



Downpatrick Family of Parishes

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 17th August 2025



Your prayers are requested for

Recently Deceased: Stephen (Stevie) Brannigan,

Anniversaries: Fr. Colm McGrady, Malachy Kerr, Edward Kerr, Maura Williams, Michael Coyle, Jim Cahalane, Terence Cunningham, Joseph McGrady, Neil Donnelly,

Weekly Collections: Offertory N/A, DD £2020, Loose Plate N/A

Mass Intentions – St. Patrick's 7.30pm

Mon 18th Aug: Anniv: Geraldine Gordon, John Whinnery,

Wed 20th: Anniv: Florence (Flo) Austin,

Friday 22nd: Anniv: Jim & Anne Cahalane, Nora & Damian Cromie, Eamon Maginn, Deceased Members of the Wallace & McMahon Family, Deceased Members of the Casement Family,

Statement from The Murray Family:

We would like to express our appreciation for the many kind messages received by either the parish or ourselves since the sad events of Sunday morning. We are truly humbled by the love and support shown for our brother.

John remains in a stable condition following his serious injuries. We would like to thank those who came to his assistance at the scene, and we would also like to thank the countless medical personnel who have provided (and continue to provide) such wonderful care.

For the time being, visits are confined to immediate family only. We are grateful for your understanding in this regard.

We wish to commiserate with the Brannigan family on their sad loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with them. We will continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Stephen.

We would also like to thank the PSNI for their work and assistance.

Finally, many thanks also to the parish staff for their help and support.



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)

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

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.

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.

ACN Pilgrimage to Knock – Papal charity Aid to the Church in Need Ireland invites people to join their national pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Saturday August 30 to highlight the plight of Christians who suffer persecution for their faith in many parts of the world. Mass is in the basilica at 3pm – all welcome. For more info, see www.acnireland.org

Day of Prayer and Reflection People of Gaza - Bishop Alan will be sharing a video with his pastoral message which will be shared on the Diocesan website and all Social Media Platforms. regarding August 24th. The Catholic Church in Ireland has called for a day of Prayer and Reflection on Sunday, August 24th for every Parish to take part in this sacred initiative, it is not just a symbolic gesture, it is a spiritual act of Solidarity. The hope is that August 24th will be a day of deep prayer.

- Offer your Sunday Mass for peace in Gaza.
- Spend time in Adoration, lifting up those who suffer.
- Pray the Rosary as a family or community.
- Light a candle in your home or parish as a sign of hope.
- Reach out to your elected representatives, urging them to support humanitarian aid and peace efforts.
- Support trusted Charities working on the ground.



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

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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

