

**DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 4th February 2018**

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

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 £1930 Loose Plate £480
Weekly Average of Standing Orders
£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
is available to download at
parishofdownpatrick.org. We can no
longer accept email or telephone
enquiries.

Downe Travel: Pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo, Loreto & Montecassino. 18th – 25th May 2018 from Belfast – (LAST FEW SEATS). Celebrating 50 years of Saint Pio's death plus stigmata 100th anniversary. 7 nights 4 star Hotels for £1090pp (single room sup (£245) – Deposit of £250 to reserve your place. Price includes meals, fully escorted guided tours and all taxes. Spiritual Director Canon Sean Rogan PE Killyleagh. For further information – Tel: 028 44613288 or Email: marie@downetravel.co.uk

Your Prayers Are Requested For:

Recently Deceased: Helena Fitzsimons, Maureen McKenna, Bridget Smith
Month's Mind: Veronica Sloan,

Anniv: Fr. John McCarroll, Fr. Patrick White, Fr. Henry James Casey, Fr. John Courtney, Fr. Daniel Keenan, Fr. John Henry, Fr. Fred MacSorley, Fr. James Black, Canon Patrick McAlister, Fr. Hugh Crossin, Fr. Dominic Murray, Christine Butler, Alexander Overend, Patricia Fay, Charlie Keown, Lily Lennon, Maureen McKenna, Gretta Hampton, Noel McGrady, Kevin Quinn, Mary McGeown, June Cogger, Eamon Croskery, Anne Hughes, Mary Rice, Gwen Fitzsimons, Dymphna Taggart, Godfrey Curran, Valerie Turner, Annie Curran, Hazel Curran, John Carr. (Brighton), Malachy McGrady, Noel McGrady, Gretta McDonald,

May They Rest In Peace

Baptisms: We welcome Eiméar Una Brady into our Parish. **Please note:** Four week's notice required for Baptism. An information sheet is available in the porch of St. Patrick's Church. This sheet should be filled in and brought to the Parish Office, Mon – Thurs 9.30am – 2.15pm or Mon & Tues Evenings 6.15pm – 7.15pm.

Mass Intentions:

St. Brigid's, Mon, 5th Feb, 7.30pm: Malachy Craig, Ethna McCartan, Louise Gough
St. Patrick's, Wed, 7th Feb, 7:30pm: George Trainor, Hugh Trainor, Cabrini Curran, Peter Fitzpatrick, Charlie Keown, Eddie, Anne, Giovanna & Roisin Curran,
St. Patrick's Fri, 9th Feb, 7:30pm: Month's Mind: Monica Kelly, Sean McShane,
St. Colmcilles, Sun 11th Feb, 11am: Months Mind: Christopher Gordon

The Evening Of Mercy: Continues this Monday Evening 5th February 2018 in
St. Brigid's Church, Rathkeltair Road

6.30pm – 8:45pm.

6.30pm: Rosary,

7.30pm: Mass,

8.15pm: Rosary & Benediction,

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

SPRED: Means 'Special Religious Education' We hope soon to start a group in the parish to involve our young adults with learning difficulties in a fun-filled and energising way of learning about their faith. If you would like to be a part of this and have one hour a week to spare – please contact the parish office at **02844612084**.

Renewal of Marriage vows: As part of our parish celebration of the World Meeting of Families (Dublin August 2018) couples will be invited to renew their wedding vows at the Sunday masses on **February 24th/25th (2nd Sunday of Lent)**. Please note this change from the original date: ALL COUPLES at the Mass they normally attend. The priest saying that Mass will lead the couples in their renewal of vows. Texts will be provided.(from 1 year married to 70!) are invited on that occasion to renew their wedding vows at the Mass. If you would like a certificate to honour the occasion please let the Parish know. Just ring up (**44-612084**) and give your names and year of your wedding.

Exposition: Due to the generally inclement weather at this time of year the Friday and Saturday Exposition will take place in the small chapel at the stream street side of the church at least until the end of February.

Beginning Experience Weekend Away: The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering 'a weekend away for a lifetime of change' at Drumalis, Larne, Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th March 2018. To find out more, contact Phil on 02890 207645 or Marie on 07896119669 or Email: bebelfast@hotmail.com. Support group continues Wednesday evenings at 8pm in St. Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave, Belfast

Coeliac hosts: If anyone needs to receive a coeliac host at mass please inform the Sacristan or priest beforehand – and then go to the priest in the communion line in order to receive Holy Communion.

Downpatrick Parish Draw: The Final draw will take place next **Wednesday 7th February 2018**, in Murphy's Restaurant, Market Street during the meal for promoters at 8pm – Please note change of date! Prizes of £5,000, £3,000 & £2,000 will be drawn in addition to the normal monthly prizes. Many thanks to all our promoters for their hard work and our members for their generosity on providing valuable funds for our parish. We hope to recommence the draw in March 2018.

Would you like to help those people in your parish who are grieving after bereavement? Bethany Bereavement Support offers training as a parish based group ministry which aims to help those bereaved and grieving. Support is offered on an individual basis in the home, to groups in drop in centres, by phone calls, by helping at funeral liturgies and remembrance services. A full training course is offered over a 10 evening period. For more information or to register interest in the next training course which begins on February 28th 2018 and will take place in the Good Shepherd Centre, please contact the parish office or email downpatrick@downandconnor.org

Apostolic Work: The Apostolic work will hold the first meeting of 2018 on Tuesday 6th February in St. Michaels Parish Centre at 7:30pm. New members welcome. Come and help support missionaries in the developing world.

Talks on prayer: A series of practical talks on prayer called "Lord Teach Us To Pray" continues each Tuesday during January / February. The speaker will be Fr. Murray PP. The third session will be on The Jesus Prayer – The prayer of the East – it will take place in **St. Patrick's on Tuesday 6th February at 7:30pm**. Even if you missed session one or two you will still be welcome. **ALL WELCOME!**

Viatore Christ: As you know Viatore Christ volunteers have been working alongside our Irish Missionaries overseas since 1960 and have seen first hand the change and growth in many areas overseas, brought about by the ongoing presence, work and solidarity of Irish missionaries. Take The First Step to Overseas Volunteering! Viatore Christ runs Overseas Volunteer training weekend courses in Dublin - if you are interested in becoming an overseas volunteer or just want to learn more about social justice at home or away, this course is for you. Call - Viatore Christ +353-1-8689986 or email apply@viatoreschristi.com for more info. Viatore Christ, 8 New Cabra Road, Phibsboro, Dublin 7, Tel. 01-8689986, www.viatoreschristi.com Skype colette.rooney5, WhatsApp 0863808762

RGU Lotto: Winning Numbers were 4,7,22,27. No Jackpot Winner. Nine people Shared £100. Jackpot now £1,800.

Lourdes 1858 – 2018 160th anniversary: MARIA SALUS INFIRMORUM GROUP & YOUTH 4 LOURDES Formed to assist men, women and young adults who wish to volunteer their time and gifts to the service of the 'sick 'in Lourdes. While in Lourdes, the group is under the authority of Hospitalité Notre Dame de Lourdes. We will travel this coming July & September Our group is made of all different ages and personalities, which has created a special atmosphere amongst us all! If you would like to join our group this coming July and offer your service to the sick, please find the relevant contact details below to find out how! JULY DATES – 08/07/2018 – 16/07/2018. CONTACT DETAILS – LIZ BYRNE. Mobile: -087 1926346. Email: lizbyrne@iol.ie

DIOCESAN VOCATION WEEKEND: Is God calling you from your family to serve His family? Have you ever asked Jesus what he wants from you? Perhaps He wants you to serve as a priest in His Church. Take this opportunity to gather with other men who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood. This retreat will create the time and space to help you reflect on what vocation Jesus is calling you to. The retreat will take place in Drumalis Retreat Centre, from Friday 16th – Sunday 18th February 2018. If you wish to attend this retreat or would like further information contact: Fr. Kevin McGuckien, 23 Hannahstown Hill, Belfast, BT17 0LT (02890614567) Email: k.mcguickien@downandconnor.org

NET: The wonderful young people of NET (Sarah, Conor, Killian, Anne, Veronica, Anna, Conor, Matthew, and Michael) have been visiting all our secondary schools in the vicariate for the last two weeks. We are all indebted to their faith and withers. We hope many seeds were planted. Please water these seeds with your prayer. THANK YOU to parishioners who provided accommodation and food these last two weeks.

Parents! As most parents know peanuts are banned from schools due to the allergies some children may suffer. The parish would request that this ban also be kept in all our churches. Thank you.

Lourdes Pilgrimage: The 'Downpatrick Nurses' will be celebrating their 44th Annual pilgrimage to Lourdes. They will be staying at the Hotel Agena with full board accommodation. Travel Insurance, airport taxes, Lourdes City Tax and transport both to Belfast International & Tarbes airport are included. For further Information contact Eddie after 7pm on 07834325885.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Down & Connor are celebrating their 35th year to Lourdes on the 160th anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions to St. Bernadette. Bookings are now open for the 2018 pilgrimage. Seven nights (10-17 July) £725pps. Five nights (11-16 July) £650pps. Five nights for pilgrims staying in Accueil Notre Dame (11-16 July) £550. Youth Team (8-17 July) £590pps. Forms are available from the Parish office or the Lourdes pilgrimage office on 02890646040 or email lourdes@downandconnor.org for a form.

Lenten Retreat Days 2018: These days would give you time and space to reflect and pray in the peaceful environment of Dromantine on important themes of Lent, and prepare for Holy Week and Easter. The first retreat will be led by Fr. Aodán McCrystal, SMA on Saturday 17th February 10am to 5pm. The second retreat will be led by Fr. Des Corrigan SMA, 10am to 5pm. The cost is £25 / €30, this includes Lunch / Tea & Coffee breaks. For bookings contact Dromantine on: 028 30821964 ROI 048 30821964 or Email: admin@dromantineconference.com or visit www.dromantineconference.com

Lenten Pioneer Pledge: Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during Lent. Why not take this opportunity to perhaps help yourself or someone you know with an alcohol or drug problem by offering your sacrifice for freedom from addiction? Please consider taking the short term Lenten Pledge and make a difference to someone's life. Register your pledge with local Pioneers and say the daily prayer. **Prayer: "I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink until the end of Lent."**