

**DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL  
COMMUNITY AREA  
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 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 £1,951 Loose Plate £646  
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:** Patricia Grant (Ballykinlar), Michael Monan (Teconnaght),  
**Anniv:** Fr. Chris Nellis DPK, Fr. Patrick McAlea, Msgr, Patrick J. Mullally, Canon  
Raymond Fitzpatrick, Fr. Edmund Black, Canon Joseph Cunningham, Fr. Shaun  
McClafferty, Canon Hugh Starkey, Sr. M. Brendan, Claire Hayes, Margaret  
Hayes, Rosena Burns, John Trainor Snr, Agnes McAleenan, Lola & Eilish Moore,  
Deceased members of the Moore Family, Sylvester Vaughan, Sadie Savage,  
Eileen Fee, James & Susan Mills, Gerald Laverty, Edward Hampton, David  
Williams, Brian Montgomery, Walter & Brigid Montgomery, Rita & Felix Blaney,  
Mary Kinsella,

**May They Rest In Peace**

**Mass Intentions:**

**St. Colmcille's, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 7:30pm:** Sadie Savage, Lola & Eilish Moore,  
Deceased Members of the Moore Family,  
**St. Patrick's, Wed, 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, 7:30pm:** Agnes McAleenan, Deceased members of  
Legion of Mary, Kathleen O'Reilly, Alice Lannon, Mary Blaney, Mary McAuley,  
Frank O'Connor, Deceased members of the McConvey family,  
**St. Patrick's, Fri, 6<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm:** James Savage, Catherine O'Lone,  
**St. Malachy's, Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, 10am:** 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary: Fr. Chris Nellis

The Evening of Mercy: Continues on Monday Evening, 2<sup>nd</sup> December in  
**St. Colmcille's Church, Killough Road, Downpatrick:**

**6.30pm - 8:45pm.**

**6.30pm: Rosary,**

**7.30pm: Mass,**

**8.15pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

**8:30pm Benediction**

The Sacrament of the sick will take place during Mass.  
Join us for all of the evening or part of it. Everyone Welcome!

**Parish Baptisms:** We welcome into our Parish: Carter Crane-Laverty and  
Oisín Walsh 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.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> November** and **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**Celebrate Christmas:** Children's DVD on the true meaning of Christmas.  
Next Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December - After 12pm Mass. Located in Patrick's Place  
(Crypt - Room below the Church) 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! Also available are  
'Walk With Me' A Journey of Prayer For Advent and 'Celebrate Advent' a  
children's Advent Magazine are both available at the Parish Shop. Only £1

**New Abortion Law N.I:** Consultation Paper in relation to a legal framework for abortion services in N.I after 31<sup>st</sup> 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=IwAR1gXGFoFbPtMrwAuVTddZZ9ZgABXm8PopYqTAKZr45HBfo6HMUwHdTGSGc](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=IwAR1gXGFoFbPtMrwAuVTddZZ9ZgABXm8PopYqTAKZr45HBfo6HMUwHdTGSGc)  
For faster access to the above website download the 'Downpatrick Parish' App or visit [www.parishofdownpatrick.com](http://www.parishofdownpatrick.com) and click on one of the links to put your comment in.

**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.

**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)

**BBC Mass Broadcast:** You might want to listen! Broadcast Mass for the First Sunday of Advent from St. Mary's H.S with the choir of St. Mary's Celebrant: Fr. John Murray. Radio Ulster (94.5FM) at 10:15am on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December.



**PATRICIAN YOUTH CENTRE: MONSTER BAZAAR & FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON THIS SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

**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](http://www.trocaire.org/gifts) or by phoning 0800 912 1200. Envelopes available at all our parish churches. Thank you for your support.

**Penitential Service:** The Penitential Service for the Downpatrick and Lecale area is on next Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm in St. Patrick's, Downpatrick. Several Confessors will be available.

**Prolife Meeting:** The next meeting of the Downpatrick Prolife group will take place in Patrick's Place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30pm. All welcome - especially if you haven't attended before.

**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<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**Why Course:** Why Death? Why Resurrection? Hope, Heaven. Even if you've missed a session, you're welcome to join our trainee deacons Paul McCormick and Jackie Breen for tea/coffee as they share the vision and hope offered by our Christian faith in the final session of the Why? Course. **Where:** Patrick's Place (below St. Patrick's Church) **When:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 8.10 pm-9.30pm

**Apostolic Work:** Christmas cake sale, sale of woollens, and tombola in Patrick's Place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 05, 07, 24, 27. No Jackpot Winner. Three people shared £100. Jackpot now £1,800.

**Third World Group:** The Downpatrick Third World Group will sell their Calendars after all the Masses on the weekend of the 30<sup>th</sup> Nov - 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**BAMBINELLI SUNDAY:** On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 12 noon Mass in St. Patrick's. The Pro-Life Group are having a collection of baby gifts at all Masses during the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> December in aid of Stanton Healthcare. There will be Festive Tea in Patrick's Place after the 12 noon Mass. Everyone Welcome!



**The Three Tenors in Concert:** In St. Patrick's Church on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 next draw will take place on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7pm**, in the Parochial House. Promoters' returns should be in by **7pm on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019**.

**Christmas Craft Fair:** Come along to Bright Community Centre 66 Ballynoe Road, DPK, BT30 8AJ, and enjoy wonderful crafts made by local people. There is also a very special Afternoon Tea for £7.50p.p. Christmas Ballot with good prizes also available. It will take place Next Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm to 6pm. Admission is Free. Proceeds in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support