

**DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 11th 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 £2326 Loose Plate £505
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.

Your Prayers Are Requested For:

Recently Deceased: Brendan Rice, Patricia Flanagan, Matthew Fleming,
Month's Mind: Monica Kelly, Christopher Gordon
Anniv: Fr. Michael Blaney, Fr. Theodore Crowley, Fr. Christopher Dallat, Fr. Leo
McKeown, Fr. Sylvester McGrady, Fr. Fred Hanson, Fr. Francis McCallister, Fr.
John Mackle, Sr. Mary Catherine, John Fitzsimons, Mary Shields, Harry & Annie
Greenwood, Charles Newman, Liam McKeating, Desmond Mulvaney, Joe Duffy,
Brendan Leonard (Jersey), Joseph Blaney, Elizabeth Irwin, Mary Taggart,
Margaret Savage, Oliver McMullan, Patrick Clarke, Kieran Carson, William Martin,
Sean Martin, George Trainor, Hugh Trainor, Tony Campbell, Peggy Fairfield,

May They Rest In Peace

Baptisms: We welcome Riley Jack Smyth & Louise Annie Byrne 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. Patrick's, Mon, 12th Feb, 7.30pm: June Evans,
St. Patrick's Fri, 16th Feb, 7.30pm: Month's Mind: Oliver McNulty,
St. Brigid's, Sat, 17th Feb, 7pm: 1st Anniversary: Michael Robinson

The Evening Of Mercy: Continues this Monday Evening 12th February 2018 in

St. Patrick's Church

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!

Ash Wednesday: Ashes – to indicate that we intend to do penance during lent
will be distributed during mass at the following times:-

Ash Wednesday 14th February 2018 in

St. Patrick's Church – 9:30am & 7:30pm

St. Malachy's 7:30pm

St. Brigid's 10am

St. Colmcille's 10am

Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and abstinence for the faithful between the ages
of 14–60.

Pope Francis has asked in particular that the faithful of the world should Fast and
do penance on Friday 23rd February in solidarity with the suffering people's of
South Sudan and Cargo. Trócaire boxes – to help us in our fasting – are
available at all the churches.

Lent Masses:

During lent we encourage parishioners to attend daily Mass or at least to try to
attend The 'Evening Of Mercy' Mass in St. Patrick's.
In addition to the usual Wednesday schedule of masses there will be Two extra
evening masses:

Tuesday's: 7:30pm – St Brigid's

Thursday's: 7:30pm – St. Colmcilles

Lent Reflection / Prayers Every Wednesday of Lent after 9:30am Mass in St.
Patrick's church beginning **Ash Wednesday** followed by discussions and
refreshments in Crypt.

Talks on prayer: The forth session of 'Lord, Teach Us To Pray' will take place
on **Tuesday 20th February at 7:30pm** in St. Patrick's Church. This session – led
by Fr. Murray – will be on the 'Pater Noster – using its letters to help us pray.'
All Welcome – even if you missed other sessions.

World Meeting of Families Dublin, August 2018 Below are the ticket options – if you wish to travel to the final Mass on Sunday 26th August, you must purchase at the very minimum a one day congress pass which costs £38 – this guarantees a ticket to the Mass on Sunday 26th. **If you wish to travel as part of the Parish of Downpatrick Group, you must reserve your place with full payment £38 (Ticket) + £12 (Bus) as soon as possible at the Parish Office. We have two buses travelling to the final Mass. Seats will be allocated on receipt of full payment made through the Parish Office.**

Downpatrick Parish Draw:

The final draw of the second year of the Parish Draw took place on Wednesday, 7th February 2018. The winners were:

1st Special Prize: Loretto McDonnell (722) £5,000, **2nd Special Prize:** Fiona Murray (514) £3,000,
3rd Special Prize: Pauline Hanna (16) £2,000 **Promoter's Prize:** Eddie McDonald (£30)

Normal Monthly Prizes

1st Siobhan Singh (621) £1,000, **2nd** Laurance Sharvin (663) £200,
3rd Rosie Byrne (400) £100, **4th** Pep Burns (866) £100, **5th** A & M Linehan (553) £100

Congratulations to the winners. Many thanks to our hard-working promoters and generous members. It's our intention to run the Draw for another year with the first draw to take place towards the end of March. The prizes will remain the same. We hope that all our members will join again as the Draw is a great help for parish finances.

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.

SPRED: Means 'Special Religious Education' We have started a group recently 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**.

RGU Lotto: Winning Numbers were 3,13,23,25. No Jackpot Winner. Four people Shared £100. Jackpot now £2,000.

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

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.

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.mcguckien@downandconnor.org

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.

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."**

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

Joy Of The Gospel: The name of the Pastoral letter of Pope Francis of 2013.
Have you ever wanted to be able to share your faith with someone else but get tongue-tied or didn't know what to say? Would you love to be able to share your faith with your family or friends? 'Joy of The Gospel' is a one day course on 'learning how to share your faith.' It will take place on Saturday 10th March in the crypt at St. Patrick's from 9:30am – 4:30pm. All welcome. No need to book – just show up – bring a packed lunch. See you there.