

**DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL
COMMUNITY AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 23rd 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

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 £1,850 Loose Plate £582

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: Jim Martin, Joe McMechan,

Month's Mind: Pauline McKendry,

Anniv: Fr. Eugene Arthurs, Fr. Patrick McGarry, Fr. Joseph O'Hagan, Fr. Joseph

MacGurnaghan, Fr. Daniel McBride, Michael Fitzsimmons, Christine Butler,

John Collins, Desmond Mulvaney, Brendan Leonard (Jersey), McCullough

Family, John Anthony Clifford, Monica- McCullough Clifford, Marie Breen,

Jim Rice, Eileen McVeigh, Patrick Magorrian, Esther Lowry, Danny Gilmore,

Maureen Morgan, Ignatius Vaughan,

May They Rest In Peace

Mass Intentions:

St. Patrick's, Monday, 24th February, 7:30pm: Hugh McKee, Hugh Finn,

Marie Breen, Danny Gilmore,

St. Patrick's, Wednesday, 26th February, 7:30pm: Louise Baker,

St. Patrick's, Friday, 28th February, 7:30pm: Frank Fitzsimons,

St. Patrick's, Saturday, 29th February, 5:30pm: Month's Mind: Jimmy Shields,

St. Colmcille's, Sunday, 1st March, 11am: Month's Mind: Deáglan Moran,

St. Patrick's, Sunday, 1st March, 12pm: Month's Mind: John Doris,

The Evening of Mercy: Continues on Monday Evening, 24th February 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!

Parish Baptisms: We welcome Luna Harris, Reigan Kelly, Alicia McQuoid, Caleb McQuoid, into our parish. 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 16, 20, 24, 25. No Jackpot Winner. Four people shared £100. Jackpot now £2,900.

Adoration: A new session of ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT started on Tuesday's in St. Colmcille's. It will continue to take place from 12pm to 4pm every Tuesday and thereafter. All Welcome.

Dundrum Parish: You are invited to join Patsy Curry at the Parish Community Centre in Dundrum every Thursday from 27th February to Thursday 2nd April at 7:30pm to 8:30pm. The theme for lent this year is 'studying & praying with St. Matthews Gospel.

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

Eucharistic Ministers: All Eucharistic Ministers who visit the sick, whether in a hospital, residential care facility or individual homes, MUST contact the Parish Office so that we can update our records. Eucharistic Minsters who previously have visited the sick and who are not doing so at present should also contact Mary at the Parish office as soon as possible. Eucharistic Ministers who have not been active in the last 6 months should return their PYX to the Parish Office in order to allow us to distribute to active Ministers.

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

'Discovering CHRIST' is a 7- week course that started on Tuesday evening 11 February. It will continue to 31 March 2020. **You can still attend – even if you have missed the first week –**

It will be 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.

Ash Wednesday Mass Times: Ashes – to mark the beginning of Lent – will be distributed during Mass (or service) at the following times: -

St. Patrick's:

9:30am – (with pupils of OLSP P.S)

11am – Service (with St. Patrick's G.S)

12noon – Service (With St. Mary's H.S)

7:30pm Mass

St. Brigid's: 10am Mass

St. Colmcille's: 11:15am Mass

Day of Fast & Abstinence:

Parishioners are reminded that in honor of the Lord's Fast we should try to fast on Ash Wednesday – one meal and two collections. It is also a day to abstain from meat. Catholics between the ages of 14 and 65 are asked to observe these regulations.

We should also try to undertake some form of fasting on each weekday of Lent and especially Fridays of Lent.

Ash Wednesday Masses: The Priests of the Parish are also covering for Dunsford and Ardglass Parish in the absence of Fr. Gerry McCloskey. Unfortunately, there will be no Mass or Service at St. Malachy's.

Trócaire boxes can be collected in the churches. The NORMAL way for these to be returned is to the church.

Downpatrick Parish Draw:

The Final Draw for the 4th year of the Parish Draw took place on Thursday past, 20th February 2020. The winners were:

1st Special prize: Anne Trainor – (1027) – £5,000 **2nd Special prize:** Iris Lynch – (678) – £3,000

3rd Special Prize: John Doris RIP – (514) – £2,000

Normal Monthly Prizes:

1st Maria Mclroy – (381) – £1,000 **2nd M&P Feenan** – (674) – £200

3rd Kevin Maguire – (755) – £100 **4th Tristan McCrissican** – (1171) – £100 **5th Rachel Hamill** (1185) – £100

Promoter's Prize: Doreen Brown £30

Congratulations to our winners. Many thanks to all our members for their generosity and to our promoters for their hard work. It is our intention to run the Draw **for one final year** with the first draw taking place on **Thursday 26th March 2020, at 7pm** in the Parochial House. The prizes will remain the same. We hope that all members will rejoin as the Draw is a great help to parish finances.

Vocations Retreat: Why not take time to reflect on becoming a priest? Speak to the Vocations Director in Confidence. Come to our Vocations Retreat on 6th to 8th March 2020. For further information contact Fr. Kevin at vocations@downandconnor.org or call 02890 614567.

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.

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

Life Journeys: The Saint Patrick's Centre, Downpatrick, invites you to Life Journeys conversations about life and faith. It involves conversation with Fr. Brian D'Arcy and RTE Presenter Joe Duffy. The conversation will take place on Thursday 12th March 7:30pm. It is strictly RSVP. To reserve a seat please contact 02844 619000 or email conference@saintpatrickcentre.com for more information.