

**DOWNPATRICK COMMUNITIES AREA**  
**PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK**  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</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 £2,025 Loose Plate £501  
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:** Raymond Blaney, John Rogan, Niall Laverty (Saul), John Anthony McKeown (Dpk & Australia),  
**Anniv:** Canon George Clenaghan, Fr. Michael Dallat, Fr. Felix McLaughlin, Fr. Vincent Davey, Pope John Paul I, Sr. Mary Mercy, Sr. Mary Ita, Jim Smyth, Isabella McMinn, Margaret Laverty, Sadie Fay, Thomas Kelly, Harriet McGrady, Bertha Cleland, Mary Quinn, Mary McCormack, Michael & Sarah Rafferty, Rosemary Brannigan, Henry Henvey, Hugh McGorrian, Mary McGorrian, Michael & Francis McAleenan,

**May They Rest In Peace**

**Mass Intentions:**

**St. Patrick's, Wed, 25<sup>th</sup> Sept, 7.30pm:** John Patterson, Michael & Sarah Rafferty, Michael & Francis McAleenan,  
**St. Patrick's, Fri, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm:** Tony & Theresa McCormick,  
**St. Patrick's, Sat, 28<sup>th</sup> Sept, 5.30pm:** Month's Mind: Baby Mason Coleman,  
**St. Brigid's, Sat, 28<sup>th</sup> Sept, 7pm:** Month's Mind: Dorenda Brannigan  
**St. Colmcille's, Sun, 29<sup>th</sup> Sept, 11am,** Mary (Dot) Kelly

The Evening Of Mercy: Continues on Monday Evening, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 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.

**Parish Baptisms:** We Welcome Theo Stranney 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 01, 10, 21, 25, Two people shared £100. No Jackpot winner. This week's jackpot £2,100.

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

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

**Downpatrick Third World Group** will hold a coffee morning in Patrick's place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September after 10am Mass. All proceeds in aid of Sister Mary De largey's mission in Zambia.

**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!

**Saul Parish Church** Presents Phil Coulter in concert on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October at the Downshire Estate, Downpatrick, at 8pm. Tickets cost £30 each and can be obtained at Saul Parish Office. To get a ticket please phone 02844612525. You can also get tickets from Bargainland, 02844614284 and St. Vincent de Paul, Irish Street, 02844614194.

**Mission:** This October through an Extraordinary Mission Month declared by Pope Francis, the Diocese invites us to embrace the vision of a Missionary Church by celebrating the contribution of our Diocese to the missions abroad. To mark EMM2019 we will be holding 3 major events in October ≥ **Friday 11 October 4.30pm - 7.30pm** Missionary Young People and Children's Day - Braid Parish to include climbing Slemish, Prayer Service and BBQ (bus leaving from QUB Chaplaincy at 3.00pm) ≥ **Saturday 19 October 9.30am - 4.30pm** A Conference and Celebration of D&C Missionaries Abroad and at Home in St Mary's University College, Falls Rd, Belfast. ≥ **Sunday 20 October - 3.00pm** Mission Sunday Mass - Together We Are Mission - St Patrick's Church, Chapel Hill, Lisburn. Throughout the coming year, we plan to acknowledge and celebrate the work of the many hundreds of Missionaries who left their homes and parishes to engage in Missionary endeavour around the world. If you have a relative or friend who is currently a Missionary abroad or during their lifetime has served as a Missionary, we would really appreciate if you would please give their details including Name, Religious Order, Dates etc.. to your Parish Office or email [missions@downandconnor.org](mailto:missions@downandconnor.org) before **23rd September 2019**.

**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)

**ICDLN 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference:** Power & Powerlessness – Responding to challenges of modern healthcare – Speakers Dr. Cardinal Willem EIJK, the Dutch experience of Euthanasia & Physician Assisted Suicide. Also John Waters, Prof. Patricia Casey & Dr. Chris Garrett. Will take place on Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Oct from 9am to 5pm at the Emmaus Retreat Centre, Dublin. For information visit [www.icdln.ie](http://www.icdln.ie)

**Tea / Coffee & Hot Toast:** will take place every Friday 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.

**Theology of the Body Course:** The 'Theology of the Body' course began on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.' why not come next week – same time – 8:10pm 25<sup>th</sup> 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

**St. Patrick's Church Choir – New Members Needed:** If you would be interested in joining the choir please speak to any of the choir members after 9am or 12pm Mass on a Sunday. Alternatively, ring the parish office on 02844612084 and leave your name, contact number and what choir you would like to join.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> November and 4<sup>th</sup> December at 8:10 to 9:30pm in Patrick's Place.

**The Bethany Bereavement Support Group,** formed in 2016, is a voluntary parish based ministry which aims to help the bereaved and grieving. The name Bethany recalls the visit of Jesus to Mary and Martha on the death of their brother Lazarus. <http://www.bethanyni.co.uk/> The Chairperson goes through the parish register each month noting the details of the next of kin of those who have been bereaved. The group then meets up on the 1st Wednesday of each month and visits are allocated to the members at that point, who always visit in pairs. We visit the next of kin some weeks after the death to see how they are coping and to offer our support. We also help to organize the annual mass for deceased members of the parish and invite people through a personal letter to each family. This enables us as a parish to come together to remember our recently deceased. We would like to appeal for new members to assist in this ministry. We are currently a team of six but would love others to join us. If you think that you may be interested then why not contact the parish office or contact Dominic (chair) by email at [dominicbreen@btinternet.com](mailto:dominicbreen@btinternet.com)

**Apostolic Work:** Meetings will resume on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm in St. Michael's Centre. New Members welcome.

**Down Arts Centre** will be hosting an evening called 'The Last Rose of Summer Song Recital.' It will take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept at 8pm. Tickets cost £12 or £10 Concession. For tickets and further information, contact Box Office on 02844610747.

**Retreat:** Centering prayer Meditation Silent Retreat, 27<sup>th</sup>–29<sup>th</sup> Sept, Tobar Mhuire, Crossgar. For registration and further details email: [contemplativeoutreachireland@gmail.com](mailto:contemplativeoutreachireland@gmail.com) or Tel: Kathleen 00353 87 6017709. The group meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday monthly, 7:30pm to 9pm in Tobar Mhuire. Contact Kevin 07747889747 or email: [cassidys9@hotmail.com](mailto:cassidys9@hotmail.com)

**Downpatrick Parish Draw:**

The results of the Parish Draw held on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019, are as follows:

1. Russell MacNabb – £1,000 (626)    2. John Hogg – £200 (1083)  
3. Sean McMullan – £100 (743)    4. Josie McCabe – £100 (532)    5. The O'Grady's – £100 (887)

**Promoter's Prize:** Margaret MacNabb – £30

Many thanks to our hard-working promoters and our generous members.  
The next draw will take place on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7pm**, in the Parochial House.  
Promoters' returns should be in by **7pm on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October**.

