

**DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL
COMMUNITY AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 24th November 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 £2,170 Loose Plate £726

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 are

available at the parish office.

Your Prayers Are Requested For:

Recently Deceased: Brendan Goley, Mary Carney, Margaret McKee,

Margaret O'Neill (The Meadows & Lurgan), Pat Farrelly,

Month's Mind: John McGreevy, Jean Cassidy,

Anniv: Fr. Eugene McArdle, Fr. Sean Crummey, Fr. Archibald Kelly, Fr. James

Downey, Fr. Michael Cosgrove, William Smyth Snr, William Smyth Jnr,

Kathleen McKeating, Jofy McKeating, Brian Caraher, Eddie McCullough,

Elizabeth Lavery, Malachy Carson, Margaret McCartan, Denis Halpin,

Philomena & Kevin O'Hare, Hugh Quinn Snr, Hugh Quinn Jnr, Steven Savage,

Stella Lavanagh, Margaret McVeigh, Daniel McVeigh, Edward Moore,

May They Rest In Peace

Mass Intentions:

St. Patrick's, Monday 25th Nov, 7:30pm: Margaret Mary McIlmail,

Rosaleen McIlmail, Kathleen McKeating, Jofy McKeating,

St. Patrick's, Wed, 27th Nov, 7:30pm: Mass for the Deceased in our Parish

St. Patrick's, Fri, 29th Nov, 7:30pm: Mary & Joe McGuigan,

Denis & Eileen Halpin

The Evening of Mercy: Continues on Monday Evening, 25th November 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!

Parish Baptisms: We welcome into our Parish: Cameron McMenamin, Brody

McMenamin and Zoey McMenamin into our Parish. 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.

November Dead: The Annual Mass for the deceased will take place in St.

Patrick's Church on Wednesday 27th November at 7.30pm

Hope and Healing: A service of prayer, Music and reflection for those who

have lost love ones through suicide. At St. Patrick's on Sunday 24th November

at 3pm. Refreshments in Patrick's Place (Crypt) afterwards. All Welcome.

Celebrate Christmas: Children's DVD on the true meaning of Christmas.

Sunday 8th December – After 12pm Mass. Located in Patrick's Place (Crypt –

Room below the Church) Everyone Welcome.

Adoration Renewal: Speakers from the Adoration Renewal Group will give a

short talk on Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament and the importance of

spending an hour with the Lord, even just once a week. All you need is a

willing heart and just one hour out of your whole week. Speakers will attend the

Masses on **Sat 30th November** and **Sunday 1st December**. Adoration takes

place in St. Patrick's Church every Friday, all day and on Saturdays from 12

noon - 1pm. Why not come along during Adoration and experience the power

of an hour with the Lord

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!

New Abortion Law N.I: Consultation Paper in relation to a legal framework for abortion services in N.I after 31st March 2020. It is essential that as many of us as possible participate and comment on the consultation

paper. To participate in the consultation paper go to https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/a-new-legal-framework-for-abortion-services-in-northern-ireland?utm_source=0591b64a-a7a1-46a8-beda-69566f65eae2&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate&fbclid=IwAR1qXGfFbPtMrwAuVTddZZ9ZgABXm8PopYqTAKZr45HBfo6HMUwHdTGSGc

For faster access to the above website download the 'Downpatrick Parish' App or visit www.parishofdownpatrick.com and click on bulletins – then click on the above link – to access the government website.

Vacancy: The parish is looking for a part-time housekeeper to do cleaning and cooking duties over three days a week. **Hours:** 12 Hours Per Week **Duties:** Ensuring the provision of a reliable and efficient cleaning

service and providing a quality service in the delivery of food and beverages to the Priests of the Parish, whilst ensuring a pleasant, welcoming and clean Presbytery for the members of the team, volunteers and parish

visitors. **Experience:** Previous housekeeping and cooking experience; - An appreciation of the need for sensitivity and confidentiality; - Ability to balance catering and housekeeping duties; - Flexible in approach to

working hours; - Flexible in approach to duties undertaken; - The ability to work alongside other presbytery staff and volunteers; - A general understanding of the social and moral teachings of the Catholic Church;

- A clear commitment to the work and mission of the Diocese of Down and Connor and the Parish. **Apply:** application forms available at the parish office or the jobcentreonline.

Trócaire Christmas Appeal: If you want to help make the world a better place this Christmas, and to give a gift that shows how

much you care... then please, give a Trócaire Gift of Love. Available from the Trócaire Belfast office, online at www.trocaire.org/gifts

or by phoning 0800 912 1200. Envelopes available at all our parish churches. Thank you for your support.

BBC Mass Recording: Please note that the venue for the BBC Mass on Friday November 29th is now St. Mary's HS, Ardglass Road,

and NOT St. Brigid's Church. Parishioners are still very welcome but are asked to be in place – seated – by 12:40pm – 12:45pm.

The Downpatrick Stillborn and Neonatal Death Society (SANDS) are organising a 'Lights of Love' evening in Downpatrick for

families who have experienced the loss of a baby. The Christmas service is taking place in St Patrick's Church on Friday 13

December, starting at 8pm. Those attending the service are able to add a special message on the 'Lights of Love' Christmas tree in

memory of their son or daughter. Parents are also encouraged to donate a present for the age their child would have been and these

will be donated to a local SVDP charity. The evening Mass, that evening, will be at 7pm

Youth Parish Group: NEW! Our parish youth 'The Underground' group officially started last Sunday evening. It will run weekly on

Sunday evenings from **7.30pm-9pm** in Patrick's Place. The youth group will be for young people in 4th year & up. Come along for

some food, activities, and opportunities to grow in faith. Contact Matt Brennan at 07549870334 or mattbrennan@youthinitiatives.com

Apostolic Work: Christmas cake sale, sale of woollens, and tombola in Patrick's Place on Saturday 7th December before and after

the vigil Mass. Christmas draw will take place. Tickets now on sale. Please come and support the Missions.

SVP Toy Appeal: We would appreciate donations of any new toys, to be distributed at Christmas time. These

should be kept (unwrapped) at any of your SVP shops. **SVP Christmas Party:** for senior citizens will take

place on Sunday 8th December at the Russel Gaelic Union clubhouse. The meal starts at 2pm, followed by

entertainment. Anyone needing help with transport should phone their helpline on 4461 6557.

RGU: winning Numbers 18,19,26,27. No Jackpot Winner. Two people shared £100. Jackpot now £1,700.

Third World Collection: The Downpatrick Third World Group are holding their annual collection appeal at all Masses on the

weekend of the 30th Nov – 1st Dec. All proceeds will go to the Columban Sisters in Pakistan for their disabled children centre. The

assumption sisters for their feeding & medical centre in Malawi.

Tea / Coffee & Hot Toast: will take place every Friday after 9:30am Mass in Patrick's Place. Everyone welcome.



PATRICIAN YOUTH CENTRE: MONSTER BAZAAR & FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER: 2 PM – 5

PM Big Wheel – Fabulous Prizes to be won! Tombola (Bottles & Gifts), Christmas Crafts & Live Music! For the Children....

Santa's Grotto, Face-painting, Gold Fish and much more! Coffee bar facilities. Not to be missed!

RED Week: You will notice the cross in the sanctuary of St. Patrick's draped in red. This is to remind us to pray for our brothers and

sisters who are persecuted for their faith in other Countries. Eight out of ten people persecuted for their faith in the world today are

Christian. We think especially of countries like Iraq and Syria. We in Ireland know about the penal days in our own land. Let us not

forget others in their need.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY: On Sunday 15th December, families are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their

home crib to be blessed at the 11:00am in St. Colmcille's and 12noon Mass in St. Patrick's. The Pro-Life Group

are having a collection of baby gifts at all Masses during the weekend of 14th / 15th December in aid of Stanton

Healthcare. Further details in next week's bulletin.



The Three Tenors in Concert: In St. Patrick's Church on Sunday 29th December at 8pm. Tickets are £25 and are available from the

Parish Office or the Shop at St. Patrick's. Seating is not allocated and will be on a first come first served basis.

Downpatrick Parish Draw:

The results of the Parish Draw held on Thursday, 21st November 2019, are as follows:

1. Pat Brannigan – £1,000 (556) 2. G. Carton – £200 (486)

3. Laura Clarke – £100 (995) 4. Seamus Quinn – £100 (436) 5. Vincent MacNabb – £100 (611)

Promoter's Prize: Christy Smyth – £30

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

The next draw will take place on **Thursday 19th December 2019 at 7pm**, in the Parochial House.

Promoters' returns should be in by **7pm on Sunday 15th December 2019**.