

**DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL
COMMUNITY AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 15th 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:

Offerory £1,995 Loose Plate £597

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: Helen Quinn, Doreen Fitzpatrick, Brigid Stewart,

Mary Dooley, Liverpool & Rathkeltair Park,

Month's Mind: Jim Martin, Joe McMechan,

Anniv: Fr. James Dean, Fr. Patrick O'Hare, Fr. Patrick McCrea, Fr. Anthony

Meaney, Sr. Thérèse O'Neill James Galbraith, Angela Smyth, James Halpin,

Bernadette Craig, Annie Robinson, Brian & Madeleine Gilfedder, James

O'Hanlon Jnr, Margaret Savage, Belle Magee, Pat Oakes, Hugh & Mary Young,

Marie Tumelty,

May They Rest In Peace

Mass Intentions:

St. Patrick's, Monday, 16th March, 7:30pm: Austin Keating, Walter Keating,

Pat Oakes,

St. Patrick's, Wednesday, 18th March, 7:30pm: Seamus & Josephine Madine,

Gerry Doherty, Brian & Madeleine Gilfedder, Anne McErlean,

St. Patrick's, Friday, 20th March, 7:30pm: Month's Mind: Joe McMechan,

Anniv: Dessie Savage, Dermot Fitzsimons, Gwen Fitzsimmons, Joe Fitzsimmons

Michael Fitzsimons, Caroline Fitzsimmons, Neville Fitzsimmons, Mary Gracey,

Neill O'Hare, Brendan Fitzpatrick,

St. Patrick's, Saturday, 21st March, 5:30pm: Month's Mind: Paul Turley,

St. Brigid's, Saturday 21st March, 7pm: 1st Anniversary: Brendan Tweedie,

The Evening of Mercy: Continues on Monday Evening, 16th 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!



The Two 'Reflection mornings' on March 21st and April 4th have been cancelled. The first one 'For God and St. Patrick' will take place after Easter.

Parish Baptisms: We welcome Fionn O'Donnell, 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.

Shalom World TV: The Shalom World TV Evening of prayer, scheduled for April 3rd, has been postponed. The 7:30pm Mass on that evening will take place as usual.

RGU: winning Numbers 09, 11, 13, 19. No Jackpot Winner. 08 people shared £100.. Jackpot now £3,300.

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.

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 18th March will study 'Luke – the forgiveness of the Saviour'. 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

VACANCY – PART TIME SACRISTAN – DOWNPATRICK PARISH: A vacancy has arisen for a Part-time Sacristan within Downpatrick Parish, 54, St Patrick's Avenue, Downpatrick, Co Down, BT30 6DN.

The responsibilities will include: • the maintenance of the sacristy where the church's liturgical items are kept including vestments, sacred vessels and books etc. • ensuring that the sanctuary is set up for mass, other services, baptisms and funerals and that all the requisite books and sacramental vessels etc. are in place. • ensuring the sanctuary is cleared after all services and the church is left secure and tidy.

The terms are based on a permanent appointment requiring 16 hours per week, Monday – Sunday. Work pattern to be agreed. Flexibility will be required in relation to attendance and hours worked, from time to time. Rate of Pay - £8.50 gross per hour. If interested in making application for this post, please download an application pack from either the Diocesan website at <http://www.downandconnor.org> by clicking on the link for JOB VACANCIES or alternatively on the Community NI website, where details of the role are also available by way of Application Form, Role Profile and Person Specification. Application packs can also be obtained from the Parish Office. We welcome applications from anyone who feels they meet the criteria and are interested in playing an active part in the Parish.

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

Adoration and Tea & Toast: The Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays in the Stream Street Chapel will be cancelled until after Easter. So also will the tea and Toast on a Friday morning. **The Saturday Adoration** in the main chapel will continue for the time being.

Downpatrick Pro-Life Group have decided, in light of the current Coronavirus Pandemic, to postpone the showing of "unplanned" in St. Michael's Centre on 26th March and 2nd April. We apologise for any disappointments. We would ask that parishioners pray for Mothers & unborn babies & families as the abortion framework comes into our town and across N. Ireland on 31st March 2020.

St. Patrick's Day:

The feast of St. Patrick (National Apostle of Ireland) is a HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION. This means that we should attend Holy Mass either on the vigil or the day (17th March) itself.

Masses for the Feast day are:-

Vigil Masses Monday 16th March:

St. Patrick's 7:30pm & St. Malachy's 7:30pm

Daytime Masses Tuesday 17th March:

St. Patrick's (Partly in Irish) 10:00am

St. Brigid's 9:30am

St. Colmcille's 11:00am

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed on 17th March and will re-open on Wednesday 18th March.



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 –

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!

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

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.