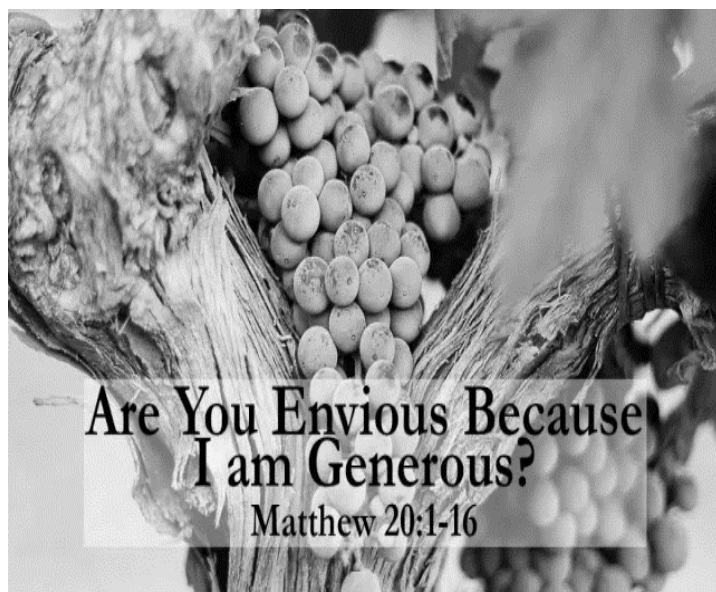




Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 20 September 2026

25th, Sunday in Ordinary Time



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



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:

13 September 2026

Offertory £2630

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 19 September, St. Patrick's, 5pm:

Month's Mind: Briege Quail,

Monday 21 September, St. Patrick's, 7:30pm:

1st Anniv: Alfie Williamson,

Anniv: Patricia McCashin, Jamie Rogan,

Saturday 26 September, St. Patrick's, 5pm:

1st Anniv: Austin Dobbin,

Anniv: Gertie Teggart, Paddy Teggart, Celine Vize,

Sunday 27 September, St. Patrick's, 10:30am:

Anniv: Thomas Kelly,

Monday 28 September, St. Patrick's, 7:30pm:

Anniv: Margaret Sweeney, Edward Sweeney,

Terence Sweeney, Barney McCreanor, Michelle Sheppard,

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

Month's Mind: Patrick Kearney,

Anniv: Raymond Kearney,

Your Prayers are Requested for:

Recently Deceased: Helen Kelly,
Brian Reid (England, formerly Dunsford),

Anniv: Betty Graham, John Mullan, Chris Fairfield,
Maria Perry, Jack & Frank Leonard, Harriet McGrady,
Jamie Rogan, Paul Philips,

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

Archbishop Fulton: A podcast on Archbishop Fulton Sheen will be on Facebook this week on the St. Patrick's Parish platform. Fulton Sheen will be beatified on September 24th in America by Cardinal Tagle. The podcast will be given by Fr Murray who hopes to resume his regular contribution on this platform on a fortnightly basis.

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.



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Sunday 27th September 2026
Doors open 7pm for 7.30 pm Concert
Donation £20

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