

**DOWNPATRICK COMMUNITIES AREA**  
**PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK**  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 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:** Gertie Marner,  
**Anniv:** Fr. Patrick Maginn, Fr. James McCabe, Fr. Thomas Breen, Archdeacon. Kevin Donnelly, Fr. Denis McAteer, Fr. Denis Newberry, Jimmy McGrady, Ena Vaughan, James & Letita McVeigh, Jill Putterson, Edward O'Neill, Tony Oakes, Veronica McKinney, Kenny Kelly, Chris Rock, Joseph McGrady, Jenny Cunliffe,

**May They Rest In Peace**

**Mass Intentions:**

**St. Colmcille's, Mon, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 7.30pm:** 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary: Peter Quinn, Anniv: Eddie O'Neill, Pat Vint,  
**St. Patrick's, Wed, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm:** Kenny Kelly, Peter Russell,  
**St. Patrick's, Fri, 6<sup>th</sup> Sept, 7.30pm:** Bernadette & Patrick Flynn, Michael Molloy, Hubert Doyle,

The Evening Of Mercy: Continues on Monday Evening, 2<sup>nd</sup> September in **St. Colmcille's Church, Killough Road, Dpk**

**6.30pm – 8:45pm.**

**6.30pm: Rosary,**

**7.30pm: Mass,**

**8.15pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet**

**8:30pm Benediction**

The Sacrament of the sick will be given out during Mass.  
Join us for all of the evening or part of it. Everyone Welcome!

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Thank you for the response to our recent appeal. The appeal is still open. There will be a short training course in preparation for this ministry on Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Sept and Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Oct in Patrick's presbytery at 6:30 – 7:30pm. If you are interested ring the parish office to give your name on 44612084. We especially welcome any young people in the 18–30 bracket.

**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 Caitlín Shiels, Jessica Hunt & Jack McCurdy 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 9, 10, 16, 26, One lucky person won £100. No Jackpot winner. This week's jackpot £1,800.

**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

**Healing Mass:** Devotion to St. Pio will take place on Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept at 7:30pm. St. Mary's Star Of The Sea, Killyleagh. The Relic will be available before and after Mass.

**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)

**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.

**Join Nlvoiceless** 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.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** – will resume on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September after the 9:30am until 7pm and also on Saturday mornings (from the 7<sup>th</sup> Sept) from 10:30am to 1pm. We would ask all regular adorers to be faithful to the slot they did in previous years. New adorers are always welcome – just give your name and selected time to the sacristan.



**Tea / Coffee & Hot Toast** will resume on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September after 9:30am Mass in Patrick's Place. Everyone welcome.

**First Friday Sick Visitation:** The priests of the Parish will be visiting the sick and housebound during First Friday week.

**Bethany Bereavement Support:** Are you still thinking about joining your parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group or perhaps forming a new team? Just to remind you that the final date to return application forms in order to facilitate interviews, is Friday, 13 September. Completed forms should be sent to: Bethany Bereavement Support, 120 Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT 14 6LA Or, for any information regarding this, please contact Claire Dowds on: 075 5788 2183 or email: [bethanybereavementni@gmail.com](mailto:bethanybereavementni@gmail.com)

**First Saturday Devotion of Reparation** as requested by Our Lady of Fatima will take place in St Joseph's Church, Killough, Chapel Street, BT30 7QJ on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.30am; Sacrament of Reconciliation from 8.45 to 9.45am; Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 9.00am; Meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary at 9.30am, Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 10.00am.

**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



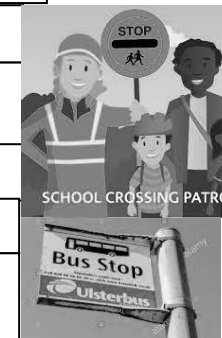
**St. Mary's High School:** Whole School Returns on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

**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. 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> September all year classes to return.

**St. Patrick's Grammar:** 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: 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.



**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!

**Downpatrick Parish Draw:**

The results of the Parish Draw held on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019, are as follows:

1. Hilda Foster – £1,000 (797)
2. Peter Deeney – £200 (518)
3. Catherine McAleenan – £100 (792)
4. Jane Price – £100 (676)
5. Gertie O'Hare – £100 (1072)

**Promoter's Prize: Catherine McAleenan – £30**

Many thanks to our hard-working promoters and generous members.

The next draw will take place on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 8:15pm**, in the Parochial House. Please Note different day and time. Promoters' returns should be in by **7pm on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September.**