

**DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA  
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 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 £2140 Loose Plate £615  
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:** Brian McConvey, Aloysius Dillon, Brenda Rooney (Lambeg),  
**Months Mind:** Paddy Gracey, Marie Rogan, Christopher Dobbin  
**Anniv:** Fr. Anthony Meany, Fr. Joseph McConville, Fr. Brian Tomelty, Sr. Thérèse O'Neill, Oonagh Gibney, Patrick Crane, Darren Kelly, James Gibney, Kathleen McCall, Angela Maginn, Brian & Madeleine Gilfedder, Pat Oakes, Charles & Maureen Moss, Margaret & Jim O'Neill, John & Patrick Rooney, Jimmy Curran - snr, Cecelia Tumelty, Jim Smyth, Jack McGrady, Belle Magee, Margaret Savage, Kathleen Bohill, Annie Robinson, Angela Barclon, Laurance Montague, Margaret Gilchrist, James O'Hanlon Jnr, Bernadette McKenny, John Creaney, James Creaney, Angela Bardon,

**May They Rest In Peace**

**Baptisms: 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, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 7:30pm:** Seamus & Josephine Madine, Gerry Doherty, William & Elizabeth Nolan, Anne McErlean,  
**St. Patrick's, Wed, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 7:30pm:** Brian & Madeline Gilfedder  
**St. Patrick's Fri, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 7:30pm:** Maureen Sheppard, Gerry & Oonagh Carson, Brian McCabe,  
**St. Patrick's Sat, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 5:30pm: 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary:** Dessie Savage  
**St. Brigid's, Sat, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm: Month's Mind:** Alfie Murphy  
**St. Patrick's, Sun, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 12pm: Month's Mind:** Elizabeth McGarry

**The Evening Of Mercy:** Continues this Monday Evening 19<sup>th</sup> March 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!

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.

**Easter Penitential Service:** There will be a penitential service in St. Patrick's Church, Downpatrick, Next Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm. Several Confessors will be available. Everyone Welcome!

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

**Parish Office Closure:** Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March. For Emergencies only please ring: 07841101678.  
**Please also note:** If you would like an anniversary put into the bulletin for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> April, please have it in by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you.

**RADIO MARIA IRELAND** is an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station. Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies – all commercial free – Listen via FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND", streaming on [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie) or via PHONE – get live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply). Please join our growing faith family!

**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 24<sup>th</sup> March from 9:30am – 4:30pm. The Venue will be St. Patrick's Crypt All Welcome.** Please bring a pack lunch and £3 to cover expenses.

**RGU Lotto:** Winning Numbers were 7, 17, 21, 25. No Jackpot Winner. Eight people shared £100. Jackpot now £2400.

**Easter Week Mass Times:** Morning Mass St. Patrick's Monday to Friday 9:30am. Saturday 10:00am.

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 7:30pm** (Mass Only) ('Evening of Mercy' schedule will be postponed for one week).

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April:** No evening mass. **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm:** Mass in St. Patrick's only. No evening Mass in St. Malachy's.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage:** The 'Downpatrick Nurses' will be celebrating their 44<sup>th</sup> Annual pilgrimage to Lourdes. They will be staying at the Hotel Agena with full board accom... Travel Insurance, airport taxes, Lourdes City Tax and transport to Belfast International airport are included. Travelling from date 26<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July. For further information, contact Eddie after 7pm on 07834325885.

**Downpatrick Parish Draw: The new draw will commence on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018, at approximately 8:30pm (Please note change of time, owing to Holy Thursday evening Mass.) Promoter's returns should be in by 7pm, Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> March. The Draw has been valuable financially for the parish over the past two years. We hope all members will rejoin and enable our Parish to meet all of its present and future obligations. Membership cards are available at the Parish Office, from Fr. Henry and Fr. Murray in the sacristy or from other promoters. Many thanks for your generosity.**

**World Meeting of Families Dublin, August 2018** Below are the ticket options – if you wish to travel to the final Mass on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup>. **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.

**Motherhood: All love begins and ends there" - Robert Browning.** This Mothering Sunday we pray for mothers across the developing world who strive to create a better future for their children. Mothers like those in Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan and Ethiopia where a hunger crisis still grips the land. Mothers there are doing without food so their children can have a little more to eat. To find out more about Trócaire's Lenten campaign visit [www.trocaire.org](http://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.

**Fountain Foodbank:** Please note that the Foodbank will be closed for the Easter Holidays on Good Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. In case of an emergency you can still phone during the holidays. The contact number is 07444015883.

**Benedictine Retreat:** The Benedictine Monks, Rostrevor, Invite men (18–40) to an Easter Triduum Retreat from Holy Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March until Easter Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018. "*Prefer nothing to Christ, because he preferred nothing to you*" (St. Cyprian) Take time to reflect. Examine your life and consider your call. If interested, please contact: Br Thierry – [benedictinemonks@btinternet.com](mailto:benedictinemonks@btinternet.com) or telephone 02841 739979. Facebook: Benedictine Monks Rostrevor – Twitter: @rostrevormonks

**St. Joseph's Young Priest's Society:** Meeting is at 8pm in St. Michael's Centre on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018. New Members are always welcome.

**IONA Institute: Achieving Best Care at Life's End** by Baroness Naula O'Loan:- Caring for a loved one who is terminally ill is one of the greatest challenges any of us can face. Deciding on an appropriate plan of care can be confusing and stressful. This conference will explore the ethics of end of life care from a philosophical, medical, legal and pastoral perspective and will be of interest to all those who seek the best care as our life journey ends. It will take place on **24<sup>th</sup> March at St. Mary's University Belfast BT12 6FE**, or email [ionainstitute@gmail.com](mailto:ionainstitute@gmail.com) or visit <https://ionainstituteni.org>

**Trócaire:** The Parish wishes to thank Parishioners who bought copies of Fr. Murray's books. Royalties from these amounting to €759 were given to Trócaire recently. Fr. Murrays third book 'Saints for the Family' will be published and available after Easter.

**MINISTRY OF WELCOME** - Have you a warm smile? Good with people? You can help revive our parish hospitality ministry when you offer to assist as a collector, greeter or hospitality volunteer. Is God now asking you to support His church? No prior experience needed. Training if required. Just pray about it and give your name! Phone, email or PM the parish office on Facebook today!

**Offertory Envelopes:** For the following areas are available from the Church porch at St. Patrick's Downpatrick: Ardmeen Green, Ardmore Ave, Argglass Road, Brackenridge, Fountain Street, Dufferin Park, Demesne, Dillon Road, Killard, Kilbride & Knocknashinna Road, Vianstown Heights, John Street & Crescent and Quoile Fold. More envelopes will be available next weekend.