



Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 06 September 2026

23rd, Sunday in Ordinary Time

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IN MY NAME
I am with them
MATTHEW 18:20

PRIESTS: Fr Eugene O'Neill PP, Fr. Jim Conway CC

Contacts:

Parish Office: 07337 485743 (TEMPORARY PARISH OFFICE NUMBER)

For emergencies please ring (for example- an urgent sick call or a sudden death): 07841101678

Temporary Address until further notice: Patrician Youth Centre, John Street, BT30 6HS

**New Office hours 10.00am – 2.00pm Monday & Thursday
New office hours 10.00am – 1.00pm Tuesday & Wednesday**

Parish Support Officer: Tel: 07337 485743

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

 [downpatrickfamilyofparishes](https://www.facebook.com/downpatrickfamilyofparishes)

Mass Schedule:

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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 – 9am –

Daily Masses

Monday 7.30pm St. Patrick's

Tues – Friday 10am St. Patrick'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

PARISH COLLECTIONS:

30 August 2026

Offertory £2169 Medical Missionaries £1370

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.

Thank You for your ongoing support.

NAME CHANGE

You will have noticed that the new title "PARISH SUPPORT OFFICER" is being used in the bulletin information section and in the job advertisements in this weeks parish bulletin. This is simply the new term for parish secretary being used across the diocese.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday 05 September, St. Patrick's, 5pm:

Anniv: Dominic Mcilmail, Hubert Doyle,

Monday 07 September, St. Patrick's, 7:30pm:

Anniv: Mary Ritchie,

Wednesday 09 September, St. Colmcille's, 7:30pm:

Anniv: Michael Molloy,

Saturday 12 September, St. Patrick's, 5pm:

Month's Mind: Anthony Sturgess,

1st Anniv: Maudie Marks, John McCormick

Anniv: Mark McKee, Jackie Walsh, Josephine Torney,

Saturday 12 September, St. Brigid's, 6:30pm:

Month's Mind: Michael Miller,

Sunday 13 September, St. Patrick's, 10:30am:

Month's Mind: Dermot MacNabb,

Anniv: Rosaleen MacNabb,

If you would like a Mass booking, please drop into the sacristy and make the booking directly with the priest.

Your Prayers are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Frank Boyd, Oliver Cunningham, Patrick Kearney, Joseph McEvoy,

Anniv: Andrew Diamond, James Breen, Dominic Mcilmail,

Legion of Mary Annual Trip to Knock will take place on Sunday 27th September. The cost is £30 per person, making the usual stops for breaks. Pick up points are at the following Churches:- Newcastle – (back of the Church) 6.15am, Castlewellan – 6.30am, Downpatrick – 6.45am, Crossgar – 7am and Saintfield – 7.15am. To book your place you can place your money in an envelope along with your name and phone number and drop it into the Parish offices in Saul or Downpatrick (Patrician Youth Centre) or you can phone Geraldine on 07845 422723

Lectio Divina will resume on Tuesday 8th September at 11 o'clock (please note the correct day). We will be using the small room in the church that is used on Sundays for children's liturgy. Lectio Divina is the practice of reading scripture, meditation and prayer. New members are very welcome.

RCIA 2026 / 2027: Thinking about becoming Catholic or want to deepen your understanding of the faith? The Diocesan RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a journey of faith, formation, and community for adults who wish to explore the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. It is open to anyone unbaptised, those baptised in another Christian tradition, or Catholics wishing to reconnect with their faith. The 2026–2027 programme begins on Wednesday 23 September and runs weekly from 6.30 to 8.00 pm at St Mary's Hall, Chapel Lane, Belfast. Sessions include prayer, teaching, discussion, and time for questions. Spouses, fiancés or friends are also very welcome to attend alongside participants. All are welcome, whether you are exploring faith for the first time or returning after some time away. To find out more, scan the QR code or visit our information page, or email rcia@downandconnor.org to register.



Scouts will hold a registration evening on Monday 7th September for Beavers from 7 to 8 pm. Tuesday 8th September for Cubs from 7 to 8.30. Any queries contact the scout hall on 02844839841.

DAY RETREAT TO LOUGH DERG: Saturday 19th September Leaving St Paul's at 6.30am Returning to Paul's at 7.30pm. The day Includes bus, boat, tea & scones on arrival then a light lunch and retreat. Price for Retreat is £45 plus the bus price determined on the uptake. Telephone St Paul's Parish Office on 028 90325034 Mon - Thurs..

Assist us to live, not to die...

The Bill to allow assisted dying is being brought before the WESTMINSTER PARLIAMENT on 11 September. The consequences for the sick, vulnerable and old are terrible to contemplate. Please take a card explaining the dangers and consider sending to your MP.

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>