

**A VERY WARM WELCOME TO EVERYONE ATTENDING OUR SERVICES ON MOTHERING SUNDAY. THIS UPDATE IS A SUPPLEMENT TO THE LENT BOOKLET WHICH CONTAINS INFORMATION ABOUT ALL OUR SERVICES AND EVENTS UP TO EASTER. YOU CAN EMAIL [ADMIN@DOWNCATHEDRAL.ORG](mailto:ADMIN@DOWNCATHEDRAL.ORG) FOR A COPY. THE INFORMATION ON THIS SHEET IS ABOUT SOME IMPORTANT EVENTS HAPPENING IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.**

### **PALM SUNDAY – AREA SERVICE AND CONTEMPORARY SERVICE**

**There will be an Area Service on Palm Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, at 11am in the Cathedral.**

**Our Contemporary Service at 7pm in Down Parish**  
*will be a chance to reflect on the Easter Story.*

*These will be the only services on Palm Sunday.*

### **TRIENNIAL MEETING**

**A reminder about a very important meeting for ALL parishioners which will take place in Down Parish Church this Thursday (23<sup>rd</sup>) at 8.00pm.** Every three years we have the opportunity to elect representatives to attend the Diocesan Synod and also Parochial Nominators. At the Diocesan Synod important decisions are made, including issues like how much parishes contribute to the Diocese. Representatives can ask questions about things happening in the Diocese and can also learn more about what is happening in other parishes. We can elect six representatives plus one person under 30. Parochial Nominators are part of the group who, with the Bishop, appoint clergy to LAMP. We need to elect four nominators and four reserves. Those who are elected to these posts are representatives of the whole of LAMP not simply individual parishes. ***Anyone who is a Registered Vestryman is entitled to attend and vote.*** It is important that as many as possible take part in these elections.

### **Mum's Night Out – IN!**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

An evening for mums of primary school (and younger) aged children. It will be focussed on self-care and parenting, with a savoury supper on offer as well. ***The evening will run from 7.30-9.30pm in Clough Non-subscribing Presbyterian Hall. The guest speaker will be Mrs Diane Hanna.*** Please book in with Lynda (07784272387) and bring a non-perishable item for the Fountain Foodbank on the night.

## NEWS OF FORMER RECTOR

We are very pleased to hear the news that our former colleague, Revd John Ewart (who was Rector of Bright, Ballee, Killough and Rathmullan) has been appointed as Rector of St Andrew's Killyman near Dungannon in Armagh Diocese. He and Rebekah will take up the post in May.



# REQUIEM

John Rutter

- Sionán Mullan and Lisa Dawson (Soloists)
- Chamber Ensemble
- Jack McCabe (Organ)

Performed by *Cathedra*  
(incorporating Cadenza and Down Cathedral Choir)  
Directed by Michael McCracken

Other works featured include:  
Allegri: Miserere Mei, Deus  
Mendelssohn: Hear my prayer  
Chilcott: God so loved the world

**Monday 3rd April 2023, 7.45pm**  
*Down Cathedral, Downpatrick*

**TICKETS £15** (including light refreshments)  
*Available at the door*

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST SAT 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT 10AM in French's Clough Cost £9**

We will be welcoming Kenny Hooks as our speaker. Kenny is a former Irish Rugby International and he is presently Vice Principal of the Royal School, Armagh. He will share something about his experience on the Irish team, his faith and his work in the present day. *Please register with Henry, Billy or Adrian by 22<sup>nd</sup> March.*

### **Diocesan Parish Reader Course**

Parish Readers are trained and by the diocese and commissioned by the Rector of their Parish to assist in leading worship. Usually, this means leading parts of the service, assisting with Holy Communion, leading intercessions etc. It is a wonderful way to serve and to bring variety to the worshipping life of the Parish. A new training course will run over 4 Wednesday nights after Easter. If you would be interested in training as a Parish Reader or finding out more, speak to one of the clergy. NB To enrol in this Diocesan Course, you will need a recommendation from the Rector.

### **Cathedral Volunteers**

The welcome ministry in the Cathedral greets tens of thousands of visitors each year. We are very blessed with a dedicated Cathedral staff and superb volunteers. We are always looking to expand our team of volunteers, who help with everything from welcoming tourists to staffing the shop. We even have a few who help us with odd jobs around the building. If you'd be interested in volunteering, please speak to the Dean or to Sharon the Cathedral Administrator. All applicants to volunteer are subject to an Access NI Safeguarding check.