



Parish of Downpatrick
Sunday 30 November 2025
First Sunday of Advent



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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.

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Downpatrick Parish Mass Schedule:

Weekend Masses

Vigils

St. Patrick's 5pm

St Brigid's 6.30pm

Sunday

St Patrick's 10.30am

NB: Mass on the First Sunday of the Month in St Malachy's, Ballykilbeg, takes place at 9am **NEXT** Sunday, December 7



Recently Deceased: Doreen Brown,
Michael Dagens (Ballykinlar),

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday 29 November 5pm:

Month's Mind: Rosaleen Traynor,

1st Anniv: Angela Lavery

Anniv: Jim Ferguson, Kathleen Miley,
Bridie & Denis Rooney, Desmond Rea,
Mary & Joe McGuigan

Sunday 30 November 10.30am: Anniv: Frances
Denvir

Monday 1 December 7.30pm:

Month's Mind: Brian Trainor,

Anniv: Maudie Perry, Sadie Savage,
Deceased Members of The Prendergast Family,

Month's Mind: Rosaleen Traynor,
Brian Trainor,

Anniv: Marian Fitzsimons, Sadie Savage,
David Williams, Desmond Rea, John Rea,
Ruth & Lawrence Rea, Sylvester Vaughan Jnr.,
Malachy Carson, John Trainor,
Mary Kinsella, Alice Lannon,

PARISH COLLECTIONS:

25 Nov: Offertory: £2014.80,

November Direct Debits £1890

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

Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas.

Each week has its own emphasis in the scriptures and prayers of the Mass. The Italian custom of blessing the crib figures of the infant Jesus from family homes on the Third Sunday of Advent has found a place in Downpatrick Parish. We will do things slightly differently this year. You are encouraged to bring your crib figure of the Infant Jesus to Mass on the 3rd Sunday of Advent. Fr. Eugene will bless them from the altar and will move through the church to sprinkle them with holy water.

Mass & Adoration: Friday 5 December:
Fr John Mockler will concelebrate Mass with
Fr. Eugene O'Neill at 10am. Adoration
immediately after Mass, ending at 11.30am.
We are delighted to welcome Dana & Friends
who will join us for Mass & Adoration.



Annual Christmas Collection

SVP: The Annual Christmas Appeal on behalf of
the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place
this weekend 29 and 30 November. Thank You
for your continued support.

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

Limited Number of Tickets available from the
Parish Office. Those who have reserved tickets
are asked to call to collect from the Parish
Office this week – Tickets not collected will be
offered for re-sale.

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Eugene is looking
forward to meeting the Parish Eucharistic
Ministers in St Patrick's Church on Tuesday 2
December at 7.30pm.

The meeting should take no longer than 45
minutes. Warm thanks to all our Eucharistic
Ministers and to those who bring Holy
Communion to the sick and housebound.

Thought for The Week

*Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come
to you without coming away better and
happier*

Bulletin Insertions: Must reach the Parish Office no
later than 12 Noon on Wednesdays. Insertions can
be emailed to downpatrick@downandconnor.org
or a message left on the answering machine.
Please do not use the box at the back of the church
or Facebook Messenger – we do not check either
on a regular basis.

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.

Our Lady and St Patrick P's and Patrician Youth Centre
After School Programme
Nov & Dec '25
3-5pm

Monday	Tuesday
Y3-4 Soccer 3-4pm Y4-7 World Cup 4-5pm Cookery Art and Crafts Media Centre Homework Club Snack	Y1/2/3 Multi-sports 3-4pm Y2-7 Chess Club Art and Crafts Media Centre Homework Club Snack
Wednesday	Thursday
Y5/6/7 Gaelic 3-4:30pm Sport 4:30-5pm Art and Crafts Media Centre Homework Club Snack	Y6-7 Soccer 3-4pm Y5-7 World Cup 4-5pm Cookery Games Zone Media Centre Snack

Please note:

- PYC is from 3pm-5pm- £3 per hour. Your child can be collected at 4pm or 5pm. For Sports Clubs finishing at 4:30, children can remain until 5pm with no additional charge.
- You must complete the registration form to attend.
- Places for all Sports Clubs, Table Tennis and Chess are limited. Please book your child's place separately (all clubs are £3).
- *Please can parents/carers adhere to hourly collection to avoid disruption to activities.

Congratulations!

We Congratulate the Parish Consolation Team
who will be commissioned for service by Bishop
McGuckian in St. Peters Cathedral, Belfast, on
Sunday.

We are grateful for their energy and
commitment.