

**DOWNPATRICK COMMUNITIES AREA**  
**PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK**  
**Sunday 18<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 £2,215 Loose Plate £720  
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:**

**Recently Deceased:** Bernadette Cowan (Canada),  
**Month's Mind:** Brigid Roberts, Patricia Rhodes,  
**Anniv:** Fr. Colm McGrady, Fr. Gerald Park, Canon John McMullan,  
Bishop William Philbin, Sr. Elizabeth McKeown, Ivan Hanna, Roisin Rice,  
Tommy Creaney, Gretta Curran, Martin Curran, Kathleen & Mary Carson,  
Ita T McNeill, Thomas Smyth, Arnold Halloran, Agnes McKeown, Mary Duffy,  
Terence Cunningham Cecelia Curran, John O'Hare, Desie McAllister,  
John Brady, Michael Scallon Tony Baker, Maura, David & John Williams,  
Clement Hampton, Rosemary Hampton, Johnnie & Mae Smyth, Liam McVeigh,  
Annie Clarke, Donald O'Hare, Joe Magee, Tommy Lundy, Michael O'Reilly,  
**May They Rest In Peace**

**Mass Intentions:**

**St. Patrick's, Mon, August 19<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm: Month's Mind:** Patricia Rhodes  
**St. Patrick's, Wed, August 21<sup>st</sup> , 7.30pm:** Patrick Galbraith, Paul McKenna,  
Agnes Denvir  
**St. Patrick's, Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 7.30pm: Francis Savage**  
**St. Colmcille's, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August, 11am : Month's Mind:** Amy Lee Hughes

The Evening Of Mercy: Continues on Monday Evening, August 19<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.

**The 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

**Parish Baptisms:** We Welcome Daithí O'Neil, & Amiya Synott, 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.

**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 a few have responded, however we need more volunteers.

**Necatechumenal Mass** in St. Colmcille's resumed on August 17<sup>th</sup> at 8pm, and continues weekly.

**National Grandparents Day:** Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Knock Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo. 2.30pm: Sacrament of the anointing of the sick with music and song, 3pm: Pilgrimage Mass followed by the Rosary.

Children's Prayer Appeal; An invitation to all children to write a prayer for their grandparents, all prayers will be blessed at the pilgrimage. Please send prayers to the Shrine office, Knock Co. Mayo

**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)

**RGU:** winning Numbers 8,14,17,20, five share £100, No Jackpot winner. This week's jackpot £1,600.

**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

**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.

**Pro-Life Meeting:** The next meeting of Downpatrick Pro-Life Group will take place in 'Patrick's Place' on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 8.05pm. All Welcome.

**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

**Rota For Eucharistic Ministers:** Will be available from this Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> August in the Sacristy at St. Patrick's.

Parish Shop: Open before and after each Mass, or by appointment through the Parish Office. Lots of new stock arriving daily, Cards, Candles, Christmas decorations and gifts, medals, books and much much more!

**The Faith and Life Convention** is a forum for people from across the diocese, and beyond, to gather together and to take part in a range of conversations about the meaning of faith and its relevance to every area of our lives. We invite you to join us for our sixth Faith and Life Convention on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock, Belfast.**

This year our convention theme will be; Faith in a Better World. We are delighted to welcome Michel Camdessus to be our keynote speaker. Michel is the former managing director of the International Monetary Fund we are we look forward to hearing his reflections from his perspective as a committed Catholic, family man and economist.

Following the keynote address we will move into a panel discussion where we can engage with Michel's address and also pick up on a range of issues that are pertinent to us in the Church and Society at this time.

An essential element of the day will be the afternoon workshops which will explore the place of faith in many different areas of our lives. Each participant can attend two workshops which will be booked on a first come, first served basis. So book early! Booking and further information available at [www.faithandlifeconvention.org](http://www.faithandlifeconvention.org)

**St. Mary's High School:** Return to school dates are as follows: Years 8, 11 & 13, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August (Induction morning), Whole School Returns on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

**Prayer for the Child in the Womb**

Lord Jesus, you are the source and lover of life. Reawaken in us respect for every human life. Help us to see in each child the marvellous work of our Creator.  
Open our hearts to welcome every child as a unique and wonderful gift.  
Guide the work of doctors, nurses and midwives.  
May the life of a mother and her baby in the womb be equally cherished and respected.  
Help those who make our laws to uphold the uniqueness and sacredness of every human life, from the first moment of conception to natural death.  
Give us wisdom and generosity to build a society that cares for all.  
Together with Mary, your Mother, in whose womb you took on our human nature,  
Help us to choose life in every decision we take.  
We ask this in the joyful hope of eternal life with you, and in the communion of the Blessed Trinity.  
Amen.