

DOWNPATRICK COMMUNITIES AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 16th 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 £2260 Loose Plate £640
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: Pat Curran (Saul),
Month's Mind: Mary Mercedes Lygo, Ann Woods, Frankie McKenna,
Chrissie Morrison
Anniv: Msgr. Dean Authur Ryan, Fr. John Barrett, Canon John McSparran,
Fr. Charles Denvir, Fr. Dominic McHugh, Fr. William McKeever, Fr. John
McCreesh, Fr. Patrick Farry, Tom Breen, Peter Lavery, Clara & Anastasia
Keenan, Liam Byrne, Martin Perry, Marita Maguire, Ellen & Hugh King,
Marita Maguire, Catherine & Thomas Miley, Elizabeth (Lilly) Ferguson,
George Flood, Jane Reynolds, Milly McVeigh, Michael McVeigh, Pauline & Jim
Lavery, Peter Lavery,

May They Rest In Peace

Mass Intentions:

St. Patrick's, Mon, 17th, 7:30pm: Month's Mind: Frankie McKenna,
1st Anniversary: Charles Polson, Anniv: Ellen & Hugh King,
St. Patrick's, Wed, 19th, 7:30pm: John Murphy,
St. Patrick's, Friday, 21st June, 7.30pm: Month's Mind: Chrissie Morrison,
Anniv: May Bell,
St. Patrick's, Sat, 22nd, 5.30pm: Month's Mind: Una Burke,

The Evening Of Mercy: Continues on Monday Evening 17th 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!

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.

Eucharistic Vigil for Corpus Christi: Will take place in St. Patrick's Church,
SAUL. Commencing after 6:30pm Mass on Saturday 22nd June, concluding
with Mass at 6:00am on Sunday 23rd 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 21st 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

Irish Language Group Summer Scheme: There are still places left in local cross community Irish language group, Glór Uachtar Tíre's Summer Scheme. The Scéim Samhraidh/ Summer Scheme runs 8th-12th July '19 and cost £45 plus £10 for optional day trip. No previous knowledge of Irish required. Itcaters for children from PreSchool to P7 and it will be held in Bunscoil Bheanna Boirche, Castlewellan. Download application from www.gloruachtartire.com Contact Glór Uachtar Tíre on 07501 252027 or email gloruachtartire@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

Parish Website, Facebook and App: The Parish Website is available at www.parihofdownpatrick.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

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

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 25th June at 7pm.

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. 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 1st Communion outfits.

Address of Pope Francis: The February 24th (2019) address of Pope Francis on the protection of minors in the church is available in St. Patrick's Church. This address came at the end of the special synod on this topic. The address is available and is free of charge.

NEW PREPARATION SESSIONS FOR BAPTISM:

We welcome Evie Scarlett Hanna 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 20th.

RGU: winning Numbers 06, 07, 09, 17, No Jackpot winner. 4 people share £100. This week's jackpot £1,500.

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.**

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. **The Primary School recently had to change venue for their annual sports day because of the amount of dog excrement in the field.. WE ARE ASKING PARISHIONERS NOT TO WALK DOGS IN THE FIELD.**

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. Your generosity is crucial so that the practical help that many members in our community need will be available.