

DOWNPATRICK COMMUNITIES AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 23rd 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:

**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: Cíaran Taggart, Mary Shiels, Julieanne Murphy, Charlie Oakes,
Month's Mind: Brian Fitzsimmons, Chrissie Morrison, Una Burke,
Anniv: Fr John Lynch, Fr. Francis McKenna, Fr. Francis Park, Malachy Wallace, Anne Graham, Dermot McGrady, Anne Cahalane, Margaret Ann O'Neill, John Gargan, Con Magee, Angela Bardon, Norah Mackel McCready, Kevin Mackel, Breándan Macgioll, Henry Kane, Wilfred Quail, Danny McCartan, Emily Morgan, Majella McCarron, Malachy Quinn, Billy Rhodes, Margaret Sharvin (Ballykinlar), Felix & Rita Blaney, Caroline Vaughan, Vera Smyth, Mary-Ann McMullan,
May They Rest In Peace

Mass Intentions:

Mon, 24th June, St. Patrick's, 7.30pm: May Bell
Wed, 26th June, 7.30pm, St. Patrick's: Con Magee & Angela Bardon, **Billy Rhodes**
Fri 28th June, 7.30pm, St. Patrick's: Anne Cahalane
Sat 29th June St. Patrick's, 5.30pm: 1st Anniv Peter Jennings
Sat 29th June, St. Brigid's, 7pm: 1st Anniv Tommy McLaughlin

The Evening Of Mercy: Continues on Monday Evening 24th 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.
Blessing of Nuns and Priests Graves: Will take place immediately after the 9am Mass on Sunday 30th June.

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.**

The Joy of Love In Marriage: A Marriage enrichment Weekend offers married couples of all ages, private time to rekindle the joy of their love. The next weekend (residential) will be from 13th – 15th September in Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry with a further course in The Lake Hotel, Killarney from 15th – 17th November 2019. For further information and to book, visit www.marriagencounter.ie or call 07702812321 or 00353877840408

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

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 Christ, Today, (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.

PREPARATION SESSIONS FOR BAPTISM:

We welcome Issac Bartley Murphy into our Parish.

When booking a Baptism, 6 weeks notice is required The dates for future preparation sessions, along with Baptism application forms and other important information can be obtained from the parish office. 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.

All those who attended the Baptism Course on June 20th, are invited to join us for the 12 Noon Mass on Sunday 30th June when all the babies will be welcomed into the Parish Family, in the lead up to their Baptisms.

RGU: winning Numbers 04, 07, 20, 23, No Jackpot winner. 11 people matched 3 numbers This week's jackpot £1,700.

Downpatrick Parish Draw: The winners of the June were:

£1000 (852) Henrietta Beswick
£200 (552) Clare Magee
£100 (717) Geoffrey Drake
£100 (727) Elizabeth Bell
£100 (1038) Peadar McKeever. Winning Promoter, Anne Blaney.
Many Thanks to our hard working and generous members. The next draw will take place on Thursday 25th July 2019, at 7pm in the Parochial House. Promoters returns to be in by Sunday 21st July at 7pm.

Bus to PRO-LIFE Rally in Dublin on July 6th – leaving Downpatrick at 9am. For booking and further information, contact Anna @ 07397809239 or Rally For Life Committee on 02890278484.

St. Vincent De Paul – Senior Citizens Trip: Bus leaving Church car park on Thursday 4th July at 10am for Mass in Holy Cross Monastery, Rostrevor. Lunch in Downshire Arms Hotel on the way home. Any Senior Citizen interested in going should contact the helpline – 02844616557, leaving a name and contact telephone number – it would also help if you could indicate your choice of menu – Turkey & Ham or Roast beef.

Down And Connor Diocesan Bi-Annual Pilgrimage to Fatima: Led by The Most Rev Bishop Noel Treanor, August 15th – 22nd. 7 Nights full board, Hotel Avenida, £715, includes taxes and insurances. Pilgrimage Directors Fr. G. McCloskey & Fr. S. Gilmore. For further details, contact Joe Catney 02890714001

Parish Shop: Open before and after each Mass or by appointment through the Parish Office. We have a wide range of cards, Baptism Gifts, Wedding Gifts, Statues, Rosary Beads, Books, Pamphlets, Newspapers and Candles.

If you can't find what you are looking for... let us know and we will source it for you!