

**DOWNPATRICK COMMUNITIES AREA**  
**PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK**  
**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 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 £1950 Loose Plate £565  
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:** Betty Smyth (Ballynoe), Fr. Aidan Denny (Corpus -  
Christi, Belfast)

**Anniv:** Fr. John Lavery, Fr. Colm Campbell, Fr. Hugo Lynch, Fr. Vincent  
Leonard, Harry Hogg, Mary Smyth, Etta Miley, Marty Kearney, Lily Mullan,  
Alphonsus McSarvey, Danny Morgan, Ethna & Jim Quinn, Philomena Mason,  
Harriet Smith, James Curran, Agnes Donnelly,

**May They Rest In Peace**

**Mass Intentions:**

**St. Patrick's, Mon, 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm:** 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv: Mark Fitzsimons, Harry Hogg,  
N.K. Peter,

**St. Patrick's, Wed, 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm:** Marty Kearney, Dermot & Liz Hanna,  
Etta Miley,

**St. Patrick's, Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm:** May Cusack, James Curran,  
John & Dermot Cusack, Helen Feenan,

**St. Patrick's, Sat, 15<sup>th</sup>, 5.30pm:** Month's Mind: Mary Mercedes Lygo

**St. Colmcille's, Sun, 16<sup>th</sup>, 11am** Month's Mind: Anne Woods,

**St. Patrick's, Sun, 16<sup>th</sup>, 12pm,** 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary: Pat Watterson,

**The Evening Of Mercy:** Continues on Monday Evening 10<sup>th</sup> June 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, 11<sup>th</sup>  
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!

**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 30<sup>th</sup> June. Struell, 3pm on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**Eucharistic Vigil for Corpus Christi:** Will take place in St. Patrick's Church, SAUL. Commencing after 6:30pm Mass on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, concluding with Mass at 6:00am on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Join the parish of Saul for the entire Vigil or at any time. If Possible indicate the time(s) of your choice on the sheets provided in each church. ALL WELCOME.

**Priests Concert, Belfast:** Will take place in St. Bernadette's Church, Rosetta Road, Belfast. On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 8pm. Tickets are priced at £25, (Under 19s go FREE). For Cash sales visit Matchetts Music (Wellington Place) or Bread and Banjo Bakery (353 Ormeau Road). For credit & Debit Card sales visit [www.stbernadettesparish.org](http://www.stbernadettesparish.org)

**Fountain Food Bank:** Many thanks for your continuing outstanding support for the Fountain Food Bank. Unfortunately, the need for food parcels continues to increase and it is vital that the items needed are available. To meet this need more food for distribution is required. So when you are shopping please include a **non-perishable** item or items to donate to the Food Bank. A trolley, labelled the Fountain Food Bank, and similarly labelled boxes are in the porches of St Patrick's Church from before the 5.30pm Mass on Saturday until after the noon Mass on Sunday. Boxes for donated food are also in the porches of St Brigid's and St Colmcille's Churches. All items donated will be transferred to the Fountain Food Bank for distribution.

**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:**

We welcome Marcus O'Reilly, Gerard Jennings, Casi Smyth and Oliver Lyons into our Parish. 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 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Change of Mass Time:** Please note that there will be **NO 9:30am Mass** on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. A Founders Day Mass for St. Patrick's Grammar School will be celebrated at **11:00am** on that day (21<sup>st</sup> June). ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THAT MASS. There will also be the usual 7:30pm Mass for that evening.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:** Please note change of date: Meeting will take place in St. Michael's on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June. After 7:30pm Mass (8:15pm Approximately).

**Guides for St. Patrick's Church:** Thank you for the generous response to this recent bulletin request. A meeting (30 minutes) to outline what is required will take place in St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm.

**Series of talks on St. Patrick:** Professor Finbar McCormick (Professor of Archaeology at Queens) will talk on 13<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm in the St. Patrick's Centre. Topic: The archaeology of Patrick's home. ALL WELCOME.

**Corpus Christi (The Body of Christ):**

This year the Downpatrick Pastoral Community (10 Parishes in this area) will celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi (**23<sup>rd</sup> 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. There will be Exposition from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. (1:00 – 2:30pm in Stream Street side) (2:30pm – 5:00pm at the main church doors).

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 1<sup>st</sup> Communion outfits.

**RGU:** winning Numbers 03, 12, 22, 28, There was one Lucky Jackpot winner! 3 people share £100. This week's jackpot £1,500.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 7pm**, in the Parochial House. Promoters' returns to be in by **7pm, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>. Light refreshments available.

**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.