



Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 29 March 2026 – Palm Sunday



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Holy Week 2026

Monday 30 March, St Colmcille's

Stations of The Cross 7pm, followed by Mass at 7.30pm

Tuesday 31 March,

St Colmcille's 10am Mass

Wednesday 1 April:

Chris Mass, St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast, 12 Noon. **Please note: No Morning Mass.**

St Colmcille's

Evening Mass 7.30pm



The Sacred Triduum:

Holy Thursday 2nd April:

St Patrick's 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, Adoration at altar of repose – evening at 10pm.

Good Friday:

St Patrick's, 3pm Solemn, Celebration of The Lord's Passion

St. Patrick's 7.30pm: Stations of The Cross

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil of the Lords Resurrection

St. Patrick's 9pm

Easter Sunday

St. Malachy's 9am

St. Patrick's 10.30am

Please note: No evening Mass on Monday & Wednesday of Easter week.

Sacrament of Confession

Monday 30 March after 7.30pm Mass

Tuesday 31 March after 10am Mass

Wednesday 1 April during The Stations of The Cross and after 7.30pm Mass

Holy Thursday 12 Noon – 1pm in St Patrick's

Your Prayers are Requested for:

Month's Mind: Catherine Irvine, Kieran Shields,

Anniv: Hugh Cunningham, Vera McCartan, Karen Hanna, John Skeffington, Marie Mullan, Maisie Trainor, Marian Sheppard, Brian McCabe, Kathleen Dooley, Phyllis Robinson, Patrick Harris, Ann Heaps, Sean O'Hare,

May They Rest in Peace

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday 28 March 5pm St Patrick's

Months Mind: Catherine Irvine

Anniv: Claire-Louise Clarke, John Skeffington, Marian Sheppard

Sunday 29 March 10.30am St Patrick's:

Month's Mind: Kieran Shields

Anniv: Deceased members of Kelly Family, Oonagh & Gerry Carson,

Monday 30 March 7.30pm St. Colmcille's

Anniv: Rory Walsh, Shane Robinson, Brian McCabe, Elizabeth O'Hare, Kathleen Dooley,

Parish Bulletin: The Bulletin on Easter Sunday will cover Sunday April 5 and Sunday April 12. Insertions for the 5 April bulletin, must be left into the Parochial House or emailed before 12 noon on Wednesday 1 April.

Children's Liturgy: There is no Liturgy on Easter Sunday. The next sessions will be on 19th and 26th April.

Walk Of Witness on Good Friday, 12.30 at the Steps to St Patrick's Centre. Join Clergy from all faiths for a short reflection and prayer service. All Welcome.

Good Friday is a day of Fast & Abstinence in honour of the Passion of The Lord. This means we should not eat meat or meat products during the day and that those between 16 -65 should try to keep the Lenten Fast – one meal and two small snacks

PARISH COLLECTIONS:

22 March 2026

Offertory £1955 Dona £90, Monthly Offering £62

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 are available from St Patrick's Church Porch. Volunteers will assist in helping you locate your envelopes. *Thank You for your ongoing support.*

Cemetery Sunday Dates:

Killough Road, Sunday 21 June at 3pm

Struell, Sunday 5 July at 3pm

Trocaire Boxes: Can be returned to any of the Churches via the designated drop off areas. If you are a tax payer and would like to Gift Aid your donation, please complete the small card attached to your Trocaire Box and drop it into the box with your donation.

Collection for Catholics in Holyland: Will take place on Good Friday. Under the supervision of the Orders of the Friars Minor, this collection is used to help maintain the Holy Places, assist pilgrims, and help local parish communities with social assistance including healthcare, education work, and housing restoration.

Your Support is greatly appreciated.

Fr. Jim's Cartoon Corner

