

**DOWNPATRICK COMMUNITIES AREA**  
**PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK**  
**Sunday 31st 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 £2,081 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:** Teresa Laverty,

**Anniv:** Fr. Owen O'Kane, Fr. Patrick O'Keeny, Fr. John McAteer, Fr. Charles Donnelly, Fr. Patrick McDowell, Canon Walter Larkin, Fr. Finbar Glavin (DPK), Patrick Curran (Portaferry), George McCullough (Ardglass), Josie Morrison, Sean O'Hare, Pat Flynn, Tommy & Harriet Drake & Family, Margaret (Peggy) McGrady, Angela Mckee, Gemma Mckee, Gerry Carson, Carrie McNenamy, Nellie Craig, Joe Fisher, Phyllis Robinson, Anne heaps (nee Harris), Carol Anne Magorrian, Betty Byrne, John Burns, Joseph Quinn, Pat Morgan, John Smyth (C'Wellan), Charlie McKeown, Francis McKeown, Joseph Breen, Andrew Savage, James Henry, Arthur & Bridget Rooney, Patrick Harris, Mary Walker,

**May They Rest In Peace**

**Mass Intentions:**

**St. Patrick's, Mon, 1<sup>st</sup> April 7:30pm:** Brian McCabe,  
**St. Patrick's, Wed , 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7.30pm:** Jim Johnston, Pat Morgan, Pat Flynn, Josie, Sean & Gordon Morrison, Mary Walker,  
**St. Colmcille's, Thurs 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm,** Joe Fisher, Nellie Craig,  
**St. Patrick's, Friday, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm:** Tommy O'Hara, Malachy Gilchrist, Rory Hunt, Tommy & Harriet Drake and Family,  
**St. Patrick's, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm** Month's Mind: Elizabeth (Betty) Kelly,  
**St. Malachy's, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>, 10am,** 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary: Fr. Finbar Glavin  
**St. Patrick's Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>, 12pm:** 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary: Maurice Lynch

**The Evening Of Mercy:** Continues on Monday Evening 1<sup>st</sup> April

**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**

**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."

**Anniversary Mass – Fr. Glavin:** The Sunday Mass on April 7<sup>th</sup> in St. Malachy's will be offered for Fr. Finbar's happy repose. It is his 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary.

**Irish in Kenya 100 years:** Don't Miss this beautiful and informative exhibition in the transept of St. Patrick's. It will be there until after Easter.

**St Colman's High & Sixth Form College:** Post – 16 Information Evening  
2019 Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 3.30pm – 5.30pm Tel: 028 97562518

**Theology Course:** On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April (6-7.30 pm) the Loyola Institute, Trinity College Dublin will host an open evening to provide an opportunity to learn about the possibilities of doing theology here – short courses, masters, and doctorates. The evening will include a short lecture, 'Fake News – Why Truth Matters' By Dr Fainche Ryan, Director, Loyola Institute. All are welcome. Venue: Loyola Institute, G16

**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)

**Parish Lenten Retreat: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**The Why? Course:** The next session of the 'Why?' course will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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. The session will be presented by our trainee deacons Jackie Breen and Paul McCormick with some assistance from Fr. Murray.

**Baptism's** We welcome into our parish: Charlotte Grace Sinclair and Colson Patrick Gane.

**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.

**Downpatrick Pro Life Group** Met for the first time on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm.** In Patrick's Place (Church Crypt). All are welcome. "From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life." (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2270)

**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.

**RGU:** The Numbers were 15, 22, 26, 27, No Jackpot winner. 2 people shared £100. This week's jackpot £4,500

**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 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)

**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](mailto:office@youth2000.ie)

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

**Downpatrick Parish Draw:**

The results of the New Parish Draw for 2019/20 year (March) are as follows:

1. Clare McCaugherty £1,000 (1181) 2. Doreen Brown – £200 (1009)  
3. Theresa Molloy – (992) £100 4. Myra Skeffington – (809) £100 5. Conor Maguire – (754) £100

**Promoter's Prize** - Pat McCrissican £30

Many thanks to our promoters and our generous members. Congratulations to the winners.

**The next draw will take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7pm,** in the Parochial House. **Promoters' returns to be in by 7pm, on Easter Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019.**

**Rosary at the Grottos:** Join thousands of people around Ireland as we go to our local Grottos to pray the Rosary each day during the month of May at 8pm (unless otherwise stated). To sign up your local Grotto simply visit [www.coastalrosaryireland.ie](http://www.coastalrosaryireland.ie) or call/text 087 278 6552.

**The Elmwood Chamber Orchestra:** under the direction of Fr Gerard Magee (Chaplain, Queen's University Belfast), will give a concert in the Great Hall in the Lanyon Building at Queen's University on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm.** Music by Arensky, Wagner and Mozart. Tickets at the door: Adult £10; Student £5