

**DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL  
COMMUNITY AREA  
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**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

1<sup>st</sup> Friday's 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 £1,970 Loose Plate £674

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 is available at the parish office.

**Your Prayers Are Requested For:**

**Recently Deceased:** Fr. Con Byrne, Pauline McKendry, Thomas Boyle,

**Month's Mind:** Alice Hanna,

**Anniv:** Fr. Henry Flynn, Fr. Seamus O'Hara, Fr. Patrick Fullerton, Fr. Thomas Lynch, Fr. Paul Lyttle, Fr. Terence Keenan, Kathleen & Hugh Lundy, Sarah Kerr, Betty Laird, George & Kathleen Smyth, Rosie Quinn, Marie McCartan, Vera Coyle, Gerard Cunningham, Edward O'Neill, Dunny O'Neill, Paddy Feenan, Rosaleen Galbraith, Raymond Hazard, Maria McConvey, Bernard Trainor, William & Margaret Fisher, Teeny Jones, Anne Hayes,

**May They Rest In Peace**

**Mass Intentions:**

**St. Patrick's, Mon, 27<sup>th</sup> January, 7:30pm:** June Logger, Eddie & Mary Mahon,

**St. Patrick's, Wed, 29<sup>th</sup> January, 7:30pm:** Eileen Walsh, Brian Murphy,

Maureen McKenna, Jack Fitzsimmons, William Denvir,

**St. Patrick's, Fri, 31<sup>st</sup> Jan, 7:30pm:** Brigid & William McKeown, Rosie Quinn,

Michael (Mickey) O'Hare, Helena Fitzsimons, George & Kathleen Smyth,

Rosie Quinn,

**St. Patrick's, Sat, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 5:30pm,** 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary: Maura Reilly

The Evening of Mercy: Continues on Monday Evening, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020 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!

**Pro-life Group:** Next meeting in 'Patrick's Place' on Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Everyone Welcome.

**Parish Baptisms:** 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 Shop:** We are open before and after every Mass or by calling to the Parish Office, Monday – Friday 9.30 – 2pm. Wide range of Cards, Books, Newspapers, Magazines, Rosary beads, Grave lights, Gifts for Weddings, Baptisms, Birthdays etc. We also stock a varied range of Cards for all occasions – Birthday, Anniversaries, Ordination, Marriage as well as Mass and Sympathy Cards. Pop in and have a look! Can't see what you are looking for? Let us know and we will try and source it for you!

**RGU:** winning Numbers 04, 06, 16, 17. No Jackpot Winner. Seven people shared £100. Jackpot now £2,600.

**Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine:** 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020. £399 per person sharing. Price includes bus, 4 nights Knock House Hotel full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Single room supp £40. To book contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email: [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com)

**SVP:** We wish to thank parishioners, Schools, Organisations and to all who contributed generously to our CHRISTMAS APPEAL, which came to £13,974.

**Down County Museum:** Free PEACE IV funded course 'Preserving or Plundering?: Sir Hans Sloane to Modern Museums. The course will begin on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February and run until April on various dates. It will include expert talks and visits to a variety of Museum sites and is open to any resident in the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area. Contact Shirley Lennon on 07718084708 or email [shirley.keneraconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:shirley.keneraconsulting@gmail.com) to book a place.

**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)

**NEW PARISH GROUP:** Are you AGED 25-45? Are you interested in deepening or re-connecting with your faith? We need you to help form a NEW PARISH GROUP - CONNECT 25! Come join us in St Patrick's Church Downpatrick on 28 January 2020 at 7.00pm. The aim is to spend some time in Adoration (Facetime- Conversation-Prayer with Jesus) followed by a time of social gathering. "Let God surprise you with His love and care for you!" We hope to see you there!



**Sale of St. Brigid's Crosses:** The Downpatrick third world group are holding their annual St. Brigid's cross appeal at all Masses next weekend on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Donations will help fund for the S.M.A Fathers in Zambia.



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

**'Discovering CHRIST'** is a 7- week course and will run on Tuesday evenings from 11 February to 31 March 2020, starting at 6:30 pm and finishing at 8:40 pm, in Patrick's Place. Participants will:

- Gather one evening a week to share a meal (free but donation accepted).
- View an informative teaching video and then explore answers to questions worth asking about God and finding - purpose in life through small groups.
- Have an away retreat day on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

We invite YOU to attend this life-changing encounter. It is an excellent way to revitalize or rediscover your faith. Register in the Parish Shop after each evening & Sunday Mass or by contacting the parish office directly on 02844612084.

*"There is nothing more beautiful than to be surprised by the encounter with Jesus – to know Him and to speak to others of our friendship with Him". Benedict XVI*

**Downpatrick Nurses:** 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage: 23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Price: £695. Staying at Hotel Agena with full board accommodation. Travel Insurance is included (up to 86 years old), Also included is airport taxes, Lourdes City Tax and transport to and from Belfast International Airport. For Further information contact Eddie on 07834325885 after 7pm.

**Downpatrick Parish Draw:**

The results of the January Parish draw, held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020, are as follows:

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| 1. Sisters of Adoration – (650) £1,000 | 2. Noreen McStay – (541) £200    |
| 3. Sue McMenamin – (266) £100          | 4. Rosemary Tumelty – (359) £100 |
| 5. Patrick & Anne Higgins – (953) £100 |                                  |

**Promoter Prize:** Fr. Murray (£30)

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

**The next and FINAL DRAW for this session will take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7pm.**

**Promoters' FINAL returns to be in by 7pm, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020.**

**Preparing for Marriage? Catholic Engaged Encounter:** A two day non-residential course will be held in Castle Community Centre, Ballymoney on 21-22 March 2020. This weekend is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship. Information/Booking: [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) or 028276 38512.

**Fatima Easter Pilgrimage:** 8<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020. All Easter Ceremonies in Fatima Mass in Santarem where the bleeding host took place and prayers, and Hungarian Stations of the Cross in Fatima. To book contact James Treacy +353 86 0572216.

**Beginning Experience:** Are you suffering the pain of loss of a partner? Looking for help and understanding? Beginning Experience (a support group for widowed, separated and divorced people) meets every Wednesday evening from 8pm to 10pm, commencing Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020, in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Malone Rd., Belfast. All welcome. For details please contact Phil Tel: 028 90 207645 or Marie Tel: 07896119669

**Retrouvaille – A Lifeline for Married Couples:** Do you want to improve the communication with your spouse? Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. Next programme starts 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020. For information contact Tony & Anne (01) 495 3536, Mike & Anne (01) 450 0922, text or call 086 413 5440, or email [info@retrouvaille.ie](mailto:info@retrouvaille.ie) or visit [www.retrouvaille.ie](http://www.retrouvaille.ie)

**Lectio Divina:** Two hours with the word. Led by Carolyn Howard (Spiritual Director). On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 9:45am to 12:30pm. Location: Church Hall, St. Patrick's Memorial Church, Saul. All Welcome to the community of prayer.