

**DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA**  
**PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK**  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 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 £1,950 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:** James (Seamus) Murphy,  
**Anniv:** Fr. Francis Corr, Fr. Cathal McQuillan, Fr. Brendan Mooney, Fr. Neil  
McCamphill, Fr. Fergus Jordan, Fr. Michael Kelly, Fr. Fergus Jordan, Fr.  
Michael Kelly, Fr. Edmund Philips (DPK), Sr. Mary Agnes, Sr. Margaret,  
Sr. Brigid Fitzsimons, Naula Synnott, Annie Quinn, Oonagh Carson, Mary  
Curran, Robert McAlister, Alice Boyd, Henry Craig, Kieran Craig, Leo Byers,  
Donald Monkhouse, Esther Lowry,

*May They Rest In Peace*

**The Evening Of Mercy:** Continues this Monday Evening 4<sup>th</sup> March

**St. Colmcille's Church, Killough Road**

**6.30pm – 8:45pm.**

**6.30pm: Rosary,**

**7.30pm: Mass,**

**8.15pm: Rosary,**

**8:30pm Benediction,**

The Sacrament of the sick will be given out during Mass.  
Join us for all of the evening or part of it. Everyone Welcome!

**Mass Intentions:**

**St. Brigid's, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm:** 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary: Gerry McMullan

**Ash Wednesday: 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

Ashes will be distributed at the following Masses or services:

**St. Patrick's 9:30am – (OLSP will be in attendance) & 7:30pm**

**St. Brigid's 10am – (School will be in attendance)**

**St. Colmcille's 10am – (School will be in attendance)**

**10:40am St. Patrick's Grammar School (Service)**

**11:30am St. Mary's High School (Service)**

Ash Wednesday is one of the two days in Lent of Fast and Abstinence. We  
are also asked to abstain from meat on that day (and Good Friday).

Those between 14 – 65 years are asked to Fast also on Ash Wednesday  
for the faithful between the ages of 14–65.

**Lent Masses:**

During lent we encourage parishioners to attend daily Mass or at least to try to  
attend The 'Evening Of Mercy' Mass in St. Patrick's.

In addition to the usual Weekday schedule of Masses there will be Two extra  
evening masses:

**Tuesday's: 7:30pm – St Brigid's (from 12<sup>th</sup> March)**

**Thursday's: 7:30pm – St. Colmcilles (from 7<sup>th</sup> March)**

**Lent Reflection / Prayers** Every Wednesday of Lent after 9:30am Mass in St.  
Patrick's church, followed by discussions and refreshments in Crypt.

**OLSP – Irish Unit – First Confession:** Our Lady & St. Patrick Irish Unit will  
be celebrating their First Confession at St. Brigid's Church on Monday 5<sup>th</sup>  
March 1:30pm.

**First Friday calls:** Fr. Murrays's calls will be on March 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

**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. Register your pledge with local Pioneers and say the 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."

**Parish Bingo:** Every 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.

**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

**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.

**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 3<sup>rd</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. Even if you missed the others you are still welcome. Theme on 3<sup>rd</sup>: The Kerygma – Why it's so important.

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE (PSC)**

**Child Safeguarding in the Diocese of Down and Connor - Best Practice Guidelines**

The Diocese recently updated Best Practice Guidelines on child safeguarding and has produced updated  
documentation to be used by Parish groups working with children and young people in church premises.

During the next number of weeks Pastoral Safeguarding Committee members will be in contact with groups  
needing to adopt updated information.

From the 1st March 2019 all Church Sacristies in our Parish have a 'Daily Attendance Register' in place.  
This has to be signed by everyone using the Sacristy.

Further information on the above is available from any PSC member or online at  
[www.downandconnorsafeguarding.com](http://www.downandconnorsafeguarding.com)

**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.

**Downpatrick Nurses 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage:** 25<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – £689 – Staying at Hotel Agena with Full Board  
Accommodation. Travel insurance, Airport taxes, Lourdes City Tax and transport to Belfast International Airport are all included in the  
price. Please note the slight change of dates. For further information, you can contact Eddie on 07834325885 After 7:00pm

**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!

**RGU:** The Numbers were : 13, 15, 16, 24, - One person won £100. Jackpot now £4100

**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)

**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.

**Medugorje Irish Centre Apr – Oct 2019:** 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €279 per person  
sharing. Book any flight – any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that  
suit you. Tel: 00387 36 651 518 (Medugorje) or 00353 1 443 4510 (Ireland) or email [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com).