

**DOWNPATRICK COMMUNITIES AREA**  
**PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK**  
**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 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 £1,895 Loose Plate £715  
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:** John Skeffington, Fergus Curran, Colm Ellesmere  
**Month's Mind:** Elizabeth (Betty) Kelly, Kathleen Kelly, Norah Fitzsimons,  
**Anniv:** Fr. Kevin O'Leary, Fr. John Sloan, Fr. Francis X. Kennedy, Fr. Dan  
Crilly, Sr. Angela Deigan, Michael McCabe, Cissie McGrady, Karen Hanna,  
Hugh Cunningham, Carmel Fitzsimons, Leonard Craig, Dessie Craig, Ann  
Holland, Margaret McComiskey, Henry Smyth, Nancy Trainor, Lily Gordon,  
John Fitzpatrick, Sean Donaldson, Sean Fay, Tony Norney, George Tumelty,

**May They Rest In Peace**

**Mass Intentions:**

**St. Patrick's, Mon, 8<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm:** Francie Kelly, Josephine McCoubrey,  
**St. Patrick's, Wednesday , 10<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm:** Ann Holland  
**St. Patrick's, Friday, 12<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm:** Month's Mind: Norah Fitzsimons,  
Ann Murphy, Ann Sloan, Josie Cunningham, Terry Bell, Stephen Shannon,  
**St. Brigid's, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>, 7pm:** Month's Mind: Sheila Vaughan,  
**St. Patrick's Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>, 12pm:** Month's Mind: Brendan Tweedie,

**The Evening Of Mercy:** Continues on Monday Evening 8<sup>th</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."

**Catechists Group:** There will be a SHORT meeting of this group involved in  
giving catechism lessons and instruction in the presbytery on **Wednesday**  
**17<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm.**

**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

**Finance Committee Meeting:** The next meeting will take place in the  
Parochial House on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April starting at 8:15pm.

**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

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima:** Down and Connor Diocesan Bi-Annual  
Pilgrimage to Fatima Led by The Most Reverend Bishop Noel Treanor DD.  
15-22 August 2019. 7 Nights Full Board Hotel Avenida. £715 Includes Taxes  
and Insurance. Pilgrimage Directors Fr G McCloskey and Fr S Gilmore. For  
Further Details Contact Joe Catney – 028 9071 4001 or 077 7642 5631.

**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)

**Penitential Service:** There will be a penitential service for the Downpatrick and Lecale area. it will take place in St. Patrick's on  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 5pm.** There will be several confessors available. Make your Lent special by making a good confession.

**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)

**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.

**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

**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.

**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.

**Pro-Life Information Meeting:** Precious Life will be hosting several information evenings regarding the upcoming elections with  
advice on candidates and their stance on abortion. One of them will take place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April @ 7.30pm Canal Court,  
Newry. All welcome. For more information contact **Precious Life on 02890278484 or email [info@preciouslife.com](mailto:info@preciouslife.com)**

**RGU:** The Numbers were 07, 08, 21, 22, No Jackpot winner. 5 people shared £100. This week's jackpot £4,600

**Tea / Coffee & Hot Toast!** You are invited to Patrick's Place after Mass at 10am, 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 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.**

The Saint Patrick Centre will be hosting Rathfriland man Professor Francis Campbell in its monthly Lecture Series on Friday 12th April.  
Professor Campbell was Policy Advisor and Private Secretary to Prime Minister Tony Blair from 2001- 2003 and British Ambassador to  
the Vatican from 2005 -2011, during which time the BBC made a three part documentary about him called 'Our Man in the Vatican'.  
Professor Campbell, who is the Vice-Chancellor of St Mary's University, Twickenham has recently announced that he will become Vice  
Chancellor of the University of Notre Dame in Australia from next January. He will be lecturing on 'Shared Society and the Role of  
Saint Patrick in Reconciliation' on Friday 12th April at 7.30pm. Admission free.