

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

Emergency Mobile: 07841101678
Parish Office:
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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 £2155 Loose Plate £696
Weekly Average of Standing Orders
£190
WMOF Collection: £860

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: Louise Baker, Gerry Power, Sally O'Neill, Dr. John Robb,
Month's Mind: Maura Fitzsimons, Brendan Rice

Anniv: Fr. Cathal McQuillan, Fr. Brendan Mooney, Fr. Neil McCamphill, Fr. Fergus Jordan, Fr. Michael Kelly, Fr. Edmund Phillips, Frances & John Rock, Bridget McQuade, Stephen & Laurence Woods, Annie Quinn, Bernard Deeny, Jean Peacock, Thomas Jervis, Danny Jervis, Gerard Jervis, Donald Monkhouse, Nuala Synnott,

May They Rest In Peace

Baptisms: We welcome Anton George, éirinn Ashwood, Zach Feenan and Bonnie Healey 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, Wed, 7th March, 7:30pm: Cahal Brennan, Eileen Fitzsimons, Deceased Members of the Maguire Family, Frank Fitzsimons,
St. Patrick's Fri, 9th March, 7:30pm: Month's Mind: Mary (May) McComb, Maura Linton,
St. Patrick's, Sat, 10th March, 5:30pm: Month's Mind: Matthew Fleming
St. Brigid's, Sat, 10th March, 7pm: Month's Mind: Gerry McMullan,
St. Colmcilles, Sun, 11th March, 11am: Month's Mind: Maureen McKenna

The Evening Of Mercy: Continues this Monday Evening 5th March 2018 in
St. Colmcille'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!
The Sacrament of the sick will be administered during mass.

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 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.

Parish Finance Committee Meeting: The next meeting will take place in St. Patrick's Presbytery on 7th March at 8:15pm.

Fatima Statue: The Legion of Mary will visit homes in Church Street and the Meadowlands over the next few weeks with the statue.

Shamrock Sale: There will be a Shamrock sale outside all churches Next weekend on 10th / 11th March.

First Confessions: The School children will be celebrating their First Confession this week, on the following dates and times:
Our Lady and Saint Patrick – Tuesday 6th March at 6:30pm
St. Colmcille's – Wednesday 7th March at 6:30pm
St. Brigid's – Thursday 8th March at 6:30pm

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.

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 1, 12, 22, 25. No Jackpot Winner. Four people shared £100. Jackpot now £2300.

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 £5300 a year in providing skips,(please note the amended amount – we forgot to include grasscutting last week!) cutting the grass and cleaning the pathways. If you are unable to leave waste in the skips can

Renewal of Wedding Vows: We understand that some parishioners were disappointed to miss out on renewing their vows in this special year. Accordingly, we would like to give them the opportunity to do so at the Masses on Saturday 9th/Sunday 10th March during the following Masses: Sat 9th, St. Brigid's, 7pm, Sunday 10th – St. Patrick's 9am, St. Colmcille's 11am. In St. Patrick's the necessary words will be on the screen and in the other churches there will be a special page handed out before Mass

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

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: “How much longer will you set on a victim, all together, intent on murder, like a rampart already leaning over, a wall already damaged?” Psalms 62:3. Today we pray for the people of Eastern Ghouta in Syria. Hundreds of innocent civilians have been killed in the bombing of the past two weeks including many children. Trócaire's partners continue to work on the ground in horrendous conditions. We pray for those who can resolve this crisis to find the political will to do so. To find out more on Trócaire's work 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.

The Truth About Cancer Film (TTAC): Come to the St. Michael's Centre, Irish Street, Downpatrick, On **Thursday 8th March at 6:30pm,** for a presentation of the edited version of episode 9 of TTAC docuseries, where ordinary people tell how they recovered fully from this dread disease after they chose to reclaim their health when conventional oncology had given up on them. Learn how to protect both you and your loved one's health so that cancer diagnosis need not be a death sentence.