

**DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA**  
**PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK**  
**Sunday 10th 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 £2,122 Loose Plate £652  
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:**

**Month's Mind:** Hugh Francis Mason, Angela Smyth,  
**Anniv:** Fr. Sean O'Neill, Archdeacon Daniel Murphy, Fr. James Dean,  
Fr. Patrick O'Hare, Fr. Patrick McCrea, Sr. Therese O'Neill, Sr. Perpetua  
Murphy, Gerry McMullan, Noel Savill, Sally Mills, Rita Quinn (Ballynoe), Gerard  
McAuley, James Perry, Belle Magee, Bernard Deeny, Brian McConvey,  
Iain McKenzie, Liam Lynn,

*May They Rest In Peace*

**Mass Intentions:**

**St. Patrick's, Wed , 13<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm:** Gerard McAuley, Billy Murphy, Maura  
Linton, James Perry, & Iain McKenzie, Elizabeth & Gerard McComb,  
**St. Patrick's, Friday, 15<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm:** Paddy Davey, Pat Oakes, Austin Keating,  
Walter Keating & Belle Magee,  
**St. Patrick's, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>, 5.30pm:** 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Brian McConvey

**The Evening Of Mercy:** Continues on Monday Evening 18th March

**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!

**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)**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March:** Normal Morning Mass at 9.30am.

Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Farquhar at 11am for OLSP P.S &  
Cedar Integrated P.S and at 5pm for St. Brigid's P.S, St. Colmcille's P.S and  
Downpatrick P.S.

There will NOT be an evening Mass on that evening – the 'Evening of Mercy'  
will resume on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**St. Patrick's Day:** Masses are at the normal Sunday Mass Times. The  
Scouts will attend the 9am Mass, which will be in Irish.

**PLEASE NOTE:** THE Parish Office will be closed on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 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. 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.

**Shamrock Sale:** There will be a Shamrock sale outside all churches This  
weekend on 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> March. Shamrocks will cost £1 per pot. Proceeds are in  
aid of the Evangelisation.

**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:** Our service deacons 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

**Baptism's** We welcome into our parish: Mya – Rose Mcllwaine, Ella May Fegan and Kaiden Oakes.

**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:** Please note that the Wednesday talk in the Neocatechumenal Way catechesis will be at 6:30pm in Patrick's Place  
on 13<sup>th</sup> March.

**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.

**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!

**Holyland Pilgrims (Downpatrick Parish – Led by Fr. Murray)** Please keep the evening of May 28<sup>th</sup> in your diaries – for an  
opportunity to get together, get to know each other- have some refreshments – and watch a video on the Holyland. You will also  
receive your travel pack at this meeting. More details later, but the venue will be Patrick's Place (crypt of St. Patrick's Church).  
We would encourage those who have an outstanding balance to clear this over the next few weeks – this can be done by calling to the  
Parish Office Mon – Friday.

**St. Brigid's Primary School:** Require a cleaner, 10 hours per week, Monday to Friday 3pm to 5pm. The role will be a temporary one,  
and will be reviewed after a probationary period. Further information available from Denise at 02844612253

**St. Patrick's Choral Society:** Present 'Whistle Down The Wind' in the Great Hall, Downshire complex, from March 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets  
are available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk) or by calling 07547806572. Advanced booking is advised as tickets are limited. Show  
begins at 7.30pm

**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)

**Alpha Course:** (In A Catholic context): Would you welcome an opportunity to explore and discuss your Christian faith, life and  
community in an atmosphere of friendship and respect? If so, you may enjoy the Alpha Course in conjunction with Living Church and  
Mourne Pastoral Community Area – the course will be run over several evenings, commencing on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm and  
running until Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April. It will be hosted by Dundrum & Tyrella Parish in The Sacred Heart Primary School, Dundrum and  
everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments provided – to book onto the Dundrum & Tyrella Course, please contact Mary at  
02844612084 or Caren Collins, Living Church – [c.collins@downandconnor.org](mailto:c.collins@downandconnor.org)

**PARISH DRAW:** The Parish Draw will recommence on March 28<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to subscribe to the draw, please contact the Parish  
Office. Subscription is £5 per month, or £60 for the year, with monthly prizes of £1000, £200 and three prizes of £100n each. The final  
bonus draw will have a 1<sup>st</sup> Prize of £5000, 2<sup>nd</sup> £3000, 3<sup>rd</sup> £2000 plus the usual monthly prizes! Pop into the office Monday – Friday and  
purchase your ticket!!

**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).

**N.I Blood Transfusion Service:** The next blood session will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019 between 2:30pm–4pm &  
5:15pm–8pm. It will be held at the South Eastern Regional College, 110 Market Street, Downpatrick, BT30 6LZ.