

**DOWNPATRICK COMMUNITIES AREA**  
**PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK**  
**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 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 £1995 Loose Plate £716  
Average Standing Order £190

**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

**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.

**Your Prayers Are Requested For:**

**Month's Mind:** Jim Lennon, Josephine Hogg, Brigid Roberts  
**Anniv:** Fr. Liam McSorley, Fr. Terence Toal, Fr. Brendan McGarry, Fr. Tom Gartlan, Fr. Joseph Mulholland, Fr. Francis McKenna, Fr. Eamon O'Brien, Sr. Elizabeth, Sr. Dorothy, Sr. Mairead Patrick Nixon, Sarah Jane Nixon, Rita Nixon, Harry Nixon, Sadie Nixon, Ben Nixon, Seamus Byrne, Hugh Taggart, Seamus Crag, Joe Walsh, John Quinn, James Magee, John Bryce, Jackie Smyth, George Murphy, Annie Galbraith, Malachi Kelly, Annie McConville, Donal Mackel, Dessie McAlinden, Catherine Cunningham, John Molloy,

**May They Rest In Peace**

**Mass Intentions:**

**St. Patrick's, August 12<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm:** George Murphy, John Patrick McIlMail,  
**St. Patrick's, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August, 7.30pm:** Noel Kearney, Geraldine Ghosh  
**St. Patrick's, Sat, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 10am:** 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv Sr. Elizabeth McKeown,  
**St. Patrick's, Sat, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 5.30pm:** 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv Ivan Hanna  
**St. Brigid's, Sat Aug 17<sup>th</sup>, Month's Mind:** Brigid Roberts (nee Denvir)  
**St. Patrick's, Sun 18<sup>th</sup>, 12 Noon:** 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv Roisin Rice  
**St. Colmcille's, Sun 18<sup>th</sup>, 11am:** 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv Tommy Creaney

The Evening Of Mercy: Continues on Monday Evening, August 12<sup>th</sup> in

**St. Patrick's Church,**

**6.30pm - 8:45pm.**

**6.30pm: Rosary,**

**7.30pm: Mass,**

**8.15pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet**

**8:30pm Benediction**

Join us for all of the evening or part of it. Everyone Welcome!

**Dates for your Diary!**

**Parish Mission:** A traditional Parish Mission will be given in the parish by the Dominican Order from October 19<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow.

**National Grandparents Pilgrimage** - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019 - Our Lady of Knock shrine - Knock - County Mayo. Starting at 2:30pm. Chief Celebrants: Bishop Kevin Doran (Bishop of Elphin) - Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo (Apostolic Nuncio). Special Guests: Dana (Sings 'Our Lady of Knock') and Cathal Gavin (Sings 'voice of an Angel'). An invitation for children to write a prayer for their Grandparents will take place and will be blessed at the pilgrimage. You can send the prayers to the Parish office and they will be sent to Knock. For further information you can email: [info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.com](mailto:info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.com) or visit [www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org) or phone: 00353 (0)85 8704722.

**Parish Baptisms:** We Welcome Harry Robinson, Emily Robinson, Oscar McCaffrey, & Conán McCrissican into Our Parish Family. Six weeks' notice required for all Baptisms. Families booking a Baptism are required to attend one short evening session on Baptism in Patrick's Place, the date for your course is issued at the time of booking. Baptisms can be booked by contacting Mary at the Parish Office, Monday - Thursday 9am - 2.30pm.

**Feast of The Assumption: Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

Mass Times are as follows:

**Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> August,** Vigil Masses: St. Patrick's 7.30pm, St. Malachy's 7.30pm

**Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> August:** St. Patrick's 9.30am, St. Brigid's 10am & St. Colmcille's 11am.

PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST. RE-OPENS ON FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** New Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion needed. The parish are looking for new Eucharistic Ministers for all the Churches - if you are over 18 and are willing to offer this service, please contact the parish office - 02844612084. There will be training provided prior to installation in the role. So far three people have volunteered but we would need more.

**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)

**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.  
**Members of DFC and RGU have NOT given permission to anyone to allow them to walk their dogs in the field.**  
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.  
**WE ARE ASKING PARISHIONERS NOT TO WALK DOGS IN THE FIELD.**



**Pilgrimage To Fatima & Lisbon:** September 2019, Led by Fr. Eugene O'Neill & Fr. Tony McAleese. 8<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2nights Fatima, 4 nights Lisbon, £875 pps. Booking forms and full itinerary can be obtained from St. Patrick's Parish Office, Tel: 02890324597 or Cultural Connections Ltd, @ 00353579355050 or email [info@culturalconnections.eu](mailto:info@culturalconnections.eu)

**Parish Draw:** The next draw will take place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August, at 7pm in the Parochial House. Promoters' returns should be in by 7pm on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

**Necatechumenal Mass** in St. Colmcille's has been suspended for the holiday period. The Mass will resume on August 17<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. This Mass is open to any parishioner.

**St. Vincent De Paul Clare Lodge Newcastle:** Why spend Christmas alone this year when you can be among friends and have company? Clare Lodge have availability for Christmas Breaks from December 24<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>, Accommodation and full board meals - Single Occupancy £175 or sharing a room £145. New Year 30<sup>th</sup> December - 2<sup>nd</sup> January, accommodation and full board meals, same price as the Christmas offer above. Or, if you would like to spend the day in the company of new friends, why not join us for Christmas Day or New Years Day for dinner and evening tea - cost £20 per person. Numbers are strictly limited to 20, so early booking is advisable. Bookings must be made in advance - contact Clare @ 02843722849 or email [clare.lodge@svpni.co.uk](mailto:clare.lodge@svpni.co.uk)

**Pilgrimages:** Christmas Pilgrimage To The Holyland - €1,795  
Pilgrimage for Halloween, 31<sup>st</sup> October for 8 Night €1685 - Taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Mount Tabor, Cana, Nazareth, Jericho, River Jordan, Dead Sea and Sea of Galilee.  
Fatima Pilgrimage for the Miracle of The Sun - 13<sup>th</sup> October €759, Prayers, Mass and Hungarian Stations of the Cross in Fatima. Contact James Treacy 00353860572216

**Holy Face Of Jesus:** 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Mass in Atonement and Reparation in Honour of the Holy Face in the Parish Church, Knock on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Eucharist Adoration and Reflection led by Fr. Ken Byrne at 2pm, Rosary procession at 3.20pm outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Holy Face Devotions and brief talk at 4pm. Mass in the Parish Church at 4pm. For information, contact Peter Meleady on 00353878343322 or Caoimhe on 00353852525612

**Silent Retreat: Theme - 'If you but knew the gift of God...'** at Ards Retreat Centre, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal from September 16<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>. E390, Full Board. A privileged time to come away from noise and distractions and listen to the Spirit of God, Who is Love. Contact Helen @ 00353861678027

**Theology Of The Body:** Given to us by Pope John Paul II, the Theology of the Body is renewing marriages, awakening vocations, healing deep personal wounds, and setting people free to live the life of greatness to which we are all called. There are 7 sessions in total, which will be held in 'Patrick's Place' beside St. Patrick's Church, starting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September and finishing on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October. The evenings are open to everyone aged 18 and over. light refreshments will be provided. Further information is available by contacting Maureen 07719284748 or Geraldine 077192854738

**Annual Legion Of Mary Day Trip To Knock Shrine:** Leaving Downpatrick on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 6.45am, and Crossgar at 7am. Cost £32, which will include tea/coffee in the morning and dinner on the return journey. £10 secures a seat, with the balance to be paid by September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Seats are limited, to book, contact Sean McAlea 02844841216 or 07504041526

**ALPS:** QPR Suicide Prevention training in 'Patrick's Place' on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August, 10am - 4pm. Training is open to everyone. To book your place, contact Ronan @ 07731928058. The Training is free, however a small donation towards the cost of materials and lunch would be greatly appreciated.

**Novena @ Knock Shrine:** 14<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Novena - 3pm & 8pm daily, Seminars at 12 Noon and Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm. Full details of speakers and themes are available at [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

**Parish Shop:** Is Open before and after each Mass or by appointment through the Parish Office. We have a wide range of cards, books, candles medals, grave ornaments, wedding and baptism gifts, why not pop in and have a look!