

**DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL  
COMMUNITY AREA  
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK  
Sunday 15<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 : 44612224

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

**Carol Service**

Our Lady & St. Patrick PS

(OLSP) will hold a carol

service in St. Patrick's

Church on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

December at 1:30pm.

All Welcome

**'Towards Bethlehem' – An**

**advent journey with Mary &**

**Joseph:** You are invited to

advent prayer and meditation. It

continues on This Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

December at 10:15am, in De

La Salle Brother's House,

Stream Street. Tea & Coffee

will be provided.

**Your Prayers Are Requested For:**

**Recently Deceased:** John Hanna, Pat Ward, John McCabe, Paul McGeown

(Killough), Angela Starkey, (Belfast),

**Month's Mind:** Eamonn Smyth, Pat Perry, Margaret McKee, Brendan Goley,

**Anniv:** Fr. A. Connolly, Mgr. WB Tumelty, Fr. G. McLaverty, Fr. D. Morgan, Fr. P

Forde, Mgr. C. McCaughan, Kathleen Lynch, Kathleen Feenan, May Leonard,

Jim Mullan, May & John Hallaron, Tom & Annie Mary O'Hare, Edna & Gerry

Kelly, Margaret Keenan, Terry Ritchie, Martha Diamond, Teddy Tweedie, Mary

Fitzsimons, Rosaleen Mulholland, Florence Carson, Charles Magee, Sarah

Magee, Kathleen Curran, Dan, John & Edmund Flanagan,

**May They Rest In Peace**

**Mass Intentions:**

**St. Patrick's, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec, 7:30pm: Month's Mind:** Margaret McKee,

**Anniv:** Sarah –Jane Digney, Margaret & Dymna Weighman, Albert Purdy,

Ethna Kennedy, Winnie & Charles Reid, Terry Ritchie,

**St. Patrick's, Wed, 18<sup>th</sup> Dec, 7:30pm: Month's Mind:** Brendan Goley,

**Anniv:** Frank & Kathleen Fitzsimons, Colm Fay, Frances Fitzsimmons, Mary

McCann, Paddy Ritchie,

**St. Brigid's, Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 7pm: Month's Mind:** Mary Carney

The Evening of Mercy: Continues on Monday Evening, 23<sup>rd</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**

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: Eoin Shannon. 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 Carol Service:** Join us for Our Annual Carol Service (this evening)

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm. Featuring Carols & Readings from our Parish

Choir and local schools. Everyone Welcome!

**Christmas Mass & Confession Times**

**Confessions: St. Patrick's:**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 12 Noon – 1pm, (Two priests available)

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 6.30pm – 7.30pm, & 8.15pm – 8.45pm

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am – 11.00am

**Christmas & New Year Mass**

**Christmas Eve (24<sup>th</sup>)**

St. Patrick's 6.30pm & 9.30pm

St. Brigid's 6.30pm

St. Colmcille's 9.00pm

**Christmas Day:** St. Patrick's 9am & 12 Noon, St. Brigid's 9am, St. Malachy's

10am, St. Colmcille's 11am

**No Evening Mass on December 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Apostolic Workers Draw;** Winners are £100 – C. McAleenan, Hamper –

William Wade, Asda Voucher – Declan Devine, IK Meats Voucher – Neil

Morgan, Bottle of Whiskey – Gerry McCartan.

**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.

**BAMBINELLI SUNDAY:** This 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! Draw for Christmas prizes after Mass in Patrick's Place, Proceeds to Stanton

Healthcare Also. Tickets are 50p each and available from the shop or at the Festive Tea.

**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.

**RGU:** winning Numbers 04, 06, 22, 23, No Jackpot Winner. Five share £100. Jackpot £2000.

**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.

**Christmas Cribs:** Send the parish a picture of your home crib. The best three in the opinion of the judges will receive a prize from

the Parish shop. These pictures will be put on Facebook. Pope Francis has just issued a beautiful letter on the crib when he visited

Gregorio in Italy, the Scene of the very first crib set up by St. Francis.

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

**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**.

**Bulletin Notices, Mass Intentions & Anniversaries:** Please note: the last bulletins published will be on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

December 2019. There will be no bulletin notices on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Any notices for these two dates should reach the

parish office by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 12pm. **Please also note:** There will be no evening masses from Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

December 2019 to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020. The Saturday evening vigil Masses and Sunday Masses will still go ahead at the

normal times. Evening masses re commence on 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Mass intentions for the first week in January will be published in the

bulletin of December 29<sup>th</sup>. The Parish office will close on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 2.45pm and re-open on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

**Masses & Events in the Parish after Christmas:**

**Feast of The Holy Innocents;** Mass at 10am on December 28<sup>th</sup> in St. Patrick's. Parents or family members who have lost a child are

welcome to place a flower at the crib in memory of their child.

**Masses during the weekend of 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> are as normal.**

**St. Patrick's** – Morning Mass at 9.30am on December 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>. NO EVENING MASS or Evening of Mercy on the 30<sup>th</sup> December.

**January 1<sup>st</sup> – Feast of Mary, Mother of God:** Mass in St. Patrick's at 12 Noon.

**St. Patrick's** 9.30am Mass on January 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be an evening Mass in St. Patrick's on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm **only**.

**Normal Sunday Masses on January 5<sup>th</sup> for the Feast of The Epiphany.**

**The Parish Office** will close on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – anyone wishing to buy tickets for the 'Three Tenors' should do so before the

office closes.

If you require a priest – **in an emergency only**, please contact 07841101678

**Tea/Coffee** will resume in 'Patrick's Place' after Mass on Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Evening of Mercy** resumes Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**Due to the high volume of sickness & infections, the 'Sign of Peace' has been suspended until further notice.**

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