

**DOWNPATRICK COMMUNITIES AREA**  
**PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK**  
**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

**Emergency Mobile:** 07841101678  
**Parish Office:**  
Tel: 02844612084

**PARISH MASS TIMES:**

**St. Patrick's:**

Sat: 11am, 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 £2,600 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:** Peggy Curran, Sheila powderley, Sarah Hogg,  
Kathleen Burke

**Month's Mind:** Fergus Curran,

**Anniv:** Hilary Armstrong, His Eminence Tomas Cardinal O'Fiaich, Msgr. Dean  
Francis Kerr, Elizabeth (Lily) Murray, Mona Jamison, Patrick McVeigh,  
Maureen & Joseph Rice, James Carson, Susan McCrissican, Michael  
McGrady, Lily Connor, Sean Mulholland, Tommy Stitt, Elizabeth Williams,  
Jack Quinn, Teresa Fay, Eleanor Stevens, Isabel & Alf Oakes, Bill Galbraith,  
Jim Cochrane, Isobel Spencer, Raymond McNabb, Rosaleen McDaid, Michael  
Williams, Eileen Murray, Hugh Burns, Ciara Burns, Anne T Sharvin,  
Alice Gargan

**May They Rest In Peace**

**New Arrangements for Baptism:** As part of our Faith Development Process  
in Our Parish, Parents are asked to give 6 weeks notice for Baptism. 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.

**Mass Intentions:**

**St. Brigid's, Mon, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm:** Seamus Tierney, Gertrude Teggart,

**St. Patrick's, Wed, 8<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm:** Joseph Torney,

**St. Patrick's, Fri, 10<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm:** Month's Mind: Eileen McCullough

**St. Patrick's, Sat, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 5.30pm:** 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary: Angela Carpenter

**St. Patrick's, Sat, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 5.30pm:** Month's Mind: Margaret Trueman

**St. Brigid's, Sat, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm:** 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary: Mary Deegans

**St. Patrick's, Sun, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 12pm:** Month's Mind: Michael McCashin,

**The Evening Of Mercy:** Continues on Monday Evening 6<sup>th</sup> May in:  
**St. Brigid's Church, Rathkeltair Road**

**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!

**Parish Office Closure:** Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on  
May Day (Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May) and will re-open on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. For  
Emergencies only please contact: 07841101678.

**First Holy Communion Dates:** First Holy Communion this year will take  
place on the following dates:-

**Our Lady & St. Patrick PS – Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am:** Please note:  
there will be no 10am Mass that morning. Parishioners are welcome to attend  
this Mass.

**St. Colmcille's PS – Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 11am**

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**St. Brigid's PS – Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am**

**Downpatrick Holy Land Trip:** Please note that the 'evening' for people  
going on this pilgrimage has been changed from Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May to  
**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 8:15pm – 9:30pm.** The 'evening' will take place in  
Patrick's Place – the crypt of St. Patrick's Church Downpatrick.

This is an opportunity to meet the other members of the group – to watch a  
short video on the Holy Land – and to receive your travel pack. If you cannot  
attend please contact the parish office (44612084) to make arrangements  
about receiving your travel pack.

**First Friday Sick & Housebound:** Fr. Henry will visit his sick and  
housebound on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Apologies for any  
inconvenience.

**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)

**Church Door Collection:** There will be a church door collection next weekend for the 'Children's Chernobyl Appeal'. It will take place  
at all churches.

**Following Christ Course:** The follow-up course to 'Discovering Christ' began on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Even if you were not able to  
attend you are still welcome. The course is especially for those who attended the first two courses in the Autumn of 2018 and Spring of  
2019. The Course – to deepen our faith in Christ – takes place in Patrick's Place (the crypt of the church – every Tuesday (7pm –  
9pm)) until June 11<sup>th</sup>. Light refreshments available.

**"To follow Jesus Closely"** is the title of Bishop Treanor's latest pastoral letter. Please collect a copy in the churches and – once read  
– pass it on especially to a young person.

**Vocations Novena:** A vocations Novena will begin in the parish on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May and conclude on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Booklets for  
this can be collected in the churches. We encourage families to pray the short prayers and readings for each day together as a family if  
possible. A copy of each day will be on the Parish Facebook page as well as the parish app.

**Holy Hour:** A special Holy Hour for vocations will take place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 12pm in St. Patrick's. It will be led by the parish  
St. Joseph's young priest's society. Each day at Mass there will also be prayers of the faithful offered.

**Lough Derg Pilgrimage Season:** One Day Retreats during May, August & September, Three day pilgrimages during June, July &  
August. One day retreats are a guided day of prayer and reflection, pilgrims keep footwear on, refreshments on arrival and a light  
lunch is served – cost 45 Euro per person. Group concessions are available – visit [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org) for booking and information.

**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.

**RGU:** winning Numbers – 04, 06, 09, 19 No Jackpot winner. 17 people matched 3 numbers. This week's jackpot £5,000

**Beloved Christ Course** – A new Course for the over sixties! An opportunity to meet friends, watch a short DVD presentation,  
followed by a question and answer and discussion session. Starting on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10.15am (immediately after Mass) in Patrick's  
Place – and running over six weeks until June 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Pope Francis has been reminding us that all 'older people are a treasure' – come and join us for a very profound and enjoyable course  
which will help you deepen your faith, giving you more confidence and value in your day to day life. Each Session last 30 minutes –  
join us for all of the sessions or some of them! Everyone Welcome. Contact 02844612084 to let us know if you wish to attend. Light  
refreshments will be served.

**Parking at St. Patrick's Church:** Please avoid parking at the front of the parochial house – the priest on call uses this route to leave  
the house. Please do not park on the grass and try to ensure that no entry or exit points are blocked. There have been several  
instances recently where cars were double parked at the front of the parochial house, meaning there was no way for visitors or clergy  
to gain access to the house. When parking in Folly Lane, please do not park across the entry to the Parochial House – please do not  
park across the gates of the nursery school as access is required to the property 24/7.

**Please Pray for Fr. Pier Luigi Macalli, Italian SMA Priest, who was kidnapped in Niger republic on September 17<sup>th</sup> 2018. The  
Condition and whereabouts of Fr. Pier are currently unknown. He belongs to the same congregation as Fr. Derek Kearney.**

**Hearing Aid Users:** The Hearing Aid User Support Service (HAUSS) is a free service funded through the Health and Social Care  
Board which operates throughout Northern Ireland. If you need help with your NHS hearing aids, visit them for:  
Ear mould cleaning and re-tubing and battery replacement / Basic training for hearing aid use and maintenance /  
Information on other equipment and services / Basic hearing check if you are worried about your hearing.  
They are available on the first Thursday of each month in 2019 6<sup>th</sup> June 4<sup>th</sup> July 1<sup>st</sup> August 5<sup>th</sup> September 3<sup>rd</sup> October 7<sup>th</sup> November & 5<sup>th</sup> December  
They will be based in one of the upstairs rooms at the Ballymote Centre, 40 Killough Road, Downpatrick at 1:30pm to 3:30pm.  
For further information contact Hazel Wilson on 07342994453 or email: [Hazel.Wilson@hearingloss.org.uk](mailto:Hazel.Wilson@hearingloss.org.uk)

**Downpatrick Parish Draw:** The next draw will take place on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019 at 7pm**, in the Parochial House. Promoters' returns  
to be in **by 7pm, on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019.**

**ACCORD:** are inviting applications for the Certificate in Counselling (Marriage & Relationship) for the Academic Year 2019/2020. The  
certificate, validated by St. Patrick's College, Maynooth is aligned to level 8, 20 ECTS on the National Framework of qualifications and  
is aimed at qualified, experienced counsellors/psychotherapists who have a degree /diploma in counseling/psychotherapy, completed  
a minimum of 200 client hours and have a current supervised caseload, applicants also need knowledge/experience of the person  
centred approach. Successful applicants course and supervision fee paid by Accord – to apply, visit <http://www.accord.ie/joining-accord/becoming-a-counsellor> closing date for receipt of applications is May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Time for a New Challenge?** – are you interested in becoming a Facilitator or Associate Counsellor with Accord Catholic Marriage  
Care Service? Would you like to share your positive married experience with engaged and married couples? For further information,  
please contact 02890233002 or email [info@accordni.com](mailto:info@accordni.com)