

DOWNPATRICK COMMUNITIES AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 26th 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 £2050 Loose Plate £680
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 O'Lone (Lisburn)

Month's Mind: Sheila Powderley

Anniv: Canon Patrick McKillop, Fr. Thomas Lynch, Canon Padriag Murphy
Fr. Henry Loy, Fr. Maurice McAleese, Kathleen Irvine (Ardglass), Mary Deeny,
Brendan Keenan, Philomena Nolan, Bridie Rice, Paddy Rice, Mary Rea,
Thomas Trainor, Lily O'Flynn, William McKeating, Larry Hampton,
Olivia Cullen, Mary Burns, Colin Jones, Sr. Mary Teresa, Cecelia Crolly,
Pat Crolly, Josephine Mackel, Seoirse Mackel, Patricia Dewalt, Maureen
Young, John Young, Anna Murphy,
May They Rest In Peace

Mass Intentions:

St. Patrick's, Mon, 27th May, 7.30pm: Anniv Olivia Cullen
St. Patrick's, Wed, 29th May, 7.30pm: Patrick Milligan, Mary Elizabeth
McAuley, David Burns, Daniel Rooney, Br. Michael O'Dwyer
St. Patrick's, Friday, 31st May, 7.30pm: Austin Cunninham, Bella & Frank
Ritchie, Anna Murphy, Clare Campbell, David Doran,
St. Patrick's, Saturday, 1st June, 5.30pm: Month's Mind: Sarah Hogg

The Evening Of Mercy: Continues on Monday Evening 27th 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 Pro-Life Group: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 11th
June from 8pm – 9.30pm in The Presbyterian Church Hall, Fountain Street.
The Guest Speaker will be Bernadette Smyth, Director of 'Precious Life'.
The meeting will begin with some light refreshments and there will be ample
time for discussion. All Welcome!

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

PLEASE NOTE: PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAY 27th MAY.
Re-opens on Tuesday 28th. For emergency calls ONLY, contact
07841101678.

Fatima Statue: The Legion of Mary will bring the statue to any home in the
Parish, it remains in the home for one week. If you or your family would like
to have the statue in your home, please contact 02844612495, leaving your
name and number and someone be in touch to arrange a visit.

Skip At Killough Road Cemetery: The skip is located at the rear of the
cemetery to ensure we keep the graveyard tidy – unfortunately, it has come
to our attention that rubbish is simply being thrown in the general area where
the skip sits, and not into the skip, resulting in rotting rubbish which
encourages rodents. **This is not acceptable!**
The area now has to be dug out and cleaned before the skip can be returned
to the cemetery – PLEASE respect the resting place of all our families and
friends – use the skip to dispose of rubbish; Please do not throw rubbish on
the ground or leave it lying around.

Cemetery Sunday:

Killough Road, 3pm on Sunday 30th June.
Struell, 3pm on Sunday 7th July.

As in previous years, parishioners can park in the grounds of St. Colmcille's
Church to help ease congestion. Please avoid parking at the rear of the
Killough Road Cemetery – we try to keep this area free for disabled parking.
Thank you for your co-operation.

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:

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 next session will be held on June 20th.

Following Christ Course: The follow-up course to 'Discovering Christ' continues each Tuesday. 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.

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. Continues 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.

RGU: winning Numbers 12, 24 27 28, No Jackpot winner. 5people matched share £100. This week's jackpot £5,300

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 31st May at 7pm, just
before the 7.30pm Mass.

Diocesan Pilgrimage To Knock: Will take place on 9th 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 5th 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.

Parish Draw:

The winners of the draw on May 23rd were:

644: £1000: Kathleen Savill

80: £200: Myra Skeffington

765: £100: Mrs S. Smyth

1057: £100 Brendan Lennon

1130: £100 Caroline Quinn Kelly

Promoter – Fr. Murray

Many thanks to our promoters and generous members. Congratulations to all the winners. The next draw will take place on Thursday,
20th June, at 7pm in the Parochial House. Promoters returns should be in by 7pm on Sunday, 16th June 2019.

Christmas Crib: we have received a letter from the Holy Family Hospital in Jerusalem, thanking Parishioners for their very generous
contributions to the Christmas Crib over the last two years – on behalf of the parish, £1300 was donated to the hospital. This will
allow the hospital to continue to provide care for women and infants – without regard to religion or national origins. On average the
hospital have 400 pre-natal babies per year who benefit from the NICU at the hospital. The monies received from Downpatrick
Parish have been allocated to the 'Neonatal Poor Case Fund' in order to provide direct support to the poorest families in Palestine
who would otherwise be unable to cover the cost of welcoming a new life in decent conditions. Sincere Thanks to all who contributed
from All at Holy Family Hospital, Jerusalem.
For those on Facebook – the letter is available to view in its entirety on facebook.