

DOWNPATRICK COMMUNITIES AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 12th May 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 £3,210 Loose Plate £581
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: Kenneth Dryden, Meta McCormick,

Month's Mind: Margaret Trueman, Michael McCashin,

Anniv: Canon James Close, Jackie Graham, Angela Carpenter, Marie Byrne,
Mary Harris, Bridget McDonald, Eleanor Cope, Billy Blaney, Rosa Adair, Belle
& Lesley Dawes, Gerry Magee, Angela Campbell (Derry), Mary Burns, Norah
Quinn, Gertie Cousins, Mary Mahon, Danny Haughian, Michael & Sally Mills,
Samuel Griffin, Sarah Griffin, Ted Griffin, Kathleen McGuile,

May They Rest In Peace

Mass Intentions:

St. Brigid's, Mon, 13th May, 7.30pm: 1st Anniv: Brian Fitzsmmons, &
Margaret Fitzsimmons,

St. Patrick's, Wed, 15th, 7.30pm: Harry & Mary Harris, Samuel Griffin,

Sarah Griffin, Ted Griffin, Kathleen McGuile, Josephine Denvir,

St. Patrick's, Sat, 18th May, 5:30pm: 1st Anniversary: Marie Byrne

St. Colmcille's, Sun, 19th May, 11am: 1st Anniversary: Julie Smyth

The Evening Of Mercy: Continues on Monday Evening 13th May in:

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!

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

St. Colmcille's PS – Saturday May 18th at 11am

St. Brigid's PS – Saturday May 18th at 10am

Downpatrick Holy Land Trip: Please note that the 'evening' for people
going on this pilgrimage has been changed from Tuesday 28th May to
Monday 20th 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.

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 17th 2018. The Condition and
whereabouts of Fr. Pier are currently unknown. He belongs to the same
congregation as Fr. Derek Kearney.**

Coffee Morning: At the Lakeside Inn (Ballydugan) on Saturday 25th May
between 10am and 12:30pm. The proceeds go to Downpatrick branch of
Apostolic Work. On the same weekend – 25th and 26th May – there will be a
church door collection outside all of the churches for the Apostolic Work.

"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.

RGU: winning Numbers – 06, 14, 15, 22 No Jackpot winner. 6 people
matched share £100. This week's jackpot £5,100

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

NEW PREPARATION SESSIONS FOR BAPTISM:

The first session will take place on Thursday 16th May 2019, at 7:30pm in "Patrick's Place" (the crypt at St. Patrick's Church). The first
session is for parents of children to be baptized during the month of June and will last a little over one hour. Sponsors are also
welcome.

From now on it will be necessary for parents to book Baptisms, giving at least 6 weeks' notice. The dates for future preparation
sessions, along with Baptism application forms and other important information can be obtained from the parish office. At the time of
booking with Mary, the parish secretary, you will be invited to the 12 noon Mass on the last Sunday of the month before the month of
your child's Baptism. At this Mass your child's name will be placed on the overhead projectors and prayer offered for all these children
during the prayers of the faithful.

The idea behind this is that your child is introduced to and welcomed by the parish community. Baptisms can now be booked for July,
August and Subsequent months, as long as 6 weeks notice is given.

The purpose of the short preparation sessions is to acquaint parents with the meaning and nature of the baptismal ceremony. They will
also give the priests an opportunity to meet parents before the ceremony.

The preparation session will be coordinated by lay people from the parish and we are very grateful to them for all the time they have
devoted to preparing the programme.

The Diocesan Novena has been a wonderful opportunity for us to come together, in churches and homes across the Diocese, to pray
for Vocations to the Priesthood here in Down & Connor. Everyone is very welcome to the Cathedral this Good Shepherd Sunday
evening (12th May) at 5pm when the Novena will be brought to a conclusion by Bishop Treanor with the celebration of Evening Prayer.

Following Christ Course: The follow-up course to 'Discovering Christ' continues on Tuesday 14th May. 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 11th. Light refreshments available.

The Why? Course continues in Patrick's place on Wednesday 22nd May at 8:10pm to 9:30pm.

The topic this month will be 'Why the Church?' Our trainee Deacons Paul and Jackie – with a little help from Fr. Murray – will lead us
into a discussion about why we need the church – using modern digital input as well. Even if you missed the previous two sessions
you are very welcome to attend.

Church Door Collection: The will church door collection this weekend for the 'Children's Chernobyl Appeal', provisionally, has been
postponed until 8th / 9th June.

Vocations Novena: A vocations Novena will begin in the parish on Saturday 11th May and conclude on Sunday 19th 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 18th 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.

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. Continuing on May 16th at 10.15am (immediately after Mass) in Patrick's
Place – and running over six weeks until June 6th. 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.

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 6th June 4th July 1st August 5th September 3rd October 7th November & 5th 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

Downpatrick Parish Draw:

The April Parish draw took place on Thursday 25th April 2019; The winners were: 1. Tony Cullen – (901) £1,000 2. Carmel Smyth –
(620) £200 - 3. Colette Orr – (468) £100 4. Roisin McIlhone – (916) £100 5. Mickey McDowell – (991) £100

Promoter: Mary Cullen (£30) Many thanks to our hard-working promoters and our generous members. Congratulations to the
winners. **The next draw will take place on Thursday 23rd May 2019 at 7pm. Promoters' returns to be in by 7pm, Sunday 19th
May 2019.**