



## Downpatrick Family of Parishes

### Parish of Downpatrick

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025**



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

**Email:** [downpatrick@downandconnor.org](mailto:downpatrick@downandconnor.org)

**Your prayers are requested for:**

**Recently Deceased:** Christopher Scallon,

**Anniversaries:** Sr. Mary Ita, Sr. Mary Mercy, John Mullan, Harriet McGrady, Maria Perry, Bertha Cleland, Mary Quinn, Harriet McGrady, Margaret Laverty, James Blaney, Martina Moore,

**Weekly Collections:** Offertory £1172, Monthly DD £2020, Loose Plate £485.

**Confessions:** The sacrament of confession will be available in St. Patrick's Church on Saturdays from 4:30pm to 5:15pm.

**Mass Intentions weekday's – St. Patrick's 7:30pm**

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept: 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv:** Jamie Rogan,

**Wed: 24<sup>th</sup> Sept: Anniv:** Paddy & Gertie Taggart, Mary Ritchie,

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm Month's Mind:** Kathleen Layden, **1<sup>st</sup> Anniv:** Patrick McEvoy, **Anniv:** Gerard Norney, Rosemary Brannigan,

**Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 10:30am: Anniv:** Celine Vize,

**Fr Maurice Henry:** After a long life of generous service as a Priest of the Diocese, Fr Maurice Henry has now retired from Downpatrick Parish. We thank Fr Henry sincerely for his 11 years of fruitful ministry amongst us and wish him God's Blessings for a long and happy retirement.

## Weekend Mass Times

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| <b>Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> | <b>St. Patrick's</b> | <b>5:30pm</b>  |
| <b>Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> | <b>St. Brigid's</b>  | <b>7pm</b>     |
| <b>Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Sept</b> | <b>St. Patrick's</b> | <b>10:30am</b> |

**Fr John Murray:** Fr John has now moved from the Downe Hospital for the next stage of his recovery. He is hugely appreciative of all the prayers, cards, texts and emails. He respectfully asks that only Immediate Family and Clerical Colleagues visit for now. Please continue to keep Fr. In your prayers in the days and weeks ahead. Media enquiries – 07811144268 or [dcpress@downandconnor.org](mailto:dcpress@downandconnor.org)

**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.

**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.

## Day Pilgrimage Knock Shrine

In Memory of Fr Brendan Smyth RIP  
**SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER**  
**Day of thanksgiving for Priesthood**

Bus leaves Downpatrick @ 6:45am - Crossgar - Saintfield

**Contact Hugh 07724771595**

Morning Stop at Motorway Restaurant  
**\*BREAKFAST NOT INCLUDED\***

Accompanied By Fr Derek Kearney SMA



**£35 Per Person**  
Includes tea/coffee &  
Scone  
On return Journey



**Children's Liturgy** resumes in St. Patrick's on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

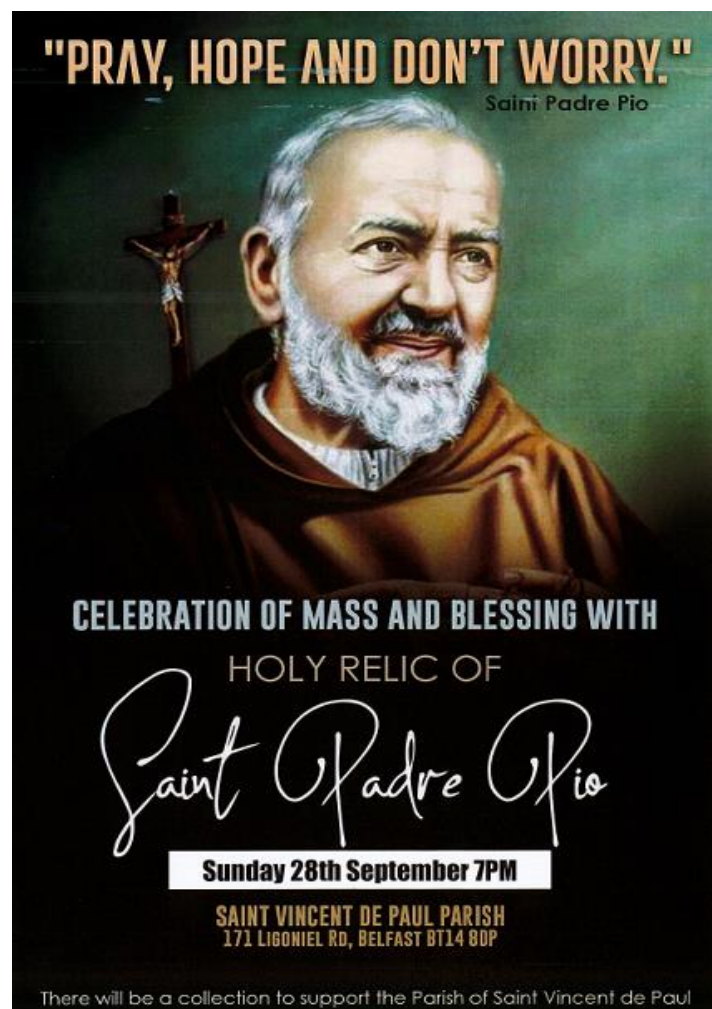
**Welcome Back to Chaplaincy:** The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's reopened on Monday 15 September at 42 University Road, with weekday Masses resuming and Sunday evening Mass back on 21 September at 8.00pm in the Canada Room, Lanyon Building. Our full programme returns—Awaken, Blest, Bible study, Canticle Choir, Frassati Fellowship, QUB Trócaire, Order of Malta and Thomistic Institute lectures. Whether new or returning, come and join us at Mosaic Café, in the Chapel, or the Common Room—a place to meet, pray and belong. For more information, visit [www.qubcatholic.org](http://www.qubcatholic.org)

**Lectio Divina** resumed in Patrick's Place on Tuesday 16th September at 11am. New members welcome.

**Thinking about becoming Catholic** or want to deepen your understanding of the faith? The Diocesan RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a journey of faith, formation, and community for adults who wish to explore the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. It is open to those who are not baptised, those baptised in another Christian tradition, or Catholics who wish to reconnect with their faith. The 2025–2026 programme begins on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October and runs weekly from 6.30–8.00 pm at St Mary's Hall, Chapel Lane, Belfast. Sessions include prayer, teaching, discussion, and time for questions. Spouses, fiancés or friends are welcome to attend alongside participants. All are welcome, whether you are exploring faith for the first time or returning after some time away. To register or find out more, please email [rcia@downandconnor.org](mailto:rcia@downandconnor.org) or scan the QR code.

**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 Castlewellan 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.



**Mother's Prayers** resumes at Patrick's Place on Wednesday 24th September from 9:45am. All welcome.

