



Downpatrick Family of Parishes

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 24th August 2025



Parish Priest: Fr. Eugene O'Neill P.P., V.F.,

Email: downpatrick@downandconnor.org

Your prayers are requested for

Recently Deceased: Mary Carter, Delores Brady,

Anniversaries: Sr. Mairead, Sr. Elizabeth, Francis Savage, Noreen Lannin, Edna Smyth, David Lobb, Jim Cahalane, John Williams, Raymond Galbraith, Arnold Hallaron, Jim Donnelly,

Weekly Collections: Offertory £1990, DD £2020, Loose Plate £665.

Mass Intentions – St. Patrick's 7.30pm

Mon 25th Aug: Anniv: Noel & Bill Kearney, Mary McKenzie,

Wed 27th: Anniv: Noreen Lannin,

Friday 29th: Month's Mind: Pam Perry,
Anniv: Patrick Stephen McEvoy, Siobhan Smyth, Mary Kelly,

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.

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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.

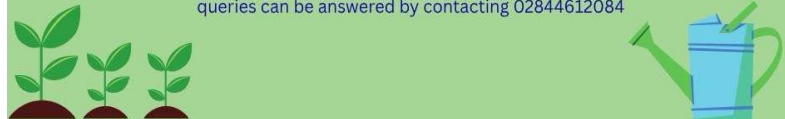
*Individuals wishing to submit a quote may do so by email - or in person to the Parish Office
downpatrick@downandconnor.org for the attention of Mary Cullen*

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



Sacristy: Parishioners are asked NOT to enter the Sacristy at any time. If you wish to speak to a Priest, please knock on the door and WAIT – a Sacristan will check the availability of the Priest for you. Altar Servers should 'Robe Up' outside the Sacristy and sit in the Pew beside the Sacristy door.

Confessions – will be heard in the Confessional boxes or in the Church – this will be determined by the Parish Priest at a later date.

We are very appreciative of your co-operation at this time.

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 Castlewellaan 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

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday and will re-open on Tuesday 26th August.