

DOWNPATRICK COMMUNITIES AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 6th October 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 £2,360 Loose Plate £685
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: Michael (Micky) Fallon, Mary Magorrian, Alfie Fitzsimons, Michelle Sheppard,

Month's Mind: Christopher Casement

Anniv: Fr. Hugh Bradley, Fr. Seamus McKeown, Fr. Hugh O'Boyle, Sr. Mary Columba, Catherine Fitzpatrick, Patrick Kelly, Peter Rooney, Eamon & Brendan Quinn, Barry O'Brien, Philomena Wolfe, Erin Logue, Molly Stanford, John Magee, Tommy Mahon,

May They Rest In Peace

Mass Intentions:

St. Patrick's, Fri, 11th October, 7.30pm: 1st Anniversary: Jimmy Kinsella

St. Brigid's, Sat, 12th October, 7pm: 1st Anniversary: Mary Blaney

St. Colmcille's, Sun, 13th October, 11am, 1st Anniversary: John Irvine

The Evening Of Mercy: Continues on Monday Evening, 7th October 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!

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: 26th May to 3rd June - led by Fr. Murray - Visiting Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee and Nazareth as well as many other sites. Cost: £1,590 per person sharing. If interested please contact St. Patrick's Parish at 02844 612084 or downpatrick@downandconnor.org

Downpatrick Nurses Lourdes Group: Annual church door collection will take place next weekend 12th to 13th October. We appreciate your continued support.

Saul Parish Church Presents Phil Coulter in concert on Friday 25th 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.

Parish Baptisms: We Welcome Mia-Rose Sloan-Houston 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.

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 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**.

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.

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 can be seen on the flyers in the churches - 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

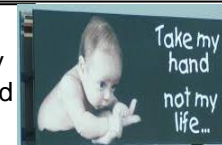
Pro Life Petition: In their recent joint statement, the Church leaders of Ireland have called for the weekend of 12-13 October to be dedicated to prayer for the protection of the unborn in our society and for women facing difficult and challenging pregnancies and their families. This is in response to the proposed introduction by Westminster of legislation on 21st October allowing for unregulated abortion in the North. In addition to other prayer initiatives, you may wish to say and distribute the 'Choose Life Prayer' of the Irish Bishops' Conference. It is available at the web site of the Bishops' Conference or through the following link:

<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/prayer-for-the-unborn-prayercard-web.pdf>

Please support the online petition by Baroness Nuala O'Loan calling on the Secretary of State and Members of the Northern Ireland Assembly to take action to prevent unregulated abortion being introduced to the North by Westminster on 21st October. The petition can be found online at www.change.org (search for Nuala O'Loan).

Please contact your local MLA and ask them to take action to stop the introduction of unregulated abortion to Northern Ireland by Westminster on 21st October. You can find contact details for your MLA online at www.bothlivesmatter.org/findmyMLA. You can also send a postcard to your MLA. You can order the postcards for you or your Parish, free of charge, by contacting Both Lives Matter at: Tel. 028 90739079 or 07976414817, or by email at stand@bothlivesmatter.org Signatures can also be given at our parish Masses on that weekend.

Both Lives Matter invite you to Stand With Us at our cross-community, inter-generational peaceful gathering to oppose Westminster's extreme abortion regime which is set to come into effect here on 21st October. **Date:** Sunday 13th October 2019 **Time:** 3:30pm **Location:** Falls Road, Belfast. Follow @bothlivesmatter on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Visit www.bothlivesmatter.org for more information on the campaign. #TakeMyHandNotMyLife



National Day of Prayer: The St Oliver Plunkett for Peace and Reconciliation committee based in Drogheda, are inviting a 'National Day of Prayer' for Peace and Reconciliation in our country on Saturday 12th October, anniversary of St. Oliver's canonisation. This intention will be recognised at the 10am and 5:30pm Masses on Saturday 12th October in St. Patrick's.

Prayer Meeting: The Kingdom of God Ministries, Belfast, is celebrating their 7th year of celebration. The Celebration will take place at St. Annes Parish Hall, Kingsway, Belfast, BT10 ONE on Saturday 12th October at 9:30am to 12:30pm. Refreshments will be provided. For further information contact - Paul Devassy 07852204994 - Mercy Joy 07769031870 - Shaju Udoppu 07988871493 -

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. 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 9th 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 Choirs - 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.

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

RGU: winning Numbers 02, 11, 14, 25, Three people shared £100. No Jackpot winner. This week's jackpot £2,300.

EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION
#EMM2019

