

# Downpatrick Pastoral Community ~ Parish of Saul & Ballee

First Sunday of Advent, Year C, Psalter Week 1

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018

## Mass Times

*St Patrick's, Saul*

Saturday Vigil	6.30pm
Sunday	9.30am
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday	10.00am
Friday	7.00pm
Saturday	10.00am

*St. Joseph's Ballycruttie*

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	11.00am
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	11.00am

*St. Tassach's Carlin*

Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	11.00am
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	11.00am

Weekly Collection - Envelopes £859.70, Loose Plate £231.90, Totalling £1,091.60. We thank all those who contributed.

The Sanctuary Lamp has been lit for private intentions this week. Anyone wishing to have the Sanctuary Lamp lit for their intentions should contact the Parish Office. The cost is £5 for the week, next available date is Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019.

## Parish Bonus Ball Draw Winners

**Wk 21: Imelda Hynds**

Congratulations and thank you for your support

**Coffee morning** in the Pastoral Centre after Sunday morning Mass (2<sup>nd</sup> December). Everyone welcome.

**Annual Parish Carol Service** will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in St Patrick's Church, Saul. Refreshments afterwards in the Pastoral Centre.

## Anniversary Masses:

Philomena McKermitt on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 6.30pm in St Patrick's, Saul

Patrick Burns on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 9.30am in St Patrick's, Saul

Fergus Artt on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 11am in St Joseph's, Ballycruttie

Thomas, Bernard & Minnie Magee on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm

Dessie Stratton on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am in St Patrick's, Saul

Brian McLaughlin on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 11am in St Tassach's, Carlin

**Annual Christmas Draw** – Prizes are £100, £75, £50 and £25 Cash, Luxury hamper plus other mystery prizes. Draw will take place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets priced at £5 for a book of 6. Winners names will be published in the Parish Bulletin. Ticket sellers should return all books (sold or unsold) to the Parish office before Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

**St Joseph's PS, Ballycruttie Open Day** on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 2.30-4.30pm

**"Twelve Days of Christmas" with The Priest's** in St. Patrick's Church, Downpatrick on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets available from the parish office, Downpatrick, Tel: 02844612084

**Tobar Mhuire Annual Christmas Craft Fair** takes place on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December from 1pm - 5pm. Hot food, homemade desserts, face painting and local Craft stalls. There's the Gift Shop for all your cards, cribs, and religious items, and of course a visit with Santa! All welcome.

## Advent Prayer Gatherings hosted by Knights of St Columbanus

Week 2 (7<sup>th</sup> Dec) – "The call of John the Baptist"

Week 3 (14<sup>th</sup> Dec) - Joy

Week 4 (21<sup>st</sup> Dec) - Saying Yes to God

All are welcome to come along to Saul Pastoral Centre after 7pm Mass each Friday during Advent. There will be light refreshments available and this is sure to be a peaceful and calming way to spend our time during Advent.

**Penitential Service in St Patrick's, Downpatrick on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm**

## "Thinking of others this Christmas"

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks of Advent (8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> December) the Parish will be supporting the "Fountain Foodbank" in Downpatrick.

Donations of NON-PERISHABLE goods, i.e. tins of fruit, soup, meat, vegetables etc. can be left at the crib in St Patrick's Church Saul during this time. The food will then be distributed to those families in need before Christmas.

## "Gesù Bambino" Mass on 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

We are inviting all children, families and Parishioners in our Parish to bring the Baby Jesus from their Crib. This will be blessed during Mass and this blessing will reach your homes and families. We ask that you take Baby Jesus home and wrap him in Christmas paper, to be the first present opened at Christmas – reminding us of the great gift we received at the birth of Christ. Dates - St Josephs on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>, St Patrick's and St Tassach's on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

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