

**DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA**  
**PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK**  
**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Emergency Mobile:** 07841101678  
**Parish Office:**  
Tel: 02844612084

**PARISH MASS TIMES:**

**St. Patrick's:**

Sat: 10am, 5.30pm (Vigil)  
Sun: 9am, 12 Noon,  
Mon- Fri: Daily Mass at 9.30am  
Mon, Wed & Fri, 7.30pm

**St. Colmcille's:**

Saturday 8pm (vigil) (75 Mins)  
Sunday 11am

**St. Malachy's:**

Sunday 10am  
Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday at 7:30pm

**St. Brigid's**

Saturday 7pm (Vigil)

**Confessions:**

St. Patrick's, Saturdays 12:00pm to  
1:00pm & 4.45pm -5.20pm and  
Monday 6:30 – 7:25pm & 8:15 –  
8:40pm

**Telephone Numbers:**

Fr. J. Murray : 44612443  
Fr. M. Henry : 44616224  
Fr. L Toland: 44613430

**Saint Vincent de Paul:** 44616557

**Parish Office:**

Open Mon - Thurs 9.30am –  
2:45pm

Priest on Duty: Mon & Tues 6.15pm  
– 7.15pm Tel: 44612084

St. Michael's Parish Centre:  
07518436591

Hospital Switchboard  
02844613311

**Weekly Collection:**

Offertory £1,975 Loose Plate £657  
Average Standing Order £190

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul:**

Volunteers needed in  
Downpatrick.

St. Vincent de Paul needs  
Home visitation volunteers to  
help families and individuals in  
need.

If you have time to spare and  
would like to help others in your  
community, please contact us  
for more information on  
02844616557.

Leave your contact details and  
a member of the St. Vincent de  
Paul society will speak to you  
about the work of the society in  
Downpatrick.

**Your Prayers Are Requested For:**

**Recently Deceased:** Chris Laverty,

**Month's Mind:** Greta McCavera

**Anniv:** Fr. John Mackle, Fr. Charles Bready, Fr. Donal Kelly, Fr. Eugene  
Arthurs, Desmond Mulvaney, Ignatius Vaughan, Joseph Blaney, Joe Duffy,  
Robert (Bertie) Galbraith, Justin Halpin, Kathleen Rooney, Veronica Stockdale,  
Mary Crane, Jim Rice, Eileen McVeigh, Patrick McCrissican (Snr), Frank -  
McCrissican, Michael Robinson,

*May They Rest In Peace*

**Baptisms:** We welcome into our Parish: Cormac Burke and Renae Morrison  
**Please note:** Four week's notice required for Baptism. An information sheet is  
available in the porch of St. Patrick's Church. This sheet should be filled in and  
brought to the Parish Office, Mon – Thurs 9.30am – 2.15pm or Mon & Tues  
Evenings 6.15pm – 7.15pm.

**The Evening Of Mercy:** Continues this Monday Evening 18<sup>th</sup> February

**St. Patrick's Church,**  
**6.30pm – 8:45pm.**

**6.30pm: Rosary,**

**7.30pm: Mass,**

**8.15pm: Rosary,**

**8:30pm Benediction,**

Join us for all of the evening or part of it. Everyone Welcome!

**Mass Intentions:**

**St. Patrick's, Monday, 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm:** Michael Robinson,  
**St. Patrick's, Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm:** Alfie Murphy, Billy Burns,  
**St. Patrick's, Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30pm:** Hugh McKee, Kevin Keenan, Jim Rice,  
Kathleen Reid, Patrick McQuoid, Henry Russell,

**Order of Malta:** A Mass to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 'Order of  
Malta' in our Parish will be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7:30pm. Everyone  
Welcome.

**Family Fun Day:** Community engagement event – 1pm to 4pm Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb –  
Downpatrick Sports centre – Face painting, Bouncy Castles, Hot dogs and  
Burgers for the children – Everyone Welcome.

**Medugorje Youth Festival:** Dublin Medugorje Pilgrimage Group, for the  
Youth Festival 2019. One of the biggest events of the year in Medugorje. ex  
Dublin costs €725 pps, for 7 nights. Payment can also be made in  
instalments Contact James Treacy 00353 860572216 or contact Joe Walsh  
Tours Dublin on 01-2410800. **Fatima and Lisbon:** James Treacy is also  
organising a trip to Fatima between 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June for the feast day of St.  
Anthony.

**Pilgrimage to The Holy Land:** All those who have booked and paid a deposit  
should have received written confirmation from the tour operator in relation to  
their booking. We are now accepting further payment towards the Pilgrimage  
cost – payments can be made in increments or in full. However FULL  
payment must be received in the Parish Office NINE WEEKS prior to the date  
of travel.

Travel Insurance: If you have not left a copy of your travel insurance to the  
office, please do so as soon as possible. Those who have booked travel  
Insurance through the tour operator have evidence of travel insurance in  
place and need to do nothing.

**Parish Bingo:** on Friday at 8:30pm, St. Michaels Parish Centre. Lots of prizes to  
be won. Book costs £6 or two for £11. Come along and try your luck.

**Downpatrick Parish Draw:** The final Draw for the 2018/19 Draw will take place  
on next **Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> February**. It is our intention to continue the Draw and the  
first draw will take place on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019, at 7pm** in the Parochial  
House. We hope all members will rejoice as the Draw is a great help to Parish  
finances. In the coming weeks our promoters will be approaching their members  
to rejoin. Or you can rejoin / join by coming to the Parish office, where our  
secretary, Mary Cullen, will be happy to accept you as a member. Many thanks for  
your generosity over the past year to all our members.

**Parish Website, Facebook and App:** The Parish Website is available at [www.parishofdownpatrick.com](http://www.parishofdownpatrick.com) We regularly  
update the site. You can also find us on Facebook 'Downpatrick Parish' or by visiting your phone / iPads app store and  
downloading our App 'Downpatrick Parish'. It's Free. You can also contact the parish by email at:  
[downpatrick@downandconnor.org](mailto:downpatrick@downandconnor.org)

**The Why? Course:** As many parishioners may know two men from our parish are in formation for the permanent Diaconate – Paul  
McCormick & Jackie Breen. They are now in the second year of formation. As part of their training they will be offering a course over  
the Spring and early Autumn – it is called the 'Why Course' – a 'sort of' Apologetics course in which Paul & Jackie, with a little help  
from Fr. Murray, will help us think about aspects of our faith – through chat and discussion as well as digital media. The first session  
will be called 'why I believe in God' and will take place in Patrick's Place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 8:10pm – 9:40pm. All  
parishioners are welcome

**Discovering Christ Course is back:** The Fifth session of 'Discovering Christ' will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 6:30pm in  
Patrick's Place. Even if you missed a session you can still join up but please let us know you are coming. And please please – if you  
have booked to come – and don't show up – let us know. The parish still has to pay for the meal ordered.

**New Arrangements for Baptism:** As part of our Faith Development Process in Our Parish, a new preparation programme for the  
Sacrament of Baptism will begin on May 2019. In order to facilitate this, we will not celebrate any Baptisms in May. Parents requesting  
Baptism for their child after Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> April, must give at least 6 weeks notice. They are also required to undertake a "Preparing  
Your Child for Baptism Session". The dates for these sessions along with the Baptism application form and further important  
information will be available to download from the website or collect from the Parish Office over the coming weeks. At the time of  
making your booking with Mary, the Parish Secretary, you will be invited to attend Mass on a Sunday before your baby's Baptism,  
when your child will be introduced and welcomed to the Parish Community.

**Baptism's in Downpatrick Parish:** The NORMAL place for Baptisms to take place is in the parish where the couple is resident. This  
is to provide a link between the sacrament of Baptism and the community / church where the family will worship and attend Mass.  
Sometimes exceptions are made but from 1<sup>st</sup> February these will only be granted if:

- The family are soon to be moving to the Parish where the baptism is requested.
- The family has a Priest friend or family member who has offered to perform the Baptism in his own parish.

**Neocatechumenal Way:** The parish members of the Neocatechumenal Way invite you to join them for a series of talks in Patrick's  
Place (church crypt), continuing on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm (lasting one hour). Do you struggle with your faith; are you suffering in your  
life; do you feel alone in the world; why not join us? Everyone most welcome. You can attend all or some of the talks and bring a friend.  
Parishioners are of course always welcome to the weekly Mass celebrated in St. Colmcille's each Saturday at 8pm by one of our  
parish clergy.

**Vacancy – Housekeeper:** A vacancy has arisen for a housekeeper at the curate's residence, Killough Road. The post holder will be  
required to provide an efficient and comprehensive housekeeping service to the Parish Curate. The terms are based on a permanent  
appointment requiring 4 hours' attendance each week. Work pattern to be agreed. Rate of Pay - £8.50 gross per hour. If interested in  
making application for this post, please download an application pack from either the Diocesan website at  
<http://www.downandconnor.org> by clicking on the link for JOB VACANCIES Application packs can also be obtained from the  
Downpatrick Parish Office.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019:** Full board in hotel: 7 nights (9–16 July) for £725 or 5 nights (10–15 July) for £650. Full board  
for sick or infirm pilgrims with medical and nursing care in Accueil Notre-Dame: 5 nights (10–15 July) for £550. Youth Team (7–16  
July) £590. All flights from Belfast International Airport. Application forms now available from the Parish office or for further information  
contact the Pilgrimage Office on 028 9077 0162 or email: [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org)

**Trócaire Volunteers:** For the past number of years Trócaire has enlisted the invaluable help of volunteers to support them in their  
work at a local level across the country. Recently, Trócaire has been working with several dioceses around the country to further  
develop ways in which parishes and Trócaire can continue to complement each other's work. With the support of Bishop Treanor, we  
are excited to launch the **Trócaire Volunteer Programme in D&C**. The role of a Trócaire volunteer is to raise awareness about our  
work in the parishes. This can include parish events, schools outreach, fundraising activities and campaigning events. Volunteers  
receive regular updates on our work, and are provided with full training and support. The programme will be officially launched on **Sat  
23<sup>rd</sup> Feb in Holy Rosary Parish Centre** and will include an information session and commissioning ceremony which will be  
celebrated by Bishop Noel Treanor as part of the vigil Mass. Want to get involved, contact Maria Kane (Trócaire) on 02890 808036 or  
email [maria.kane@trocaire.org](mailto:maria.kane@trocaire.org)

**Alzheimer's Society:** A series of free talks and information sessions will take place for anyone who carers for someone with  
dementia; has a family member or friend with dementia or anyone who has questions about dementia. The programme will run in  
Market House, 10:30am to 12:30pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February. This is a great way to meet other people with dementia or  
who are caring with dementia and get other support. For further information contact Laura Stewart on 02897 564681.

**RGU:** The Numbers were 09, 10, 12, 25, No Jackpot winner. 4 people shared £100. This week's jackpot £3,800

**Tea / Coffee & Hot Toast!** You are invited to Patrick's Place after Mass, every Friday, for a Cuppa and a slice of toast – or two!

**Fatima Statue:** The Legion of Mary have the Fatima Statue available to anyone in the Parish who wishes to have the statue in their  
home. If you are interested, contact Collette on 07732610247 or Parish office 44612084