

**DOWNPATRICK COMMUNITIES  
AREA  
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 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 £2050 Loose Plate £680  
Average Standing Order £190

**Your Prayers Are Requested For:**

**Recently Deceased:** Ann Woods, Tommy Burns, Aiden Killen (Saul),  
Christina Morrison,  
**Anniv:** Fr. Henry Carlin, Fr. Patrick Meenan, Fr. Hugh Sheridan, Alice Gargan,  
Seamus Kelly, John Kelly, Bill Smyth, Deirdre Robinson, Jack Feenan,  
Marie Burn, Brigid Donald, Julie Smyth, Sheila McAllister, Robert Hunt,  
Sylvester Vaughan, Maureen Fitzsimons, Jake Baker, Therese Walsh,  
Peter Gibney Jnr, Ella McCrory, Francie McCrory, Jimmy Fitzsimmons,  
Aidan Donaldson, Jenny Quinn – O'Brien, Sr. Mary Aloysius, Sr. Mary leontia,  
Margaret Mary Ward, Margaret Rooney, John Molloy, Daniel Quinn,  
**May They Rest In Peace**

**Mass Intentions:**

**St. Patrick's, Mon, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm:** Lily & Jack Moore & Deceased  
Members of the Moore family, Charlie Lowry, Jack Feenan, Siobhan Martin,  
**St. Patrick's, Wed, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7.30pm:** Ita Reilly, Jake Baker,  
**St. Patrick's, Fri, 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm:** Sean Deegan, Leo Hanna, Muriel Molloy,

**The Evening Of Mercy:** Continues on Monday Evening 20<sup>th</sup> 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!

**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.

**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.

**Pilgrim/Tourist Groups:** Every year about 25 – 30 pilgrim groups come to  
our town to visit the Cathedral, St. Patrick's Grave, and The St. Patrick's  
Centre, if they are Catholic, they also like to visit St. Patrick's Church and  
celebrate Mass with us. When available, Fr. Murray gives a short talk on the  
church and the story of Patrick. However, due to other commitments and  
different times of groups arriving, he is not always available for this.

If you think you could give this talk (help will be provided) please contact the  
parish office and offer your services. It is a great blessing to the parish and  
welcomed by the tour groups.

**Bus To Knock:** June 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Accommodation cost 90 euro, bus £35. Booking  
and further information contact Kate 07762211658

**St. Joseph's Young Society:** Draw winners – Deirdre Haughian & Patricia  
McManus. The amount raised to date is £1300 – thank you for your support  
and generosity.

**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)

**NEW PREPARATION SESSIONS FOR BAPTISM:**

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.

**Following Christ Course:** The follow-up course to 'Discovering Christ' continues on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>. Light refreshments available.

**The Why? Course** continues in Patrick's place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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 23<sup>rd</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.

**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> May 2019 at 7pm**, in the Parochial House. Promoters'  
returns to be in by **7pm, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019.**

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

**RGU:** winning Numbers – 3, 16, 18, 19, No Jackpot winner. 4 people matched share £100. This week's jackpot £5,200

**Rosary At The Grotto:** In keeping with the practice throughout the country, parishioners are encouraged to recite the Rosary at their  
local public grotto. Our Parish will be doing so on the Feast of The Visitation of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 7pm, just  
before the 7.30pm Mass.

Diocesan Pilgrimage To Knock: Will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019 leaving St. Colmcille's Parish, Belfast. Bishop Noel and Fr. Vincent  
Cushnahan will join pilgrims travelling on the Feast of St. Colmcille. The Bus leaves at 7.30am and will return at 10.30pm – there will  
be a stop for breakfast and on the return journey, a stop for a two-course dinner at The Killyhevlin Hotel. The cost is £45 per person  
and due to the limited number of seats, places should be booked and paid for no later than June 5<sup>th</sup> by contacting Geraldine at  
90654157.  
Young people are also invited to attend as there will be a special programme available for them in the Knock Youth Hub and a tour of  
the pilgrimage site – contact Noeleen for further information on 07879498131

**Sleeping St. Joseph Statues:** We have received confirmation from our supplier that the statues should be with us towards the end of  
June. Thank You for your patience to all of those who have ordered statues. We have a wait list for statues at present – if you would  
like to be added to the list, please call to the Parish Shop or PM the Facebook page. Once this stock is gone, we are unsure of when  
we will be able to restock.

**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