

DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 17th 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 1st 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:

Recently Deceased: Nora Fitzsimons, Marie McCracken (Craigavon), Bernadette Laverty, Elizabeth (Betty) Kelly, Kathleen Kelly,
Anniv: Fr. Patrick J. O'Hare, Fr. Patrick McCrea, Fr. Anthony Meaney, Willie & Elizabeth Nolan, Annie Robinson, Dessie Savage, Gerry Doherty, Maureen Moss, Bernadette McKenney, Philomena Sloan, James Galbraith, Robert Galbraith, Pat Oakes, Margaret Gilchrist, Charles Canavan, Margaret Tweedie, William & Molly McCarthy, Patricia Weyman, Marie Tumelty, Aurther & Cecelia Tumelty, Margaret Savage, Joseph Coughlin (Annacloy), Paddy Davey, John & Patrick Rooney, Nellie & Dinny Brennan, Kathleen Bohill, Jimmy Curran (Snr), Elizabeth McGarry,

May They Rest In Peace

Mass Intentions:

St. Patrick's, Mon, 18th, 7:30pm: Seamus & Josephine Madine, Brian & Madeleine Gilfedder, Josephine & Joseph Denvir,
St. Brigid's, Tue, 19th, 7:30pm: Gerry Doherty,
St. Patrick's, Wed , 20th, 7.30pm: Anne McErlean, Charles Canavan, Hugh & Mary Young,
St. Patrick's, Friday, 22nd, 7.30pm: Dessie Savage, Darren Kelly,
St. Patrick's, Saturday 23rd, 5.30pm: Month's Mind: Seamus Murphy
St. Colmcille's Sunday 24th, 11am: Anniversary: Elizabeth McGarry

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,

The sacrament of the sick will be given out during Mass.
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

Thursday's: 7:30pm – St. Colmcilles

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 Mondav 18th 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.

Sign of Peace: As the winter season comes to an end, and taking into account the below normal levels of Flu-like symptoms in the community, The diocese has advised that the practice of suspending the sign of peace may be ended.

Futures Project: Are you aged 16 – 24yrs old? Are you looking for some direction? Do you want to find your future? Futures Project is a new and exciting 6 month youth program for personal and social development, good relations and citizenship. The young people will achieve an OCN Level 2 Award in Personal Success and Wellbeing and do 3-4 weeks of community volunteering experience. They will also have a mentor (via Start 360) to support them. F

Parish Website, Facebook and App: The Parish Website is available at 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

The Why? Course: The next session of the 'Why?' course will be on Wednesday 17th April (8:10 – 9:30pm) in Patrick's Place. The second session will be called '**Why I believe in Jesus**'. Through modern media, chat and discussion – and a cuppa ALL ARE WELCOME to attend and deepen their faith.

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, 14th 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.

Prolife: At the time when the life of a baby in the womb is deemed by many as dispensable the parish would like to set up a PROLIFE group, to help us appreciate the sanctity of life. A meeting will take place in Patrick's Place on Tuesday 26th March at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

Holyland Pilgrims (Downpatrick Parish – Led by Fr. Murray) Please keep the evening of May 28th 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. Patrick's Choral Society: Present 'Whistle Down The Wind' in the Great Hall, Downshire complex, from March 20th – 23rd. Tickets are available from www.ticketsource.co.uk or by calling 07547806572. Advanced booking is advised as tickets are limited. Show begins at 7.30pm

Missionaries of Africa Appeal: Fr. Charlie Timoney will speak at all Masses next weekend 23rd/24th March on the work of the missionaries of Africa (White fathers) in Africa. A collection will take place for the White Fathers. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

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!

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

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 14th March at 7pm and running until Thursday 9th 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

PARISH DRAW: The Parish Draw will recommence on **March 28th**. 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 1st Prize of £5000, 2nd £3000, 3rd £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

Parish Lenten Retreat: Saturday 6th April. Beginning with Mass at 10am. The retreat will continue in Patrick's Place from 10:30am to 4:30pm. The theme of the discussion is called "Life to the full" – Making the Bible help you pray. Conducted by David Payne and Janet Boher, (Café DVD) and Fr. John Murray. Bring a packed lunch. Tea and Coffee will be supplied. The charge for the day is £3 each.

Youth 2000 Ulster Retreat - The next Youth 2000 Ulster retreat will take place in St. Macartans college in Monaghan from Date: 12th - 14th April 2019, Venue: St. Macartans college in Monaghan Ages: 16 – 35 year olds Cost: Donation Only! Great CRAIC!!, Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! For more information, details and questions email: office@youth2000.ie

First Trust Bank Digital Day: Do you want to check your bank balance on your mobile phone and on the go. Come along to the First Trust Bank Digital Day on Tuesday 26th March at the Down Art's Centre between 11am to 3pm. You need to bring a smart phone or tablet or both on the day.

Loughinisland Massacre: Finding Hope Through Dark Days - Personal Reflections on the Loughinisland Massacre. Is it possible to find hope in the midst of mindless violence? In this evening of conversation, Emma Rogan and other family members, will share the experience of this awful event and its aftermath. Led by: Brian McKee. For further information, contact: 02844830242.