

**DOWNPATRICK COMMUNITIES  
AREA  
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK  
Sunday 25<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 £2,089 Loose Plate £511  
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:** Sammy Sharvin,  
**Anniv:** Fr. John Hurson, Fr. Sean Murphy, Fr. Frank Stewart, Louie Robinson,  
Raymond Galbraith, Francis Savage, Christopher McNally, Dessie Quinn,  
Edward Kerr, Malachy Kerr, Marie Wilson, Annie McKee, Maureen Laverty, Sean  
McMullan, Joseph McGrady, Billy McMullan, Jane Galloway, Eileen Campbell,  
Peggy Smyth, Ellen Smyth,

**May They Rest In Peace**

**Mass Intentions:**

**St. Patrick's, Mon, 26<sup>th</sup> August, 7.30pm:** Michael Scallon, Mary McKenzie,  
**St. Patrick's, Wed, 28<sup>th</sup> August, 7.30pm:** Eddie & Margaret Sweeney,  
**St. Patrick's, Fri 30<sup>th</sup> August, 7.30pm:** Annie McKee, Jenny Cunliffe, Maeve  
Lynch,  
**St. Patrick's, Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August, 5:30pm:** Month's Mind: Gertie Marner

The Evening Of Mercy: Continues on Monday Evening, August 26<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!

**Parish Office Closure:** Please note that the parish office will be closed on Bank  
Holiday Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August and will re-open on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August.

**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'Neill, & 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.

**RGU:** winning Numbers 4, 5,21,26, six share £100, No Jackpot winner.  
This week's jackpot £1,700.

**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

**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.

**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. 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.

**OLSP & Bunscoil:** Return to school dates are as follows: P2/R2 – P7/R7 return to school on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 9am and finish at 12pm from Wednesday to Friday that week. Breakfast club and school meals will resume as normal on Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

**St. Brigid's PS:** Return to school dates are as follows: Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Aug - P7 & first intake of P1s. Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Aug – P2–P7, P1C and second intake of P1s. Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Aug – whole school in today. All classes start from 8:55am to 12pm on these dates.

**St. Colmcilles PS:** Return to school dates are as follows: All P1 classes will start on Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Aug– Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Sept from 9am to 11am. The PTA will be providing tea/coffee on 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Aug. All other classes will commence on Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept at normal times.

**De La Salle HS:** Return to school dates are as follows: Wed 28<sup>th</sup> – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Aug Form 1 pupil induction week. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept All years return.

**St. Patrick's Grammar:** Return to school dates are as follows: Year 12, 13 & 14 to return on Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Aug. Year 13 meet in McGrady Hall at 9am. Year 14 meet in Miguel Centre at 9am. Year 12 meet in McGrady Hall at 1:30pm–2:30pm. Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept Year 8 induction 9am to 3:20pm. Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept the whole school returns.

**St. Malachy's High School, C'Wellan:** Return to school dates are as follows: Year 14 to return on Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> & Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Aug. Years 9, 11 & 13 to return on Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept. Years 8, 10 & 12 to return on Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. All students to return on wed 4<sup>th</sup> Sept.

**1<sup>st</sup> Day of School Prayer:** Heavenly Father, As we close the door to our home to begin our journey, we ask you to bless **(children's names/s)** on their first day back to school. We ask you to open the doors of new hope, new possibilities, new friendships and new learning for them. Bless their teachers and their friends. Be with them in all they will do this year. Protect them and keep them safe until they return through this door to the home where they are cherished and loved. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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!

**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.

**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

**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

**March For Their Lives:** A bus has been organised to attend the pro-life rally and short march from Custom House Square, Belfast to the City Hall on September 7<sup>th</sup> from 2.00pm, to show our politicians that abortion is not in our name and demand that Stormont is reconvened before 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019. The bus will leave St Joseph's, Killough at 12noon and will make pick up stops at Downpatrick, Crossgar and Saintfield on the way to Belfast. The bus will make the return journey leaving Belfast at approximately 5.00pm. To book a place on the bus contact Fr Peter O'Kane on Tel: 028 4484 1221. The cost is £5 for adults, children accompanied by an adult and students go free.

**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.

**Join Nilvoiceless** on 6<sup>th</sup> September 7pm at the lower gates of Stormont Estate as we walk to the top of the hill slowly in silence. If you're not able to walk the hill, join us at the bottom of the steps to Assembly Buildings (outside the black railing), where we will stand in silence for 6 minutes. Parking is limited around Stormont Estate. Come early to get parked (options include the car park by the play park or side streets - the main Newtownards Road has bus lanes in both direct.