



## Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 23 November 2025

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe

**PARISH PRIEST: Fr Eugene O'Neill**

### CONTACTS:

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You can contact us by telephone or email. Since Downpatrick is a very busy Parish Office; we can't always answer the phone immediately. Please leave a message with your telephone number and we will call you back.

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

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 [downpatrickfamilyofparishes](https://www.facebook.com/downpatrickfamilyofparishes)

### Downpatrick Parish Mass Schedule:

#### Weekend Masses

#### Vigils

St. Patrick's 5pm

St Brigid's 6.30pm

#### Sunday

St Patrick's 10.30am

St Malachy's 9am (*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month*)



**Recently Deceased:** Marina Annals, Richard Starkey

### MASS INTENTIONS:

**5pm: 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv:** Bridie O'Neill,

**Anniv:** Perpetual McAloon, Anna Denvir, Agatha Smyth & Patsy Kearney, Patrick & Maureen Magee, Billy & Jinny McKinney, Angela Dunn,

**St. Brigid's 6:30pm: Anniv:** Raymond Newman, Margaret McCartan,

**10:30am: Month's Mind:** Kevin (Chipper) Connolly, Rosemary Wallace, **Anniv:** Mary Taggart,

**7.30pm, Mon 24:** James Stranney, Jean Groves.

**Anniv:** Sr. Mary Brendan, William (Bill) Reid, Agnes O'Hare, Margaret McCartan, Marie McGrady, Brian Norton, Raymond Newman, Christina Dickinson, Jean Groves, Teresa Tweedie, Eddie McCullough, Jean & Frank Connolly, Ita Cunningham, William John Vance, Bridie O' Neill, Mary Taggart, Angela Dunn, Perpetual McAloon, Anna Denvir, Agatha Smyth, Patsy Kearney, Billy & Jinny McKinney,

### PARISH COLLECTIONS:

**8 Nov: Offertory: £1581, Bishops Commissions £1054.50,**

If you wish to donate directly via Bank Transfer the parish bank details are:

**Account Name: Parish of Downpatrick**

**Account Number: 80146471**

**Sort Code: 95-06-79**

(please add an identifying name to your transaction) or you can contact the Parish Office for a Standing Order Form.

**Thank you for your continued support**



**St. Vincent De Paul** would like to thank Parishioners for their continued generous support, including some exceptionally large donations, which, as the cold weather sets in, enables us to give comfort and support to those in need.

**Christmas Party:** SVP are holding their party for Senior Citizens on Sunday 30th November in Murphy's Bar & Restaurant. The meal starts at 2pm. If you would like to attend, please phone the helpline on 07569672093. (Please let us know if you have any food allergies)

**SVP:** The Christmas Appeal on behalf of the society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place next weekend 29 and 30 November. A member of the society in Downpatrick will speak at Masses this weekend outlining their work.

### **Belfast Jesuit Centre Events:**

#### ***Waiting in Wonder - Lectio & Visio Divina for Advent.***

Join us in the Belfast Jesuit Centre for a gentle, contemplative journey through Advent over four Tuesday evenings of prayer, poetry and art. Each session will centre on the Gospel reading for the coming Sunday, paired with a carefully chosen poem and a piece of visual art to guide our reflection. Through the practices of Lectio and Visio Divina, we'll enter into a sacred stillness, quiet listening and shared conversation – awakening our hearts to the beauty and mystery of Christ's coming.

Starting at Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 7pm – 9pm.

#### **Faith & Film:**

Join us to close out the Jubilee Year of Hope with a screening of Romero, which explores faith, courage and the cost of prophetic witness in a world hungry for peace. Thursday 27 November, 7pm – 9.30pm

Interested? Contact us on 07955282371 or visit [www.belfastjesuitcentre.org](http://www.belfastjesuitcentre.org)

## **PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

### ***Ascension Prayer***

*Lord Jesus, You, who in your Ascension, filled the Eleven with joy, make us worthy of that same joy, through your prayer and mercy.*

*Lord Jesus, You who in your ascension, bore our fragile humanity into heaven and opened for us the way that leads to Heaven, fill us with the joy and serenity of peace.*

*Lord Jesus, You, who by ascending into heaven clothed us with the gift of the Holy Spirit, make us your witnesses in our daily lives telling of the joy of your Mercy.*



**Stella Maris** a Catholic seafaring charity is looking for volunteers across Northern Ireland. Volunteering comes in many forms at Stella Maris but in the first instance we are looking for anyone who can knit woolly hats, an essential and welcome piece of clothing for seafarers. We also need parish contacts who could speak at the Mass or simply lay out information in regard to the charity in the church. Further to this, ship visitors are also required to assist the port chaplain.

For further information or if you are interested?

Contact [peter.mullen@stellamarismail.org](mailto:peter.mullen@stellamarismail.org)

**Knock Trip:** All Night Vigil – Sunday 07 December – stopping at (Downpatrick 12:30pm), Crossgar and Saintfield. Cost £50. To book, contact 07762211658.

**Parish Shop;** Open before and after Weekend Masses. Pop in and browse our collection of Christmas Stock - Cribs, Lanterns, Lights and Cards. We also stock devotional candles, prayer books, children's gifts, rosary beads, medals, alongside Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Wedding gifts. The shop can be opened outside of Mass times by arrangement through the Parish Office.

**The Magic of Christmas:** Concert in St. Patrick's Church, Downpatrick on December 22 at 7.30pm.

Join Fr Eugene O'Hagan, Fr Martin O'Hagan and Margaret Keys in concert, featuring Scala String Orchestra & Ulster Orchestra Musicians – Guest Choirs, and Pianist Trevor Burnside.

Tickets available from the Parish Office or via [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie)

### ***THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK***

*'Difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations. Don't quit'.*