

## Who are we?

The Parish Priests and one/two delegates from each of the member Parishes form the Pastoral Community Forum.

Fr. John Murray, PP Downpatrick, the Vicar Forane for the area, is President of the Pastoral Community Forum.

## Regular Meetings

The Forum meets five times a year at St Patrick's Presbytery, Downpatrick. Each meeting lasts a maximum of ninety minutes.

## Finances

Member Parishes on an agreed basis share all expenses incurred on Pastoral Community business.

## DPCF

Representing the Parishes of:

**BRIGHT**

☎ 028 4484 1221

**DOWNPATRICK**

☎ 028 4461 2084

**DRUMAROAD &**

**CLANVARAGHEN**

☎ 028 4481 1474

**DUNSFORD & ARDGLASS**

☎ 028 4484 1208

**KILCLIEF**

☎ 028 4488 1206

**KILMORE & KILLYLEAGH**

☎ 028 4483 0229

**LOUGHINISLAND**

☎ 028 4481 1661

**SAINTFIELD &**

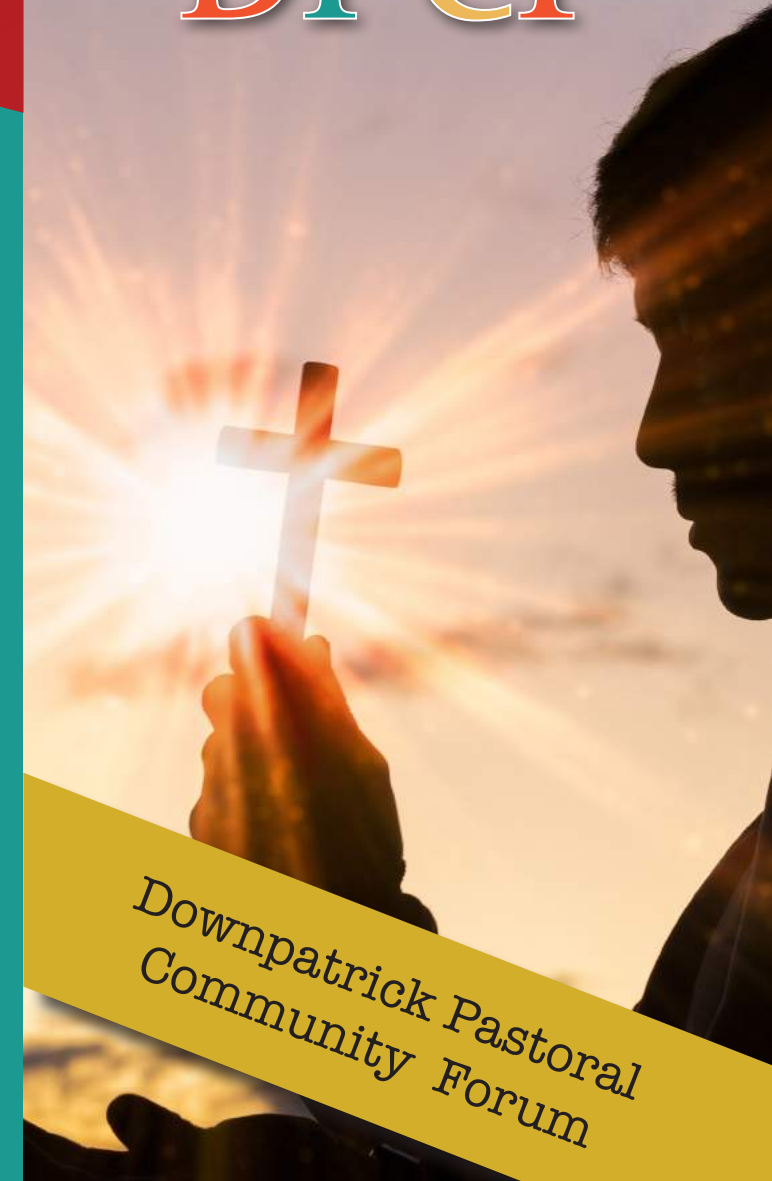
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# DPCF



Downpatrick Pastoral  
Community Forum

## What is a PCF?

A PCF is a representative gathering of members from Parishes within the Pastoral Community whose remit is to agree a programme that will support and encourage the Parishes of the Pastoral Community to work together on issues where collaboration is necessary and fruitful.

## Mission Statement

“The members of the Downpatrick Pastoral Community Forum will, through prayerful reflection under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, discern the needs, the hopes and the aspirations of this particular community with a view to furthering the mission of Jesus Christ and His Church in this area of Down and Connor Diocese”.

## Our Role

The Pastoral Community Forum complements the work of the Parish Pastoral Councils. It does not replace or supersede them. Its members work together in the interests of a renewed commitment to the Church's mission.

The Forum is a platform for Parish representatives to:

- Foster a spirit of Communion & Co-responsibility while maintaining the identity of each Parish
- Share and develop good practice
- Provide shared access to relevant training/ courses
- Review Liturgical provision in the area and make recommendations if necessary to the Bishop
- Promote and develop the implementation of Diocesan initiatives
- Work together on Pastoral issues
- Arrange celebrations when appropriate
- Adhere to the 5 Diocesan Pastoral Themes
- Communicate clearly and regularly with our Parishioners
- Meet with the Diocesan Pastoral Council twice yearly

## Our Areas of Work

- Sacramental Preparation
- Common access to services in support of marriage, the family and the bereaved
- Review of Mass provision in the community
- Emergency/sick cover
- Common action to enhance Safeguarding
- Common cross-Parish administration
- Ecumenical outreach
- Shared projects for mission at home and overseas
- Provision of courses for young people and adults
- Training for Ministries
- Days of reflection

**Anyone wishing to contact the Community Forum should do so through his/her own Parish Office.**