

**DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 25th 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

7:30pm (Thursday's at Lent)

St. Malachy's:

Sunday 10am

St. Brigid's

Saturday 7pm (Vigil)

7:30pm (Tuesday's at Lent)

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 £1965 Loose Plate £675

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: Athanasius (Alfie) Murphy, Frankie Acton (Saul), May McCombe, Paddy Gracey, Marie Rogan,

Anniv: Fr. Daniel McBride, Fr. Joseph O'Hagan, Fr. Joseph MacGurnaghan, Fr. Gerard Forrester, Fr. Francis Corr, Betty McClean, Patrick Magorrian, Esther Lowry, Patricia Sharvin, William Denvir, Danny Gilmore, Maureen Morgan (USA), Henry Craig, Kieran Craig, Marie & Roland Cunningham, Lea Branniff, Nan Cunningham, Done McCavera, Clara Keenan Snr, Mary Walsh, Nancy O'Neill, Elizabeth Holmes, Elizabeth McGeown, Liam Lynn

May They Rest In Peace

Baptisms: We welcome Elise Hull, Noel Blaney, Charlie Woodside & Joshua Murphy 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, 26th Feb, 7.30pm: Kevin Keenan

St. Patrick's, Wed, 28st Feb, 7:30pm: Frank Fitzsimons, Peter, Ben & Sam Williams

St. Patrick's Fri, 2nd March, 7:30pm: Month's Mind: Bridget Smith

St. Patrick's, Sat, 3rd March, 5:30pm: 1st Anniversary: Alice Boyd

Robert McAllister, Sheila McAllister,

St. Brigid's, Sat, 3rd March, 7pm: Month's Mind: Helena Fitzsimons

St. Colmcilles, Sun, 4th March, 11am: 1st Anniversary: James (Jim) Mulholland

St. Patrick's, Sun, 4th March, 12pm, Month's Mind: Brendan Rice

The Evening Of Mercy: Continues this Monday Evening 26th 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!

Lent Masses:

During lent we encourage parishioners to attend daily Mass at 9:30am or 7:30pm 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

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 peoples of South Sudan and Congo. Trócaire boxes – to help us in our fasting – are available at all the churches.

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

OLSP – First Confession: Our Lady & St. Patrick Irish Unit will be celebrating their First Confession at St. Brigid's Church on Monday 26th February at 1:30pm.

WMOF Collection: There will be a World Meeting of Families Collection This Weekend 24th / 25th February.

Find Us: On Facebook 'Downpatrick Parish' or visit

www.parishofdownpatrick.com email downpatrick@downandconnor.org

Lord Teach Us To Pray: Copies of the handouts for weeks 3 and 4 are available in the Sacristy in St. Patrick's.

Pastoral Council Meeting: The Next Meeting will take place on Wednesday 28th February at 8:10pm.

Women's World Day of Prayer: Will take place in the Presbyterian Church, Fountain Street, on Sunday 25th February at 7:30pm.

Downpatrick Parish Draw: The New draw will take place on **Thursday 29th March 2018, at 7pm** in the Parochial House. Promoters' returns **should be in by 7pm, Sunday 25th March 2018.** Tickets are available from promoters or at the Parish Office.

RGU Lotto: Winning Numbers were 3, 10, 14, 18. No Jackpot Winner. Ten people Matched 3 Numbers. Jackpot now £2,200.

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

Killough Road: Many will know there is a problem with people dumping used flowers and other items at the inner wall. The Parish is already spending £2000 a year in providing skips and the occasional cleaning of paths. If you can't leave waste in the skip can you please take it home and put it into your brown bin? Thank you.

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."**

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 to Belfast International airport are included. Travelling from date 26th June to 1st July. For further information contact Eddie after 7pm on 07834325885.

8th Amendment Rally: A bus to go to Dublin, to attend the 8th Amendment Rally will leave St. Patrick's Church car park **on March 10th at 9:30am.** See Posters in Church for further details. **Also go to Parish Facebook page for Telephone numbers.**

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.' **Please note that this 'Day' will Now take place on Saturday 24th March from 9:30am – 4:30pm.** So as it's not to clash with the buses and Rally on 10th March in Dublin. **All Welcome.** Please bring a pack lunch and £3 to cover expenses.

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.**

Set Top Boxes: Some parishioners who ordered and received a set top box (Kodi or Roku) may not be receiving the church webcam now. This is a technical issue – beyond the control of the parish. We are informed that the authorities who deal with the copyright issues are 'freezing' these boxes out apparently because people in Britain and elsewhere were illegally downloading films – to give one example.

MCN MEDIA who provide our webcam streaming also have a box which is specifically geared to receive the church stream. MCN are offering it to the parish for £80 – at a reduced price – if we get enough orders. If you are interested, ring the Parish office – No money needed yet – just place an order. Once we have enough orders we will contact you.

Lent in Tobar Mhuire: You are warmly invited to a Talk Back evening in Tobar Mhuire on Wednesday 7th March at 7.30pm to explore signs of hope and challenges facing the church and our community today. The panel includes Fr. Brian D'Arcy and Gary Donegan from the Passionist community, along with Alan McBride (CEO – Inspire) and Rev Caroline McAfee (former chaplain NI Hospice). Voluntary donation. Join the Passionist community for Taize style Prayer Around the Cross each Friday night during Lent, beginning at 7.30pm. All welcome. For further information visit: www.tobarmhuirecrossgar.com

Trócaire Lenten Campaign: "Love...It always protects, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." **1 Corinthians 13, 4-7.** Trócaire has launched its Lenten campaign 'Until Love Conquers Fear'. Fear is felt by millions of people around the world who can't feed their families, are forced to flee their homes because of conflict or are imprisoned for standing up for their rights. Love is the support shown to them by people here at home through the Lenten campaign. For further information visit: www.trocaire.org

SPRED: Religious Education for Special Needs Adults and young adults – Our initial group has diminished due to changed circumstances of some people. **We still need some volunteers.** If you think you can give help here – or want more information – please contact the parish office on 44612084.

Sick Visitation: The Priests of the Parish will visit the sick & housebound during First Friday week.

ALPS: SAINTS AND SCHOLARS CONCERT – Down Cathedral Thursday 15th March at 8pm. A one off specially produced production to celebrate the bicentenary of Down Cathedral Downpatrick, the final resting place of our patron saint whilst marking St. Patrick's Day. The event has been produced by Peter Corry and PC Productions and promises to be a spectacular celebration of heritage, culture and St. Patrick through music, song poetry and dance. Hosted by Gerry Kelly with confirmed artists Malachy Cush, Plunkett McGartland, Brigid Shine, Ards CCE and Matthew Campbell this promises to entertain all in attendance. Tickets are priced at £15 and are available now via Down Cathedral, Downpatrick Tourist Office, contacting Ronan Gilchrist on 07801481013 or by visiting the website Eventbrite. Everyone Welcome.