

**DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL
COMMUNITY AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 8th 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: Brendan Burns, Bridie Foy,

Anniv: Fr. Michael Kelly, Fr. Edmund Philips (DPK), Fr. Sean O'Neill,

Archdeacon Daniel Murphy, Sr. Mary Agnes, Sr. Margaret, Sr. Mary Perpetua,

Eileen Fitzsimons, Marie Mullan, Dinny Brennan, Nellie Brennan,

Brian McConvey, Iain McKenzie, Bernard Deeny,

May They Rest In Peace

Mass Intentions:

St. Patrick's, Wednesday, 11th March, 7:30pm: Maura Linton, Jim Mulholland,

St. Patrick's, Friday, 13th March, 7:30pm: Billy Murphy, Brian McConvey,

Paddy Davey, Belle Magee, Norah Fitzsimmons, Margaret Deegan, Elizabeth

Woodfield

St. Patrick's, Saturday, 14th March, 5:30pm: 1st Anniversary: Vera Vaughan,

St. Patrick's, Sunday, 15th March, 12pm: Month's Mind: Jim Martin &

Anniversary: Anne McGarry,

The Evening of Mercy: Continues on Monday Evening, 9th March 2020 in

St. Colmcille's Church, Killough Road, Downpatrick

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: We welcome George Trainor and Kevin Fitzsimons, 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 – 2pm.

Holy Land Trip (May/June 2020): The Parish trip to the Holy Land is still on schedule. Fr. Murray has had a recent conversation on the phone with Anam Cara and everything is still OK for the trip. A get-together of the group will take place on Tuesday 12th May at 7pm to 8:30pm in 'Patrick's Place' (crypt of St. Patrick's Church, Downpatrick) – To get the travel pack – To watch a short DVD on the Holy Land – To enjoy light refreshments and meet fellow pilgrims –

Shalom World TV are hosting an evening of prayer for healing in St. Patrick's Downpatrick on Friday 3rd April from 6pm to 9pm. Celebrant: Fr. George Kumbloomootil O.P (India).

RGU: winning Numbers 03, 08, 14, 16. No Jackpot Winner. 14 people received £10 each. Jackpot now £3,200.

Adoration: The Adoration in St. Colmcille's will continue on March 17th between 12noon and 4pm. All Welcome To Attend.

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.

Downpatrick Pro-Life Group invite you to join them for a screening of 'UNPLANNED' (PG 13) on Thursday 26th March and on 2nd April at 7.30pm in St. Michael's Parish Centre. The film tells the story of Abby Johnson who was dramatically converted from abortion clinic director to Pro-Life activist. **Seats are strictly limited and need to be reserved through the Parish Office indicating your choice of evening – Contact Mary @ 02844612084 . Please ensure that you reserve your seat if you wish to attend.**

A small voluntary donation would be appreciated on the evening.

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 few weeks –** 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.

Connect 25 invite YOU to spend time in Adoration as we meditate and reflect on our Patron Saint. (Hymns – Prayer – Scripture – FaceTime with Jesus) will take place on Thursday 12th March 2020 at St. Patrick's Church, Downpatrick, between 7pm to 8pm. Followed by a time of social gathering and refreshments. There will also be a quiz on the life of St. Patrick in Patrick's Place at 8pm.

Screening of 'The Paulie Project' a short 20 min film created by the NM&D Road Safety Committee capturing families stories following the tragic deaths of their loved ones on local roads. Free tickets for a public screening in **St. Patrick's Grammar School Downpatrick**, on Monday 9th March at 7pm can be booked through www.eventbrite.com or contact Patricia on 07786671727.

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.

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, you can buy a ticket at the Parish Office or from the promoter in your area. 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!

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.

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

Dates for Your Diary: Join us on Saturday 21st March for reflection and prayers with Martina Purdy and Elaine Kelly to reflect on prayer, faith, vocation and Mission. On Saturday, April 4th, 'The Great Week' – a reflection and prayer on Holy Week by Fr. John Murray (with some 'help' from Bishop Robert Barron and Fr. Mike Schmitz! And others) join us for one or both sessions... everyone welcome!

Eucharistic Ministers – An update: Do you bring the Blessed Sacrament to a family member? A friend? A neighbor? A nursing home or any setting where there are sick or housebound individuals? If so, you need to let us know. There are still several EM's who are visiting the sick & housebound and have not notified the Parish office – PLEASE contact Mary at the Parish Office in order to update the parish records. – Eucharistic Ministers who do not submit their visitation details to the Parish Office should not be visiting the Sick & Housebound.

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.

Parking At Parochial House: Please DO NOT PARK in front of the Parochial House at ANY time – the area needs to be kept clear for Clergy and staff. Your co-operation is appreciated.