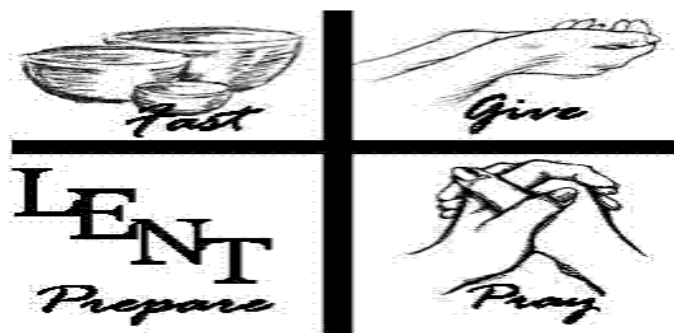




Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 08 March 2026 – 3rd Sunday of Lent



PARISH PRIEST: Fr Eugene O'Neill,
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Office hours 10.00am – 2.00pm Monday-Thursday,

Parish Secretary: Mary Cullen Tel: 02844612084

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

Website: www.stpatricksdowndpatrick.com

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Loop System Operating in St Patrick's Church. Please follow your manufacturers instructions for your hearing aid in order to experience a better audio quality.



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 – 1st Sunday of the Month

Daily Masses

St. Patrick's

Monday 7.30pm

Tues – Friday 10am

St. Colmcille's

Wednesday 7:30pm

Lenten Stations of The Cross, Monday's 7pm in St Patrick's

Wednesday, 7pm St. Colmcille's

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

Confession available in St Patrick's, Saturdays 4.15pm – 4.45pm

Your Prayers are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Ailish Fegan,

Anniv: Sr. Mary Agnes, Sr. Margaret, Keith Thompson, Kathleen Thompson,

Ellen McGrady, Bernard Deeny, Elizabeth Kelly, Colm McSheffrey, Brigid & Ernest Stewart,

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday 08 March, 10:30am, St. Patrick's

Anniv: Keith Thompson,

Monday 09 March, 7.30pm, St Patrick's

Anniv: Cathal Brennan, Ellen McGrady, Charles Canavan, Marie Canavan,

PARISH COLLECTIONS:

01 March 2026

Offertory £2946, Monthly Offering £1649.30 **Dona** £41.00

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) please contact your bank to arrange.

Dona Card Machine is available for convenience at Our Lady's Shrine.

New Envelopes: We are currently preparing envelopes for the new collection year – if you wish to contribute using envelopes, please email us with your details.

Offertory Envelopes will be available in the Porch of St Patrick's Church from Sunday 14 March – please contact us before Thursday 11 March if you would prefer to collect your envelopes from the Parish Office.

Thank You for your ongoing support.

The Spiritans: acknowledge with sincere thanks, a donation of £1000 raised through the making and sale of St Brigid's Crosses. This donation will help continue our work with the marginalized and disenfranchised.

Trocaire: Boxes can be returned to St Patrick's Church, following the signage in the church, or to the Parish Office. Please do not leave Trocaire Boxes sitting out in the Church – be aware that Trocaire do not collect boxes directly from parishioners' homes!

Pastoral Letter: Bishop Alan McGuckian's Pastoral Letter for Lent – 'Baptised and Sent' is available via www.downandconnor.org If you are unable to view the document or would like a paper copy, please contact the Parish Office.

Volunteering in The Parish:

Lay Bereavement Ministers: Are you interested in supporting the bereaved, assisting with the month's mind, supporting families through visitation? Do you have a couple of hours free time in a month? If you are interested, please contact us at the Parish Office. (full training provided)

New Readers: Do you have time to become a reader at St. Patrick's church for 5pm Mass on a Saturday? If you would like to become a reader, please contact the parish office on 02844 612084 or you can email downpatrick@downandconnor.org

St. Patrick's Roof Repairs: Parishioners will be aware that there has been significant damage to the roof of St Patrick's Church as a result of recent storms. Work to the repair the damage will commence soon. Scaffolding will be erected in the Church for a period, there will also be scaffolding erected outside. The project is estimated to run over several weeks and weather permitting, should be finished in approx. 4-6 weeks.

SAFEGUARDING

If you have a concern, suspicion, or wish to make an allegation of child abuse, or abuse in relation to an adult at risk, please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Office: Philip O'Hara, Designated Liaison Person, 120, Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT14 6LA.

Mobile: 07534 992124 or Telephone: 028 90 492798.
Email: philip.ohara@soddc.org or visit <https://downandconnorsafeguarding.com>

Fr. Jim's Cartoon Corner

