

**DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL  
COMMUNITY AREA  
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK  
Sunday 8<sup>th</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:** Frances Denvir, Joan Carson, Donna McAuley (DPK/BFS)  
**Month's Mind:** Eamon Smyth,  
**Anniv:** Canon Joseph Conway, Fr. Francis McCorry, Fr. Hugh O'Donnell, Fr.  
Oliver McStravick, Fr. Gerard Brady, Sr. Brigid, Sr. Mary Joseph, Thomas Perry,  
Sheila Perry, Darren Perry, Gerry Tully, Annie Tully, Michael McAleese, Michael  
& Jean Hamilton, Frank & Jean Connolly, Pat Hunt, Mary Reynolds, Hugh  
Marner, Elizabeth Hazard, Dick Hazard, Hermon McConvey, Patrick & Isobel  
Morgan, Rosemary Cunningham, Margaret Curran, David McMenamy, Baby  
Michael Tate, Jerome McCabe, Rea Pleasants, Kathleen Burns, Hamilton  
Family, Gerry White, Kathleen Walls, Patrick McKeating, Richard McKeever,  
Alice McGrady, Rosaleen Byers, Eddie Watters, **May They Rest In Peace**

**Mass Intentions:**

**St. Patrick's, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec, 7:30pm:** Hugh Kearney, Jean Smyth,  
Patrick & Patricia & Christopher McErlain,  
**St. Patrick's, Wed, 11<sup>th</sup> Dec, 7:30pm:** Month's Mind: Eamon Smyth,  
Jerome McCabe, Hermon McConvey, Patrick & Isobel Morgan, Margaret  
Whinnery, Elizabeth Sage, Rea Pleasants, The Hamilton Family, Kathleen Burns  
**St. Patrick's, Fri, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm:** Sandra Hillen, Enda & Gerry Kelly  
Deceased Members of RGU,  
**St. Patrick's, Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, 5:30pm:** Month's Mind: Pat Perry

The Evening of Mercy: Continues on Monday Evening, 9<sup>th</sup> December in  
**St. Patrick's Church:**

**6.30pm – 8:45pm.**

**6.30pm: Rosary,**

**7.30pm: Mass,**

**8.15pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

**8:30pm Benediction**

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.

**St. Patrick's Grammar School** presents the musical comedy, *The Adams  
Family*, on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December (7pm), Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December (2pm) and  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December (7pm). Tickets on sale from the school's reception  
(£10 (Concession £7)). A production for all the family.

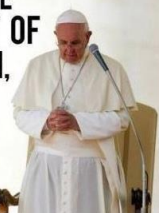
**'Towards Bethlehem' – An advent journey with Mary & Joseph:** You are  
invited to advent prayer and meditation. It starts on This Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>  
December at 10:15am until Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, in De La Salle Brother's  
House, Stream Street. Tea & Coffee will be provided.

**Irish Mass:** An Irish Language Christmas Mass will be held in St Malachy's  
Church, Castlewellan, on Sunday, 22nd December at 11am.

**Download an App for advent:** It is called 'Christmas Tree of Kindness'. It is  
free or £1.99. Great ideas for Advent.

**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 For Prayer For Advent and 'Celebrate Advent' a  
children's Advent Magazine are both available at the Parish Shop. Only £1

**DON'T BE AFRAID  
TO GO TO THE  
SACRAMENT OF  
CONFESSION,  
WHERE YOU  
WILL MEET  
JESUS WHO  
FORGIVES YOU.**  
Pope Francis



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



**Parish Website, Facebook, Twitter 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'. Download the twitter App and follow the up to date news. Find us at 'parish of St. Patrick Downpatrick'  
<https://twitter.com/JohnMur95940145> They Are Free. You can also contact the parish by email at: [downpatrick@downandconnor.org](mailto:downpatrick@downandconnor.org)

**Bethlehem Light:** The traditional light from Bethlehem – transported across Europe – will arrive in St. Patrick's (DPK) on Sunday  
22<sup>nd</sup> December at 5pm brought by the Scouts. There will be a short service of welcome, of hymns and of prayers. All Welcome.

**Celebrate Christmas:** Children's DVD on the true meaning of Christmas. This Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December – After 12pm Mass. Located in  
Patrick's Place (Crypt – Room below the Church) Everyone Welcome.

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

**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 This 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 02, 04 ,26 ,28. No Jackpot Winner. One lucky person won £100. Jackpot £1,900.

**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.**

**BAMBINELLI SUNDAY:** Next 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!



**Nursery Enrolment** -September 2020/2021 - Open Days St Colmcille's Nursery on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 from 9.00 am to  
10.30 am. Convent of Mercy Nursery on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 from 2.30pm to 5.00pm. This year parents must apply on line  
through the Education Authority Website. The web portal for applications will open 12 noon 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and close at 12 noon  
30<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Parents are then required to provide their child's birth certificate and two recent proofs of address to the school  
of their first preference before noon 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

**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.

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

**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 This Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm to 6pm. Admission is Free. Proceeds in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support

**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.

**The Spirit of Christmas:** The choir of Assumption Grammar School would like to invite you to an evening of festive music and  
readings on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. All money raised will go towards funding their trip to New York City in March where  
they have been asked to represent Co. Down in the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade. Please come along and support our pupils and  
enjoy an evening of Christmas Spirit. Refreshments will be available. For further info please contact: 02897 562250.

**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.**

**A Celtic Christmas by Candlelight:** Join the award-winning St Agnes' Choral Society for a Celtic Christmas this coming Friday 13<sup>th</sup>  
December at 7.45pm in St. Peter's Cathedral, Belfast. With donations in aid of Belfast City Hospital's Renal Unit, the company will  
take you on a journey with some beautiful Christmas music, thoughts and reflections. They are delighted to be joined by South Down  
Choral Society and Schola Cantorum. Tickets are £12 (£6 chn) and are available from St. Peter's Cathedral, online at  
[www.tinyurl.com/agneschristmas](http://www.tinyurl.com/agneschristmas) or by calling 07786837198.

**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=IwAR1qXGFoFbPtMrwAuVTddZZ9ZgABXm8PopYqTAKZr45HBfo6HMUwHdTGSGc](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=IwAR1qXGFoFbPtMrwAuVTddZZ9ZgABXm8PopYqTAKZr45HBfo6HMUwHdTGSGc)  
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one of the links to put your comment in.