

DOWNPATRICK COMMUNITIES AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 2nd June 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: Una Burke, Brian Fitzsimmons, Raymond Degan - (Australia & Crossgar),

Month's Mind: Sarah Hogg

Anniv: Fr. Maurice McAleese, Fr. Dallan Dargan, Fr. Matthew Wallace, Fr. Francis Harper, Kathleen McCullough, James Hanlon, Ursula Farrell, Theresa Dagens, Jim Sloan, Eileen McShane, Patrick Morgan, William Hanna, James Major, Thomas Major, Clare McCartan, Mary K Trainor, Michael Oakes,

May They Rest In Peace

Mass Intentions:

St. Patrick's, Friday, 7th June, 7.30pm: Niall McNeill, Don Bradley, John Quinn, Elsie Quinn, Noel Quinn,
St. Patrick's, Sat, 8th June, 5.30pm: 1st Anniversary: Geraldine Keenan

The Evening Of Mercy: Continues on Monday Evening 3rd June in: **St. Colmcille's Church, Killough 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!

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

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.

Sick Visitation: The Priests of the Parish will visit the sick & housebound during First Friday week.

Apostolic Work: Summer sale of work, cake sale & tombola in Patrick's Place (the Crypt), on June 8th and 9th before and after Masses. Please support the Missions.

Healing Mass: Devotion to St Pio Monday 3rd June @ 7.30 PM in ST Mary's Star of the Sea Church, Killyleagh. ST Pio's Relic will be available before and after Mass.

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.

Corpus Christi (The Body of Christ):

This year the Downpatrick Pastoral Community (10 Parishes in this area) will celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi (**23rd June**) by holding a Eucharistic Service at 5pm on the grass area in front of the Parish house (weather permitting).

The service will last about 30 to 35 minutes. Parishioners from all the 10 parishes are invited to park in the carpark (steward in yellow visible jackets will guide you) and assemble on the grass – bring a rug / cushions if desired.

The Primary 4 children and parents (this years first communion classes) are invited to assemble in the church from 4:30pm and together with the Blessed Sacrament will leave the church at 5:00pm to begin the time of prayer and praise. Children are encouraged to attend in their 1st Communion outfits.

RGU: winning Numbers 20, 21, 22, 24, No Jackpot winner. 2 people share £100. This week's jackpot £5,400.

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.

Downpatrick Parish Draw: The next draw will take place on **Thursday 20th June 2019 at 7pm**, in the Parochial House. Promoters' returns to be in by **7pm, Sunday 16th June 2019**.

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.

St. Dillon's Avenue Playing Fields: The Parish have agreed to allow both the Russell Gaelic Union and Downpatrick Football Club to continue to use the playing fields over the summer, as in previous years. ALL DOG WALKING IN THE FIELD IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN AT ALL TIMES. The notices to this effect have been in place for two years. Dog waste is seriously dangerous to children's health.