malachy's	10.00am
Thursday 14 th Aug (Vigil of the Assumption)	St Patricks	7.30pm
Fri 15 th Aug	St Patricks	9.30am
Fri 15 th Aug	St Brigid's	10.00am
Fri 15 th Aug	St Patricks	7.30pm
Sat 16 th	St Patrick's	5.30pm
Sat 16 th	St Brigid's	7.00pm
Sun 17 th	St Patricks	10.30am
Sun 17 th	St Colmcille's	10.00am

Downpatrick Parish Adoration 15th August:

Jesus called and sent out the seventy-two disciples in pairs and they came back amazed at what God had done (Luke 10:1-23). Now he calls each of us to join others in pairs and in larger groups to come together in prayerful adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Starting after 9.30 Mass on Friday 15 August (Feast of the Assumption) in St Patrick's Church and ending with Benediction at 4pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 3 pm and the Rosary said at 3.30 pm.

There are three main prayer intentions for the 24-Hour Adoration: For Peace in the world and specifically the Middle East and Ukraine. For Parish Renewal and for our upcoming Discovering Christ Course. For an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and to Religious Life. Adoration for the Summer ends after this Adoration session. We encourage as many Parishioners & Friends as possible to join us. Click on the Link below to register your commitment

<https://signup.zone/a7NW9y5GEMF3NrtYp>

Or contact the Parish Office 02844612084 and indicate your preferred time.

The Novena Prayer to Our Lady of Knock will be recited after the rosary, before the 9:30am Mass, in St. Patrick's Church from 14th August to 22nd August.



Discovering Christ

is for anyone who is curious about the ultimate meaning of life.

Enjoy tea/coffee/cake and listen to a thought-provoking talk that is designed to explore the meaning and purpose of your life.

After the talk, you can share your thoughts in a small group (and talk as much or as little as you wish).

It is fun, relaxed, and free and all done in a warm, friendly, and judgement-free environment.

Tuesdays from 16 September until 28 October @ 7.30pm

The course will include a day-long retreat on Saturday 18 October.

Venue: Patrick's Place, St Patrick's Church, Downpatrick

Register in advance for Discovering Christ by ringing the Parish Office (02844612084)

CAN YOU HELP US? We are currently looking for volunteers to help with the Parish Count. We would welcome anyone interested, whether you have been on a count team in the past or are new to the idea, we would really like to hear from you. The Count is carried out on a Rota basis, commitment is one count each fortnight and usually only for a couple of hours on a given morning. Interested? Contact Mary by email: downpatrick@downandconnor.org

Legion of Mary: Annual Trip to Knock will take place on Sunday 28th September. The cost is £30, making the usual stops for breaks. First pick up is at the back of the Church in Newcastle at 6.15am, followed by Castlewella at 6.30am, Downpatrick at 6.45am, Crossgar 7.00am and Saintfield 7.15am. All pick ups will be at churches. Money to be put in envelope with name and telephone number and put in the priest's house. Or ring Colette on 07732610247.

Fountain Foodbank acknowledges with thanks, donations of £220.



**DOWN and CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST
DOWNPATRICK PARISH**

**VACANCY
"HOUSEKEEPER"**

We are seeking to recruit into the role of Housekeeper within Downpatrick Parish, based within the Parochial House, 54 St Patrick's Avenue, Downpatrick, BT30 6DN.

The post holder will be required to:

- ❖ Ensure the provision of a reliable and efficient cleaning service and providing a quality service in the delivery of food and beverages to the Parish Priest. Whilst ensuring a pleasant, welcoming and clean Presbytery for members of the parish team, volunteers and parish visitors.

The terms are based on a permanent appointment requiring 20 hours per week – Monday to Thursday from 9.30am to 2.30pm daily.

Rate of Pay - £12.21 gross per hour.

Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: **Job Vacancies** and on the Community NI website, where terms and conditions relating to the role can also be accessed by way of a Role Profile and Employment Application form. Application packs can also be obtained from the Parish Office.

We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria and are interested in playing an active part in the Parish.

Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon Tuesday 19 August 2025

Down and Connor Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer

USER GROUPS: Groups Currently using the Parochial House in the evenings are asked to contact Mary Cullen before they next meet, to arrange access and an alternative room for their meeting.

"When It Is Darkest: Understanding Suicide" Led by Fr Hugh Lagan SMA - Saturday, 18 October 2025 - Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre - Registration from 9.00am | Workshop begins at 9.30am - Cost: £43 / €50. Suicide affects many in our communities and is often surrounded by silence, stigma, or misunderstanding. In this compassionate and insightful workshop, Fr Hugh Lagan — a priest with the Society of African Missions and a chartered clinical psychologist — will offer his expert perspective on: The complex causes of suicide - Dispelling myths and offering clarity - Supporting those at risk and those left behind - Finding hope in the darkest moments. Fr Lagan has led international retreats and workshops on psychological and spiritual well-being, trauma, resilience, and personal transformation. This event will be of particular interest to community leaders, mental health advocates, support workers, faith groups, educators, and anyone seeking a deeper understanding of this important issue. To register or find out more, contact us at: admin@dromantineconference.com 028 3082 1029

Parish of Downpatrick

Quotes are invited for the Maintenance of Parish Grounds located at:

54 St Patrick's Avenue (Church & House Grounds)
23 Rathkeltair Road (Church & House grounds)
29 Killough Road (Church & House Grounds)
St Malachy's Church, Ballykilbeg Road,
Parish Cemetery, Killough Road.

Quotes should include:

Schedule and cost for Grass Cutting at each location
Schedule and cost for weed control at each location
Schedule and cost for hedge maintenance

Notes:

Successful quotes will be asked to provide a copy of Public Liability insurance before any works can commence.

Maintenance will run from March to October Annually and invoices will be paid on a monthly basis.

Individuals wishing to submit a quote may do so by email - or in person to the Parish Office downpatrick@downandconnor.org for the attention of Mary Cullen

Closing date for receipt of quotes is September 1st 2025 at 2pm

We cannot accept communication via private message or facebook

Strictly email or by hand delivery/Post

queries can be answered by contacting 02844612084

