

**DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL
COMMUNITY AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 22nd 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. 7:30pm

St. Colmcille's:

Saturday 8pm (vigil) (75 Mins)

Sunday 11am

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

**Christmas Confessions Tobar
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Monday 23rd December:
10am – 12Noon, 4pm – 6pm, &
7pm – 8:45pm

Tuesday 24th December
10am – 12Noon & 4pm – 6pm

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

Your Prayers Are Requested For:

Recently Deceased: Loreto McDonnell, Chris Doglay, Vincent Blaney, Annie Campbell,

Month's Mind: Mary Carney

Anniv: Canon Patrick Conway, Canon John Murphy, Canon Eamon McEnaney, Sr. Brigid Quinn, Teresa McKeating, Brian McKeown, Mary Savage, William Gilchrist, Kathleen Vance, Gerard Sharvin, Sammy Sharvin, Patrick & Norah Quinn, Malachy Quinn, Kevin Quinn, Donald Quinn, Teddy & Gertie Cousins, Caroline Vaughan, Manus Quinn, Richard Fitzsimons, Alex McMullan, Liam McGlogan, William McConvey Snr, Joseph Deegan, Alan Gordon, Brian Galbraith, Michael Fitzpatrick, Jim Cochrane, Ellie Flanagan, Ooangh Hanna, Ursula Hanna, Frank Fitzsimons, Bridge Blaney, Gerard Blaney, Josephine McMullan, James Michael Mason, Agnes Fitzsimons, Rita McGeown, Mary McAuley, James Armour, David Perry Snr, John Perry, Emmet Perry, Tommy Perry, Sheila Perry, Annie Tully, Gerry Tully, Hugh Kelly, Elizabeth Smyth, Colette McMullan, Mary Hanna, Elizabeth Gordon, Bernard McLaughlin, Mary Kelly, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Raymond Magee, Maura Savage, Patrick & James Taggart, Mary Anne Craig, Carmel Coffey, Teresa & Francie Vance, Joe Williams Thomas Rooney, Gary Rooney, Senan Sharvin, Jimmy Burke, Bernard McMinn, Edwin Vance, Nicholas McNaughton, Teresa McNaughton,

Mass Intentions:

St. Patrick's, Monday 23rd Dec, 7:30pm: Thomas Rooney & Gerard Rooney, Maurice Hayes, Gerard & Bridget Blaney,

St. Patrick's, Sat 28th Dec 5:30pm: 1st Anniversary: Aaron Laverty

The Evening of Mercy: Continues on Monday Evening, 23rd December 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: 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.

Tea / Coffee & Hot Toast: Will resume on Friday 10th January 2020 after 9:30am Mass in Patrick's Place. Everyone Welcome.

Christmas Mass & Confession Times

Confessions: St. Patrick's:

Monday 23rd December 6.30pm – 7.30pm, & 8.15pm – 8.45pm

Tuesday 24th December 10.00am – 11.00am

Christmas & New Year Mass

Christmas Eve (24th)

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 26th & 27th

Parish Website, Facebook, Twitter 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'. 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

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

Pro-life Group: The Downpatrick Pro-life group wish to thank everyone who contributed so generously to our Christmas appeal for Stantin Health Care (for women in crisis pregnancies) – the response was truly outstanding! We would like to express our appreciation to Father Murray P.P, and all the priests and staff of the parish, who gave us permission to use the churches, and who helped us in so many ways with the organisation, publicity etc & the event. We wish you all a very joyful and peaceful Christmas.

Nursery Enrolment -September 2020/2021 - Open Days St Colmcille's Nursery on Monday 6th January 2020 from 9.00 am to 10.30 am. Convent of Mercy Nursery on Monday 6th 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 7th January 2020 and close at 12 noon 30th 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 7th February 2020.

RGU: winning Numbers 04, 17, 22, 23, No Jackpot Winner. Four people share £100. Jackpot £2100.

Downpatrick Parish Draw:

The results of the Parish Draw held on Thursday, 19th December 2019, are as follows:

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| 1. – £1,000 (913) Elizabeth Siu | 2. – £200 (361) Norman Dickinson |
| 3. – £100 (711) Dorothy Brady | 4. – £100 (879) Stephen 7 MT McQuoid |
| 5. – £100 (564) Anne Curran | |

Promoter's Prize: – £30 – Mary Cullen

Many thanks to our hard-working promoters and our generous members. The next draw will take place on **Thursday 23rd January 2020 at 7pm**, in the Parochial House. Promoters' returns should be in by **7pm on Sunday 19th January 2020**.

Masses & Events in the Parish after Christmas:

Feast of The Holy Innocents; Mass at 10am on December 28th in St. Patrick's. Parents or family members who have lost a baby or child are welcome to place a flower at the crib in memory of their loved one during this Mass.

Masses during the weekend of 28th & 29th are as normal.

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

January 1st – Feast of Mary, Mother of God: Mass in St. Patrick's at 12 Noon. NO MORNING MASS ON THIS DATE

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

Normal Sunday Masses on January 5th.

The Parish Office will re-open on January 7th – The Three Tenors concert has been cancelled, anyone seeking a refund should contact the office in the New Year.

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 10th.

Evening of Mercy resumes Monday 6th January 2020

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

There will be NO EXPOSITION from now until Friday, January 10th when Exposition Resumes.

The Priests of the Parish wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas.

HOLYLAND PILGRIMAGE: (May 26th – June 3rd 2020): A small number of places have become available for the Pilgrimage. These will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you are interested, please contact Fr. John Murray @ 02844612084