



Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 11 January 2026

Feast of The Baptism of the Lord



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Sign of Peace:

As a precaution, and to protect our more vulnerable parishioners, the Sign of Peace has been suspended during this current cold/flu season

Downpatrick Parish Mass Schedule:

Daily Masses

St. Patrick's

Monday 7.30pm

Tues – Friday 10am

St. Colmcille's

Wednesdays 7.30pm

Weekend Masses

Vigils

St. Patrick's 5pm

St Brigid's 6.30pm

Sunday

St Patrick's 10.30am

St. Malachy's – First Sunday of Each Month at 9am

Sacrament of Baptism: 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday of each month

As a result of Fr. Jim coming to the Downpatrick, Mass will now be celebrated in **St. Colmcille's** each **Wednesday at 7.30pm**

Your Prayers are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Carmel O'Reilly, Steven Laverty, Noreen Hardiment, Ann Flynn,

Month's Mind: Doreen Brown, Maureen McCrissican, Cecelia Vaughan, Maureen Rooney,

Anniv: Sr. M. Frances McCashin, Sr. M. Philomena, James Cochrane, James Thompson, Margaret Fitzsimons, Mary Jennings, Jim Lowry, Nicholas McNaughton, John Foley, Margaret Smyth, Ursula Hanna, Elizabeth (Betty) Creaney, Brian McKeown, William & Teresa Gilchrist, James Blaney, Agnes Blaney, Harry Blaney, Michael Fisher, Michael McGrady, Mairead Quail, Robert Hanna, Mary McGrady, Charles McGrady, Peter Burns, Ellen Burns, Patrick Denvir, John Denvir,



MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday 10 January 5pm, St. Patrick's

Month's Mind: Doreen Brown

Anniv: Ida McConvey, Darryl Wade, Malachy Wynn,

St. Brigid's, 6.30pm

Month's Mind: Maureen McCrissican,

Anniv: Pauline Hazard

Sunday 11 January, 10.30am, St. Patrick's

Month's Mind: Cecelia Vaughan

Monday 12 January, 7.30pm, St Patrick's

Month's Mind: Maureen Rooney

Anniv: Kevin Fitzpatrick, Snowy Graham, Clare Taggart, Catherine McLeigh

PARISH COLLECTIONS:

25 December

(Christmas Offering) £5607,

28 December Offertory £2792,

6 January Offertory £1860, Monthly £1645

Direct Debits (December) £2010

Thank You for your generosity over Christmas and the New Year Season!

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. We are moving rapidly towards a cashless society. It is believed that within five years, notes and coins may start to become obsolete as more and more of us turn to cards and phones to make payments.

Conscious of this change, the Diocese has asked us to introduce a card payment terminal into the parish, which will help support the parish by making electronic payments easier. In the few weeks that it has been in place we have been pleased that more and more parishioners and visitors are using this as a way of contributing.

Feast of the Baptism of The Lord:

On this feast day, which marks the end of Christmastide, Fr. Eugene and Fr. Jim wish to express their thanks to the Parish Baptism Team. Baptism makes the baptised person a member of the Church. It joins that person to the Risen Christ with a bond that is mysterious and endures forever. Through baptism, the divine life of Jesus is implanted in the baptised person.

Our Parish Baptism Team meets the families of each person to be baptised before the ceremony takes place and prepares them to understand the depth, sacredness and meaning of the of the Sacrament of Baptism. The baptism preparation meetings take place monthly in Patrick's Place. We are grateful for the generosity of the team members and for their hard work for the families of the parish and the Church's newest members. details of Baptism preparation meetings are available from Mary Cullen at the Parish Office.

BBC BROADCAST MASS FROM DOWNPATRICK:

We congratulate St. Patrick's Senior Choir and Choir Director, Mary McHugh, for being chosen to sing at Mass for Radio Ulster's Sunday Service Broadcast this weekend.

Mass was recorded a few days ago and will be broadcast on Sunday 11 January at 9.03am (after the 9am news). This is a sign of the esteem in which our choir is held. We thank our choir for their generous response to the BBC request.

We are fortunate indeed to have choir which enhances the liturgy each week in St Patrick's and who bring such beauty to Christmas, Holy Week, Easter and other great celebrations of faith.

We thank too, all the musicians throughout the parish who serve the liturgy so generously throughout the year.

Mass can be listened to on Radio Ulster and then on BBC Sounds for thirty days after.

