



Parish of Downpatrick

Sunday 13 September 2026

24th, 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

Priests on Retreat: beginning on the evening of Sunday 13 September, the priests of the diocese will be gathering together with Bishop Alan in Drumantine for three days of prayer. The Bishop has given permission for all Masses to be cancelled on those days. However, due to the kindness of Canon Murray, all our Masses in Downpatrick will **continue as normal**. Deacon Jackie Breen has graciously undertaken to look after funerals. We are grateful to them both. Please pray for your priests as we will be praying for you. Fr Eugene

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 – 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:****06 September 2026****Offertory** £2494 **Monthly: £2025**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 12 September, St. Patrick's, 5pm:****Month's Mind:** Anthony Sturgess,**1st Anniv:** Maudie Marks, John McCormick, Christopher Scallan,**Anniv:** Mark McKee, Jackie Walsh, Josephine Torney, Michael Scallan,**Saturday 12 September, St. Brigid's, 6:30pm:****Month's Mind:** Michael Millar,**Sunday 13 September, St. Patrick's, 10:30am:****Month's Mind:** Dermot MacNabb,**Anniv:** Rosaleen MacNabb,**Monday 14 September, St. Patrick's, 7:30pm:****Month's Mind:** Padraig Jeffers,**Anniv:** Margaret Tracey, Fiona Turley, Josephine Torney.**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,

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:** Elizabeth Magorrian, David McClean, Jackie Kelly (London),**Anniv:** John Mullan, Tommy & Elizabeth (Lily) Hogan, Patrick & Margaret Hanna, Elizabeth Stitt, Freddie Stitt, Thomas Kelly, Vera Marron, Pat McDonald, Irene Cochrane, Bertha Cleland, Mary Quinn,

Lectio Divina has resumed from Tuesday 8th September at 11 o'clock. 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.

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

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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