

**DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL
COMMUNITY AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 1st March 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: Veronica Beattie, Michael Kearney (Grangecam)

Month's Mind: Deaglan Moran

Anniv: Fr. Gerard Forrester, Fr. Brendan Mooney, Fr. Neil McCamphill, Fr. Fergus Jordan, Annie Quinn, Willie Byrne, Maria Graham, William Fay Jnr, William Fay Snr, Una Holland, Robert McAlister, Alice Boyd, Patrick - McCambridge, Henry Craig, Kieran Craig, Leo Byers, Una Gibney, James - Gibney, Darren Kelly, Patrick Crane, Kathleen McCall, Mary Madine, Margaret O'Neill, Jean Peacock, Oonagh Carson, Clara Keenan, Nuala Synnott, Ellen Smyth, Patsy Sharvin, Liam Lynn,

May They Rest In Peace

Mass Intentions:

St. Patrick's, Monday, 2nd March, 7:30pm: James Perry, Gerard McAuley,

St. Patrick's, Wednesday, 4th March, 7:30pm: Cathal Brennan,

St. Patrick's, Friday, 6th March, 7:30pm: Peter & Ben & Sam Williams,

St. Patrick's, Saturday, 7th March, 5:30pm: 1st Anniversary: Betty Kelly,

St. Patrick's, Sunday, 8th March, 12pm: 1st Anniversary: Maura Vidanes,

The Evening of Mercy: Continues on Monday Evening, 2nd March 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!

Evening of Mercy (March 2nd): Due to a 'service of light' for St. Colmcille's P7 pupils in the church on March 2nd. The 'Evening of Mercy' will be in St. Patrick's on this evening. The timetable is above. The 'Evening of Mercy' will be in St. Colmcille's on 9th March.

Parish Baptisms: We welcome Olivia Curran, 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.

The Diocesan Vocation Retreat for young men interested in the priesthood takes place in Drumalis, Larne, on March 6th to 8th. To support this retreat you are invited to a directed Holy Hour on March 7th in St. Patrick's at 12noon to 1pm. All welcome – for all or part of this time in prayer.

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

RGU: winning Numbers 05, 06, 09, 17. No Jackpot Winner. 16 people received £10 each. Jackpot now £3,100.

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.

Lenten Scripture Reflection: The Passion of Christ "Why have you Forsaken Me?" with Fr. Oliver Treanor will take place for the next four Wednesday's during lent. Starting from Wednesday 4th March to Wednesday 25th March at Tobar Mhuire, Crossgar. This Wednesday will study 'The cross in my life as a way of growth and fulfilment. It starts at 7:30pm and ends at 9pm. Tea/coffee provided. Voluntary Donation. Also taking place is: **Take off your shoes! Learning to Stand on Holy Ground:** A Three week course to explore the beauty of Eucharistic Adoration and ways of developing best practices in our personal lives and in our parishes. It will be taking place on Sunday's at Tobar Mhuire and led by Fr. Tom Scanlon CP. The first session will take place this weekend on Sunday 1st March, followed by 8th & 15th March at 3:00pm to 5:30pm. Voluntary Donation. For further information, please contact Tobar Mhuire on 02844 830242 or email: secretary@tobarmhuirecrossgar.com

Eucharistic Ministers: All Eucharistic Ministers who visit the sick, whether in a hospital, residential care facility or individual homes, or who bring the sacrament to family members, MUST contact the Parish Office so that we can update our records. Eucharistic Ministers 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.

Pilgrimage to Krakow and Czestochowa: From 11th to 18th October 2020. 7 nights, flying from Belfast to Krakow. 6 nights in five star Niebieski Hotel & Spa with dinner & breakfast. 1 night in Hotel, in Czestochow with dinner and breakfast. English-speaking Christian guide throughout. Comprehensive Travel Insurance included. Spiritual Director: Fr. Liam Toland. Cost £895 per person sharing. Single room supplement is £250 extra Limited availability. £200 deposit secures a seat! For further details contact Jean Reynolds on 07729 402311 or email: jeanreynolds@hotmail.com

Part Time Secretary – Kilclief Parish: A vacancy has arisen for the appointment, on a 6 month fixed term basis, requiring 6 hours attendance each week, for a part-time Secretary within Kilclief Parish, 8 shore road, Strangford, Co. Down, BT30 7NL. The post holder will be required to provide confidential, efficient and effective secretarial support to the Parish Priest, and assistance to visitors and parishioners who visit or make contact with the Parish office. Rate of Pay £10.50 gross per hour. For further information, go to Down and Connor website and select vacancies. Closing date for applications will be 12noon on Friday 13th March 2020.

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 every Tuesday evening 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.

The Saint Patrick Centre is launching a new evening experience based around the story of Saint Patrick on Friday 13th March at 7:30pm. It involves themed dining with recipes from RTE Celebrity Chef Terry McCoy. The event will support the Patrician Youth Centre. Guests will be welcomed with canapés and music in the Saint Patrick Foyer and taken to Ryan's Garden Cafe where Chef Terry McCoy will talk about his new book 'Saint Patrick's Plate'. Guests will then be served a choice of main courses from the book and a fabulous dessert before being taken to the Saint Patrick Centre Auditorium for a preview of the Centre's new Saint Patrick Story Show. Our story tellers and musicians are exceptional and our ex- River dance and Lord of the Dance performers deliver a world class performance of this unique production. Tickets are now on sale at £25pp including meal and show. Call the Saint Patrick Centre on 0284461900 to book your seat.

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

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.

PARISH DRAW: The Parish Draw will recommence on **Thursday 26th March at 7pm** in the Parochial House. If you would like to subscribe to the draw, please contact the Parish Office. Subscription is £5 per month, or £60 for the year, with monthly prizes of £1000, £200 and three prizes of £100 each. The final bonus draw will have a 1st Prize of £5000, 2nd £3000, 3rd £2000 plus the usual monthly prizes! Pop into the office Monday – Friday and purchase your ticket!

World Day of prayer: by the people of Zimbabwe. Located at the Down Parish Church (behind Recorder Office) 6th March 7:30pm.

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.

Healing Mass to St. Pio in St. Mary's Star of the sea church Killyleagh on Monday 2nd March at 7:30pm.

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

Downpatrick Third World Group would like to thank you all for your generosity in contributing £1,825.59 towards the St. Brigid's crosses. In total to date they have raised £6,900 and this has enabled them to support projects in Zambia and Kenya. They deeply appreciate your generous support.

'The Hiding Place': The Corrie ten boom story: A riveting Second World War true story of a Christian woman, in Holland, Corrie felt she couldn't just watch the devastating circumstances that the Jewish people were in, so she acted and set out on an incredible rescue mission. Available on – Sat 14th Mar in Bangor Elim Church 7:30pm – Thurs 19th Mar, Belfast, Bloomfield Presbyterian Church Hall 7:30pm – Sat 21st Mar in Carryduff Elim Church 7pm. For tickets please visit www.oddmments-theatre.co.uk

Legion of Mary are looking to recruit new members. They meet on Tuesday's at the De La Salle Brothers House on Stream Street between 6pm to 7pm. Anyone interested in joining please call Sean on 02844 613917. The Fatima statue is available to anyone in the parish who would like to keep it in their home for a week or two.