

**DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL
COMMUNITY AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 9th 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

1st 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:

Offertery £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: James Shields, Deaglan Moran, John Doris,

Martin Bellew (Galway), Karen McQuoid,

Anniv: Fr. James Black, Canon Patrick McAlister, Fr. Hugh Crossin, Fr. Dominic

Murray, Fr. Michael Blaney, Fr. Theodore Crowley, Fr. Leo McKeown, Fr.

Sylvester McGrady, Fr. Christopher Dallat, Fr. Fred Hanson, Marie Rogan,

Alexander Overend, Chris Laverty, Joseph Blaney (Snr), Elizabeth Irwin,

Patricia Fay, Joe Blaney, Mary Taggart, Malachy McGrady, George Trainor,

Hugh Trainor, William Martin, Kieran Carson, Gwen Fitzsimmons,

Dermot Fitzsimmons, Oliver McMullan, Sean McShane,

May They Rest In Peace

Mass Intentions:

St. Patrick's, Monday, 10th February, 7:30pm: Siobhan McShane,

St. Patrick's, Wednesday, 12th February, 7:30pm: James Hampton, Deceased-

Members of the Hamton Family, June Evans,

St. Patrick's, Friday, 14th February, 7:30pm: Yvonne McGreevy,

St. Patrick's, Sunday, 16th February, 12pm: Month's Mind: Tom Boyle &

Anniversary: Graham Williamson,

The Evening of Mercy: Continues on Monday Evening, 10th February 2020 in

St. Patrick's Church,

6.30pm – 8:45pm.

6.30pm: Rosary,

7.30pm: Mass,

8.15pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet

8:30pm Benediction

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

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 11th February and every Tuesday thereafter. All Welcome.

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine: 24th 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

Eucharistic Ministers: The Rota for Eucharistic Ministers is ready to be

collected from the sacristy in St. Patrick's.

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

Legion of Mary: The Legion of Mary will be going around Downpatrick with the

statue of 'Our Lady of Fatima'.

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 18th 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 If unable to attend the above, Volunteers can register on the Diocesan Safeguarding Office Website www.downandconnorsafeguarding.com

to attend the same information session on **Date: Wednesday 4th 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 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

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

'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 14th 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

Confirmations This Week:

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Please Pray for the primary 7 children of:

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Strangford and Kilclief – Wednesday 12th February at 11:00am

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Dunsford and Ardglass – Thursday 13th February at 11:00am

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Saul and Ballycruttle – Friday 14th February at 11:00am

Who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

Fr. Murray will be the Officiant

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2020: Full board in hotel: 7 nights (7–14 July) for £725 or 5 Nights (8–13 July) for £650. Full board for sick or infirm pilgrims with medical and nursing care in Accueil Notre-Dame: 5 Nights (8–13 July) for £550. Youth Team (5–14 July) £590. All flights from Belfast International Airport. Application forms now available from the Parish office or for further information contact the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162 or email: Lourdes@downandconnor.org or visit www.downandconnor.org/Lourdes Further information is also available on the Parish App and the Parish website.

RGU: winning Numbers 01, 05, 10, 19. No Jackpot Winner. Thirteen people received £10. Jackpot now £2,800.

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

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 11th to 18th 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

Downpatrick Nurses: 46th Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage: 23rd to 28th 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 20th February 2020 at 7pm.** Promoters' **FINAL** returns to be in **by 7pm, Sunday 16th 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 or 028276 38512.

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