



Downpatrick Family of Parishes

Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 7th September 2025



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

Email: downpatrick@downandconnor.org

Your prayers are requested for:

Recently Deceased: Marie Tweedie, Gerard Denvir,

Other Parishes: Deacon Mark Lenaghan (Castlewellan),

Anniversaries: Sr. Colmcille Kennedy, Bernadette Flynn, Elaine Valentine, Michael Molloy, Thomas Kelly, Matilda Rice, Joseph McGrady, Jack & Frank Leonard, Jenny Cunliffe, Mary Coughlin, Mark McKee, Andrew Diamond

Weekly Collections: Offertory £1135, Monthly DD £2020, Loose Plate £518.

Confessions: From 6th September, the sacrament of confession will be available in St. Patrick's Church on Saturdays from 4:30pm to 5:15pm.

Mass Intentions – St. Patrick's 7.30pm

Monday 8th Sept: Matthew McMullan,

Friday 12th Sept: Anniv: Brian Kearney, Josephine-Torney, Jackie Walsh, Fiona Turley, Margaret Tracey,

Sat 13th Sept: Month's Mind: Stephen Brannigan,

Fountain Foodbank are extremely grateful for the tremendous contributions from parishioners over the summer. Your donations both monetary and in food allow us to continue to support others in the community. We are desperately in need of carrier bags – if you have any spare, please leave them at the parish office.

Weekend Mass Times

Sat 6th Sept	St. Patrick's	5:30pm
Sun 7th Sept	St. Patrick's	10:30am
Sun 7th Sept	St. Colmcille's	10am

Canon John Murray: We are pleased to say that Fr. John continues to make good progress, though he still requires in-patient treatment of an indefinite duration. He is now back in Downpatrick, having been recently transferred from the RVH to the Downe Hospital. As before, Visits are still restricted to immediate family and clergy. As always both Fr. John and ourselves wish to express our appreciation for all the prayers and messages of goodwill, and our gratitude to all the medical staff for their care. The Murray Family. Media enquiries – 07811144268 or 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 21st September.



Watch live on EWTN or click on the following link.
[LIVE | Vatican: Canonization of Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati | Pope Leo XIV | 2025](#) It will start airing live at 9am (10am Vatican time).

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.