

**DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL  
COMMUNITY AREA  
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 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 £2,030 Loose Plate £636

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:** Terry Hanna (England), Sonia Kinsella (Saul),  
**Anniv:** Fr. John McCarroll, Fr. Patrick White, Fr. Henry James Casey,  
Fr. John Courtney, Fr. Daniel Keenan, Fr. Fred MacSorley, James Digney,  
Peter McCartan, Angela McGarry, Matthew Fleming, Danny O'Neill, Edward  
O'Neill, Dolly Boyd, Lilly Lennon, Charles Moss, Charles Newman, Joseph  
Robinson, Godfrey Curran, Dymphna Taggart, Mary Igo, Margaret Savage,  
Brendan Rice, Christine Butler, Mary Curran, William Quinn, Kathleen Quinn,  
Rita Quinn, Thomas Trainor, Gissie Reynolds, Noel McGrady, Eamon Croskey,  
Greta Hampton, Mary McGeown, Hamilton Family, Lynch family, Patrick Lee,  
Gretta McDonald,

**May They Rest In Peace**

**Mass Intentions:**

**St. Brigid's, Mon, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 7:30pm:** Ethna McCartan, Vera Coyle,  
Malachy Craig, Noel McGrady,

**St. Patrick's, Wed, 5<sup>th</sup> February, 7:30pm:** Louisa Gough, George Trainor,  
Hugh Trainor, Barney Trainor, Margaret Trainor, Cabrini Curran, Brendan Rice,

**St. Patrick's, Fri, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 7:30pm:** Jean Kearney,

The Evening of Mercy: Continues on Monday Evening, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 in  
**St. Brigid's Church, Rathkeltair Road, Downpatrick**

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

**6.30pm: Rosary,**

**7.30pm: Mass,**

**8.15pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet**

**8:30pm Benediction**

**The Blessing of throats will take place during Mass**

Join us for all of the evening or part of it. Everyone Welcome!

**First Friday Sick Visitation:** The priests of the Parish will be visiting the sick  
and housebound during First Friday week.

**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!

**Adoration:** A new session of ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
will take place on Tuesday's in St. Colmcille's. First Session will take place from  
12pm to 4pm from 11<sup>th</sup> February. All Welcome.

**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)

**QUB Talk:** Journalist & Commentator John Waters reflects 'Why I am lapsed  
agnostic in Ireland today' It will take place in the chaplaincy at Queens  
University at 7pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** The Rota for Eucharistic Ministers is ready to be  
collected from the sacristy in St. Patrick's.

**Parish Safeguarding Committee:** The Safeguarding Office has updated the information session which is relevant to adults in the  
Parish who are in vetted roles. These are as Follows: Clergy, Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers attending the housebound, Caretakers, Parish Secretaries and Parish Group Leaders who are leading adult groups.  
The Parish Safeguarding Committee has arranged an information session on **Date: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February - Venue: St. Michael's Parish Centre - Time 7pm to 8:30pm.** Please confirm your attendance by contacting  
the parish Office @ 02844612084 or email [downpatrick@downandconnor.org](mailto:downpatrick@downandconnor.org) If unable to attend the above, Volunteers can register on the Diocesan Safeguarding Office Website [www.downandconnorsafeguarding.com](http://www.downandconnorsafeguarding.com)  
to attend the same information session on **Date: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March - Venue: Newcastle Parish Centre - Time: 7pm to 8:30pm.** Please Note: all adult volunteers in a vetted role need to attend one of these  
sessions to receive updated information on Principles of Good Practice in Safeguarding. *Fr. John Murray PP*

**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: CONNECT 25:** The first meeting of this young adult group took place on January 28<sup>th</sup>, over a dozen  
attended. The next meeting will be on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in St. Patrick's Church - with a bite to eat afterwards.



**Sale of St. Brigid's Crosses:** The Downpatrick third world group are holding their annual St. Brigid's  
cross appeal at all Masses this 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*

**Medugorje Youth Pilgrimage:** Are you aged 16 to 18 years old? There is a limit of 15 to 20 FREE spaces available for you to go on  
a Medugorje youth trip with 'Youth Initiatives' (Downpatrick & West Belfast). The trip takes place on 11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020. There  
is a small contribution of £30 required to cover insurance, coats, team meetings etc. We also ask if you can attend the underground  
parish youth group on Sunday evenings at 7:30pm to 9pm at 'Patrick's Place'; and monthly team meetings to prepare for the trip. If  
you would like further information you can contact Matt on 07549870334 or email Sarah at [sarah@youthinitiatives.com](mailto:sarah@youthinitiatives.com)

**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 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.**

**Evangelisation Seminar:** Encounter With The Living God - Renowned Speaker: Ivica Lulic (President of Prayer and Word  
Community, Zagreb, Croatia - Centre of Evangelisation and Hagiotherapy) Ivica has worked for 40+ years as an Evangeliser with  
the late Priest and Professor Dr. Tomislav Ivancic, Founder of Hagiotherapy. Would you like to know Jesus in a personal way and  
experience the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life? Come and discover a true personal encounter with the living God. This  
Evangelisation Seminar is modelled on the early Christian Catechumenate with modern methods of Catechesis. It will take place on  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020. Registration 5pm-5:30pm sharp (evening meal at 6pm sharp). Finishes with Holy Mass at 12pm  
on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May with Lunch at 1pm. Booking essential. Email: [eileenboden55@gmail.com](mailto:eileenboden55@gmail.com) or phone 07793557703.

**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.

**PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA 2020:** 12th / 19th Aug' 7 Nights Full Board, Hotel Avenida. Spiritual Director Fr, Martin Graham. Adm.  
Full Religious Program with Optional Tours. £719 inclusive of Tax & Insurance. Contact Joe Catney 90714001 or 07776425631

**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.

**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.