



## Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 22 March 2026 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent



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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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**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 Temporary Schedule:

#### Weekend Masses

#### Vigils

St. Patrick's 5pm

St Brigid's 6.30pm

#### Sunday

St Patrick's 10.30am

St. Malachy's – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month

#### Daily Masses

**NB: St Patrick's Church closed on Weekdays**

#### St. Colmcille's

Monday 7.30pm

Tues – Friday 10am

#### St. Colmcille's

Wednesday 7:30pm

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

Wednesday, 7pm St. Colmcille's

**Sacrament of Baptism:** 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month

**Confession** available in St Patrick's, Saturdays 4.15pm

#### Your Prayers are Requested for:

**Month's Mind:** Varghese Attasseril,

**Anniv:** Sr. M. Kieran, Vera & Ignatius Vaughan, John & Patrick Rooney, Bronach Breen, June Hanna, Charles McKeown, Joseph McGrady, Alfie Marron,

Francis McKeown, Elizabeth McGarry, James Magorrian, Geraldine Fitzsimons, Jimmy Curran,

*May They Rest in Peace*

**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!

### MASS INTENTIONS:

#### Saturday 21 March 5pm St Patrick's

**Months Mind:** Varghese Attasseril,

**Anniv:** Gerry & Eileen Doherty, Dermie, Gwen, Joe, Paddy & Mickey Fitzsimons, June Clarke, Geraldine Fitzsimons, Mary Gracey,

Philip Tummon, Alfie Reynolds,

#### Sunday 22 March 10.30am St Patrick's:

**Month's Mind:** Patricia McAllister,

#### Monday 23 March 7.30pm St. Colmcille's

**1st Anniv:** James Magorrian

### PARISH COLLECTIONS:

**15 March 2026**

**Offertory** £3179, **Needy Parishes** £932 **Dona** £50.00

**Donation** £1000,

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.

Offertory Envelopes will be available from St Patrick's Church from Sat 21 March. Volunteers will assist in helping you locate your envelopes.

*Thank You for your ongoing support.*

**St. Patrick's Readers:** Fr. Eugene & Brenda Gribben invite readers (for St. Patrick's church) to a meeting in St. Patrick's at 7pm on Wednesday 25 March.

**Daily Mass:** As Parishioners will know, there are currently repair works being carried out to the roof in St Patrick's Church. This is a short term project and if all goes well, we will be back in St Patrick's by Holy Thursday.

**This means that both the daily Morning Mass, Stations of The Cross AND Monday Evening Mass will be in St Colmcille's for a period of approx. two weeks.**

**WEEKEND MASSES: 5pm SATURDAY, 10.30am SUNDAY, BAPTISMS AND CONFESSIONS AS NORMAL**

### Cemetery Sunday Dates:

Killough Road, Sunday 21 March at 3pm

Struell, Sunday 5 July at 3pm

**Between Cross and Resurrection:** Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre, Crossgar, 27 – 29 March 2026.

Join Pascal Somers and John Thornhill for a reflective Holy Week Retreat using Icons and Art. Through Visio Divina, discover a gentle, prayerful way to encounter the Spirit of God this Lent.

For More information visit [www.tobarmhuire.com](http://www.tobarmhuire.com) or contact 02844830242

### Down Cathedral Presents:

Music for Holy Week – Requiem, (Matthew Coleridge), Soprano, Lisa Dawson, Baritone Ryan Carnham, performed by Cathedra, Down Cathedral Chamber Ensemble, Sunday 30 March 7.45pm.

Doors open at 7.15pm, Admission (at the door), including light refreshments £20 (Adults), £10 (Students)

### Fr. Jim's Cartoon Corner

