



Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 05 July 2026

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



JUBILEE MASS - 150 YEARS OF SERVICE

All are welcome to a Jubilee Celebration Mass at 7pm on Monday 6 July in St Patrick's Church, Downpatrick.

Canon John Murray, Fr John Moley and Fr Jim Conway will celebrate Mass together with *Bishop Alan* to celebrate a combined 150 years of priestly service this Monday.

150 years is an amazing *achievement, and coming* a week after the ordination of a new priest - Fr Thomas Hampton - *it is* a day when we can celebrate new beginnings too. Fr Thomas will join the Jubilarians for Mass.

I would ask everyone who is able to attend as a show of support for all for their dedication and *as* a special gesture of thanks to Canon Murray.

Light refreshments will be available afterwards in the St Patrick's International Centre.

All are warmly welcomed. Spread the word!

Fr Thomas Hampton:

Newly ordained, Fr Thomas will celebrate 10.30am in St Patrick's this weekend - July 5. He will give his first blessings directly afterwards. All welcome!

Mass Schedule:

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

Monday 7.30pm St. Patrick's

Tues – Friday 10am St. Patrick's or St. Colmcille's

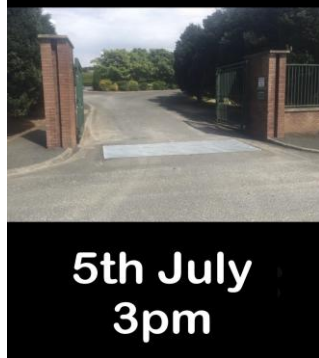
St. Colmcille's

Wednesday 7:30pm

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

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

Struell Cemetery Sunday



5th July
3pm

**Your Prayers are
Requested for:
Recently Deceased:**
Malachy Doran,

Anniv: Marie McAuley,
James Rooney, Conor
Smith, Niamh Evans, Jack
Foley, Hugh Cunningham,
Frank McAleenan, Isabel
O'Hare, Gerard McGarry,
David Williams,

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday 04 July, St. Patrick's, 5pm:

Month's Mind: Jenny McMullan,

Anniv: Joseph Layden, Richard Fitzsimons,
Sean & Isabel O'Hare,

Saturday 04 July, St. Brigid's, 6:30pm:

Anniv: Martha Newman,

Sunday 05 July, St. Patrick's, 10:30am:

1st Anniv: Evelyn Trainor,

Wednesday 08 July, St. Colmcille's, 7:30pm:

Anniv: Tony McKee, Pat Kernan, John McSherry,

Saturday 11 July, St. Patrick's, 5pm

1st Anniv: Patrick McAuley,

Anniv: Jennifer Deegan,

Sunday 12 July, St. Patrick's, 10:30am

Anniv: Sean Tumelty, Jim Tumelty,

Wednesday 15 July, St. Colmcille's, 7:30pm:

Anniv: John English,

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Eugene O'Neill,

Curate: Fr. Jim Conway

Contacts:

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New Office hours 10.00am – 2.00pm Monday & Thursday

New office hours 10.00am – 1.00pm Tuesday & Wednesday

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Convent Fire Update

As promised on Facebook, I want to bring parishioners up to date on the consequences for the parish of the recent fire in the convent.

The Mercy Convent fire is a tragedy for the parish and the great county town of Downpatrick. As a parish, we have lost a living link to the Mercy Order whose influence for good in Downpatrick and beyond is immense. I have been moved by how many memories parishioners have shared with me in the last week of happy experiences relating to the convent from their childhood until the present day. We owe a great debt to these women of strength and faith.

The town of Downpatrick has lost one of its icon buildings and its heritage been reduced.

We must be grateful that no lives were lost and that our parish church was saved from destruction by the heroic actions of the Fire Service.

The fire was a particular shock coming as it did at the end of a joyous day of celebration in the parish.

Going forward, we have been instructed by the police to leave the parochial house. This is considered to be in danger and is now surrounded by hoarding.

We would ask parishioners to keep well away from both convent and parochial house until further notice.

St Patrick's Church has received minor damage which will be put right quickly. The church will return to use this weekend with Masses as normal on Saturday and Sunday. The Jubilee of Canon Murray, Fr John Moley and Fr Jim Conway will take place as planned in St Patrick's on Monday 6 July at 7pm.

The church will be closed for cleaning of carpets sometime next week. We will keep you posted by Facebook. Masses on those days will be transferred to St Colmcille's.

I want to say a sincere and heartfelt word of thanks to all who have helped in the last days. Particular thanks to our sacristy team for their resilience; to the finance committee for practical help and liaising with insurers and builders; and to parishioners who have been free to assist. We are especially grateful to the Patrician Youth Club who immediately offered us premises for the parish office.

To you all, the parish owes a debt of gratitude.

Thank you! A sincere word of thanks to all who helped with the Ordination to the Priesthood of Fr Thomas Hampton last weekend. The combined effort of so many parishioners and the generosity of the response of such large numbers is a testament to the strength of the entire parish. Visitors to Downpatrick - many from abroad coming for the first time - were bowled over by the beauty of Co Down, the stateliness of Downpatrick, the splendour of the church, the efficiency of the stewarding, the friendliness of the people and the generosity of the magnificent reception laid on in the Patrician Youth Club. Bishop Alan was delighted with his experience and we thank him for his beautiful homily. We have a parish to be proud of in Downpatrick and last Sunday showed us at our best: warm, welcoming and cheerful. I am immensely proud to be parish priest here and to serve in the historic heartland of faith in Ireland.