

DOWNPATRICK COMMUNITIES AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 8th 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 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:

Offertory £2,025 Loose Plate £630
 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: Christopher Casement, Mary Kelly, Dorenda Brannigan,
Anniv.: Sr. Mary Colmcille, Lena Phillips, Nora Tumelty, James & Letitia McVeigh, Jill Putterson, Dorenda Brannigan, Mary Alice Kelly, Jim Jamison, Peter Gibney Snr, Michael Molloy, Margaret Fitzsimons, Patrick McCarthy, George Heaney, May Clarke, Irene Cochrane, Dominic McIlmail, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Sarah Gillan, Maureen McKee, Elaine Valentine, Raymond Valentine, Helen Reilly, Mark McKee,

May They Rest In Peace

Mass Intentions:

St. Patrick's, Mon, 9th Sept, 7.30pm: Matthew McMullan, Dominic McIlmail
St. Patrick's, Wed, 11th September, 7.30pm: Josephine Torney,
St. Patrick's, Fri, 13th Sept, 7.30pm: Brian Kearney, Fiona Turley, Agnes Wylie,
St. Patrick's, Sat, 14th Sept, 5.30pm: 1st Anniversary: Winnie Bryce
St. Brigid's, Sat, 14th Sept, 7.30pm: Margaret Tracey
St. Colmcille's Sun, 15th Sept, 11am: 1st Anniversary: Kevin Fitzsimons

The Evening Of Mercy: Continues on Monday Evening, 9th September 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!

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 25th Sept and Wed 2nd & 9th 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.

Parish Baptisms: We Welcome Finley Patrick Johnston & Charlie Olivia Curran 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 10, 14, 15, 22, Eleven people Matched three numbers. No Jackpot winner. This week's jackpot £1,900.

Knock Trip: staying at St. Mary's on 12th to 13th October. To book, contact Kate on 07762211658.

Prayer Group: La Sallian Prayer Group commences on Thursday 12th September 2019 at 7:30pm. It will take place at La Salle Brothers House, Stream street. There will be a rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and scripture readings. It will last for one hour each week. Everyone Welcome.

Cumann Bhaile an Mhóta: Ranganna Gaeilge Irish Language Classes. Ballymote Centre every Wednesday night at 7pm to 8:30pm. Starter classes and Intermediate classes. Fáilte Roimh Chách. Everyone Welcome.

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 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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – will resume on Friday 6th September after the 9:30am until 7pm and also on Saturday mornings (from the 7th 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 has resumed on Friday 6th September after 9:30am Mass in Patrick's Place. Everyone welcome.

Fundraising: A young man in the general Lecale area intends to take a 'gap year' with a school mission team in Waterford diocese. The team leader is Fr. Pat Cahill – remember from the Ceili Mission in 2016? If any parishioner would like to support him with any donation – no matter how small – then please give it in an envelope to Fr. Murray and he will pass it on. The young man needs to raise a couple of thousand to cover expenses for the year. He also hopes to apply for the diocesan Seminary later.

Bishop Gerard's visitation: Bishop Gerard County of St. Vincent's and the Grenadines (Caribbean) will be visiting the Diocese and Bishop Treanor has given him permission to invite donations for his diocese which is very poor. He will say the vigil Mass on Sept 14th and 12pm on the 15th and speak at the 9am Mass that day. There will be no collection for him on that day but envelopes will be distributed. Parishioners may take these and return them the following week. Any donations will be forwarded to Bishop County after that.

Theology of the Body Course: The 'Theology of the Body' course began on Wednesday 4th September in 'Patrick's Place.' It was an excellent introduction. Christopher West is an inspired teacher as he opened up for us the mystery of our sexuality and Pope John Paul's excellent teaching on 'The Theology of the Body.' But – one negative comment. – people attended from Omagh and Armagh but so few from Downpatrick – DISAPPOINTING – But it's not too late – why not come next week – same time – 8:10 11th September at 'Patrick's Place.' 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

The WHY Course: Due to the "Theology of the Body" course taking place on Wednesday's in Sept / Oct. The 'WHY' course – sessions 4 and 5 – will now occur on 6th November and 4th December at 8:10 to 9:30pm in Patrick's Place.

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, 13th 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

Legion of Mary: Promotion of the cause of the founder of Legion of Mary Frank Duff in Downpatrick on Friday 13th September 2019. Legionaries will be promoting Frank Duff prayer through Street contacts. Fr. Murray has given permission for the Legion of Mary to do this outreach walk on the day. Parishioners and others are obviously free to engage with them or not.

Holy Face Of Jesus: 7th Annual Mass in Atonement and Reparation in Honour of the Holy Face in the Parish Church, Knock on Saturday 14th 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



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

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.

Good Morning Down is a FREE Telephone Care & Befriending Service. They operate in the Down District Council area for adults of any age who may feel vulnerable or at risk for whatever reason. They depend on volunteers to assist them in making calls. If you have a morning or two free and would be interested in volunteering with them please contact Linda Baker 02844613434 or email Linda: lindabakerqmd@yahoo.co.uk

Newcastle CCÉ: If you are interested in learning an instrument, the Irish language, traditional singing, set dancing or if you are already an existing member of Newcastle CCÉ- registration for the coming year will be held in the Lodge, Castlewellan on Thursday 12th September from 7pm-9pm and Saturday 14th of September from 10am-12pm. Come along and talk to our committee members, young branch members and tutors and get a taster for the many instruments we have on offer. Classes for ages 6 and over (P.3 in September 2019). For further information please email: arnolan@gmail.com