

DOWNPATRICK COMMUNITIES AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 29th 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 £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: Martina Moore, Maura O'Neill (Lisburn),
Month's Mind: Baby Mason Coleman, Dorenda Brannigan,
Anniv: Fr. Bernard McCann, Fr. Brian Brady, Fr. Rory McDonald DPK,
Fr. Thomas O'Hare, Fr. James McEvoy, Fr. Daniel McGuckian, Fr. Joseph Campbell, Fr. Sean Purdy, Rosemary Brannigan, Paul Smyth, James Quinn, Anna-Lee Young, William Quinn, Kathleen Small, Mary McGrady, Gerard Bryce, Gerard Bryce, Colette Bryce, Cathal O'Hare, Annie Moore, Peter Tumelty,

May They Rest In Peace

Mass Intentions:

St. Patrick's, Mon, 30th Sept, 7:30pm: Rosemary Brannigan, Charles & Mary McGrady,
St. Patrick's, Wed, 2nd October, 7.30pm: Rosie Fitzsimons, Albert Sage, Gary Sage,
St. Patrick's, Fri, 4th October, 7.30pm: 1st Anniversary: Gerard Holland
St. Patrick's, Sat, 5th Oct, 5.30pm: 1st Anniversary: Jack McConvey
St. Brigid's, Sat, 5th Oct, 7pm: Sean (Lauri) Quinn
St. Colmcille's, Sun, 6th Oct, 11am, Month's Mind: Christopher Casement

The Evening Of Mercy: Continues on Monday Evening, 30th September in

St. Patrick's Church:

6.30pm - 8:45pm.

6.30pm: Rosary,

7.30pm: Mass,

8.15pm: Holy Face Prayers

8:30pm Benediction

Join us for all of the evening or part of it. Everyone Welcome!

Maintenance Update: The shrubs and bushes on Racecourse Hill have been recently cut back and trimmed - Sorry for the delay in that. Thanks also to Sean Morgan for painting the church and presbytery steps with safety paint.

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 5th October: 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.

Parish Baptisms: We Welcome Casey McGurk and Falyne Mageean 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 -

RGU: winning Numbers 01, 02, 13, 20, Two people shared £100. No Jackpot winner. This week's jackpot £2,200.

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

The Living Church Office will host the **first of three** Development Days for leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word on, **Saturday 19th of October**, here in our offices at, **120 Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT14 6LA**. The day will commence at **9.30am** and finish at **3.30pm**. Development Days are designed to nourish, support, and resource, all those involved in leading Children's Liturgy of the Word in their parish and the other dates in the series will be **25th January 2020** and a Retreat Day on the **25th April 2020**. Due to the popularity of these days, early registration is advised. On the first day, we will explore the Spirituality of the Child and there will be time for prayer, input, discussion and activities. There is no charge for the day, lunch and all necessary resources will be provided. To book your place for any of the days in the series, please contact Caren at: c.collins@downandconnor.org or ring the Living Church Office on **02890690920**

Parish Mission: The Parish Mission will be given this year by the Dominican Fathers - Fr. John Harris, Fr. Colm Mannion and Fr. Gary Toman - It will take place 19th - 26th October. The full details will be on a flyer soon - and posters - as well as the website and Facebook. It is 3 years since our last Mission - The Ceili Community in 2016. Please try to mark out this week in your diary. It will be an occasion of great grace and blessing for the Parish.

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 before **23rd September 2019**.

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

ICDLN 5th 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 5th Oct from 9am to 5pm at the Emmaus Retreat Centre, Dublin. For information visit www.icdln.ie

Downpatrick ProLife Group: The next meeting is in Patrick's Place on Tuesday 1st October at 7:30pm. ALL 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. Thank you to those who have contributed already.

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.' why not come next week - same time - 8:10pm 2nd October 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.

Altar Servers wanted: We need new altar servers in all our churches for Sunday Mass. If you are P5 and older contact the parish office and give your name and contact number on 02844612084.

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

Annual Legion of Mary Rosary Procession: On Sunday, 6 October, The Annual Legion Of Mary Rosary Procession will take place. The procession leaves St John's Church, Falls Road at 3pm and will process to St Michael the Archangel Church where there will be a short service of Benediction. Refreshments will be available afterwards. Rosary beads and leaflets provided. All are welcome. Please gather at Saint John's Church at 2:45pm. For further information, please email gregorymcguigan@hotmail.com

Eucharistic Adoration Deanery will meet in St. Michaels Parish Centre, 99 Irish Street, Downpatrick on 5th October at 10:30am. There will be Mass at 10am in St. Patrick's for those who wish to attend.

Downpatrick Parish Draw: The next draw will take place on **Thursday 24th October 2019 at 7pm**, in the Parochial House. Promoters' returns should be in by **7pm on Sunday 20th October**.

Home Start are starting a new six week volunteer preparation course, starting on Wednesday 9th October in their Ballynahinch Office at 10am to 1pm. Volunteers are needed for shop, Group, Family and Office. If you or anyone you know could spare some time please contact the office on 02844615727 or email downpatrick@homestartdd.org or ballynahinch@homestartdd.org

EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION
#EMM2019

