

Downpatrick Pastoral Community ~ Parish of Saul & Ballee

Sixth Sunday of the year, Year B, Psalter Week 2 (4 from Wednesday)

Sunday 14th February 2021

St Patrick's, Saul

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

These Masses will be broadcast via our webcam only at

www.saulandballeeparish.com or
www.mcnmedia.tv

The Church is now closed for public Mass

There will be NO Eucharistic Adoration until further notice

The Church will open for private prayer on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and Saturday from 10.30am to 3.30pm

Wednesday 17th February is Ash Wednesday. This is a day of fast and abstinence.

We thank all those who contributed towards the upkeep of the Parish. Your support is much appreciated in these difficult times.

Diocesan Directories are available to purchase from the Parish Office priced at £4 each.

The Sanctuary Lamp can be lit for private intentions each week. Anyone wishing to have the Sanctuary Lamp lit for their intentions should contact the Parish Office.

St Vincent de Paul Helpline 07840 970104

Recently Deceased: Eileen McGrath

Anniversary Masses:

Saturday 13th February at 6.30pm – Claire McGrady, Maureen Brennan, Rita and Willie Rice
Sunday 14th February – Joe Duffy
Saturday 20th February – Elizabeth, Pat and Harry Teggart
Sunday 21st February – Dismas and Patrick Moore
Saturday 27th February – Bernadette Hynds

Parish Monthly Draw

Winner: Loughlin Brennan

We thank all our members and promoters for their continued support.

The next draw will take place on Wednesday 3rd March

Lenten Pioneer Pledge

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during Lent. Why not take this opportunity to perhaps help yourself or someone you know with an alcohol or drug problem by offering your sacrifice for freedom from addiction? Please consider taking the short-term Lenten Pledge and make a difference to someone's life and say the following daily prayer.

PRAYER: "I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink during Lent."

Trocaire boxes are available for pick up from St Patrick's Church, Parish Office or the porch at the Parochial house.

Prayer for Ash Wednesday

God our Father, on the day of Baptism we were claimed for Christ our Saviour by the sign of his Cross. On this Ash Wednesday, and in this time of pandemic, we come before you, desiring to fulfil our baptismal promises, by dying to selfishness and by living for Christ. And so, we pledge ourselves, in this Lenten season, to pray, to fast, and to give alms. Father, in your kindness, pour out your blessing upon us, as we make this threefold pledge:

The faithful are invited to repeat the following after the priest; while making the pledge the forehead is signed with the Cross, three times with the thumb.

I pledge myself to a time of prayer each day – as I do so, I sign my forehead + with the sign of the Cross.

I pledge myself to fast by denying myself some luxury – as I do so, I sign my forehead + with the sign of the Cross.

I pledge myself to give alms this Lent, by supporting Trocaire, or some other charity – as I do so, I sign my forehead + with the sign of the Cross.

By your grace, may we keep this Lenten pledge, in preparation for the joy of Easter. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Very Rev Fr Paul Alexander PP 02844 612525

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