

DOWNPATRICK COMMUNITIES AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 24th 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 £2,081 Loose Plate £576
Average Standing Order £190

**Requests for
Baptism/Confirmation/Marriage
Certificates:**

In line with new Diocesan Policy on
Data protection, all requests for
Certificates MUST be made in
writing to the Parish Office. A
request form and package is
available at the parish office.

Bethany Bereavement Group:

Is a Parish based voluntary ministry
which aims to support the bereaved
and those suffering loss of any kind.
Many of the group have themselves
been bereaved; they are trained to
listen with compassion and
understanding. A Bethany group
member is available by calling
07407172174

Your Prayers Are Requested For:

Recently Deceased: Brendan Fitzpatrick, Vera Vaughan, Brendan Tweedie,
Sheila Gorman, Mary Reilly,
Month's Mind: Seamus Murphy
Anniv: Fr. Joseph McConville, Fr. Brian Tomelty, Fr. Andrew McGrattan, Fr.
John McPhillips, Fr. Liam Vaughan, Maureen Sheppard, Mary Gatt, May Bevin,
Bernadette Craig, Elizabeth McGarry, Dessie Savage, Darren Kelly, June
Hanna, Barney Halfpenny, Jean Halfpenny, Bridget McCruaise, Jim Smyth,
Kathleen Dooley, Maisie Trainor, Angela Bardon, Louis Grant, Mary Gracey,

May They Rest In Peace

Mass Intentions:

St. Patrick's, Mon, 25th, 7:30pm: Margaret Murphy, Dominic Murphy,
St. Patrick's, Wed, 27th, 7.30pm: Maureen Sheppard,
St. Patrick's, Friday, 29th, 7.30pm: Gerry & Oonagh Carson, Rory Walsh,
Rose O'Toole,
St. Brigid's, Saturday 30th, 7pm, Alfie Reynolds,
St. Patrick's Sunday 31st, 12pm: 1st Anniversary: Kathleen Dooley

The Evening Of Mercy: Continues on Monday Evening 25th 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 administered 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**

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.

2nd Collection this weekend: Fr. Charlie Timoney will speak at all Masses
this 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.

Sale of shamrocks: On behalf of the Neocatechumenal Way, we would like
to sincerely thank everyone for their continued support this year. We received
£530.

Sisters of Mercy are having a Stephen Smyth concert at the St. Patrick's
Centre on Thursday 9th May at 7:30pm. Tickets are £15, which includes super,
and are available at the parish office.

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

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
Baker, (Café DVD) and Fr. John Murray. Bring a packed lunch. Tea and Coffee will be supplied. The charge for the day is £3 each.

Thank You! Recently the BAPTIST community in the town – with their meeting house on Bridge Street – wound up their church and its
affairs. The community has given a gift of £2,000 to the catholic community in the town. Please pray for our brothers and sisters. May
God bless their generosity.

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.

RGU: The Numbers were 11, 15, 20, 24, No Jackpot winner. 4 people shared £100. This week's jackpot £4,400

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!

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

DOWNPATRICK PARISH DRAW: The first draw for the 2019/20 year will take place on **Thursday 28th March 2019.** If you would like
to join the Draw please contact the parish office (02844612084) or one of the promoters. The subscription is £5 per month or £60 for
the year. Monthly prizes are £1,000, £200, and 3 prizes of £100. Extra bonus prizes of £5,000, £3000 and £2,000 will be available in
the final month, February 2020. **It is urgent that** promoter's returns should be in **by Sunday 24th March 2019 by 7pm,** so that returns
can be computerised.

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.

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

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

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.

Sisters of Mercy would like to thank all those who supported the recent coffee morning in St. Michaels Parish Centre. The amount
raised was a Marvellous £1370. It has been sent out to Zambia to build a one roomed dwelling for a young family.