

**DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 25th 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 Michael O'Dwyer, David Tully (England
(Formally Downpatrick))

Months Mind: Alfie Murphy, Catherine McGreevy,

Anniv: Fr. Andrew McGrattan, Fr. John McPhillips, Fr. Liam Vaughan,
Andrew Savage, Joseph Breen, Maureen Sheppard, Liam Polly, June Hanna,
Nellie & Dinny Brennan, Charles Oakes, Louie Grant, Pat Lynch,
Bernadette Craig, Mary Gracey, Robert (Bobby) Fennell, Lisa Branniff (Grimsby),
Michael Burns, Kathleen Leonard,

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, 26th March, 7:30pm: Margaret Murphy, Dominic Murphy,
Mary Gatt, Sean, Josie & Gordon Morrison, Rose Gordon,
St. Patrick's, Wed, 28st March, 7:30pm: Rory Walsh, Rose O'Toole,
Elizabeth & Gerard McComb, Pat Lynch

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

Sign of Peace: Bishop Treanor has lifted the ban on the sign of peace at
Mass. The Sign of Peace will now be given at Mass.

Bulletin Notices: If you would like a Mass or anniversary put into the bulletin for
Sunday 8th to 14th April, please have it in by Wednesday 28th March. Thank you.

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

Good Friday: Just a reminder that this special day is a day of FAST and
Abstinence in honour of our Lord's Passion. All Catholics aged 14 – 60 should try
to fast from food and abstain from meat on that day.

Palm Sunday: There will be a procession at the 12pm Mass in St. Patrick's this
Sunday (March 25th). Those in attendance will be invited by Fr. Henry (celebrant)
to join him in his procession which commemorates the entry of Jesus into
Jerusalem.

Confessions in Holy Week:

Penitential Service, Sunday 25th March in St. Patrick's at 5pm.

(Several confessors present)

Holy Thursday 29th March after the Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 30th March after each service during the day

Holy Saturday 31st March, 10.30am – 1pm (St. Patrick's)

Holy Thursday: 29th March

Morning Prayer at 9am

in St. Patrick's Church. (Led by one of the clergy)

Mass of the Chrism at 11am

in St. Peter's Cathedral, Belfast. Everyone is welcome to
attend.

Mass of the Lord's Supper

at 7.30pm in St. Patrick's Church. There is only one Mass on
Thursday evening, to reflect the unity of the 'one bread and
one cup'

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

in St. Patrick's from 8.30pm – 11pm, with a directed Holy
Hour from 10pm.

Downpatrick Parish Draw: The new draw will commence on **Wednesday, 28th 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, 25th 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.**

RGU Lotto: Winning Numbers were 8, 10, 22, 27. Jackpot was Won by one lucky person! 3 people shared £100. Jackpot £1,500.

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

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

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

Divine Mercy Downpatrick: The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited in St. Patrick's Church on Sunday 8th April at 3pm. The Novena starts on Good Friday.

The Feast of Divine Mercy: will be celebrated on Sunday 8th April in the Church of Mary, Mother of the Church, Saintfield. The Rosary will be recited at 2:30pm followed by the chaplet of Divine Mercy. Mass will begin at 3pm. Confessions will be available from 2pm.

World Meeting of Families Dublin, August 2018: Pope Francis has confirmed he will be attending Dublin on 25th & 26th August

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.

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 30th March and Tuesday 3rd 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 29th March until Easter Sunday 1st 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 or telephone 02841 739979. Facebook: Benedictine Monks Rostrevor – Twitter: @rostrevormonks

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.

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Sale of Shamrocks: The total amount raised from the sale of Shamrocks was £260. Sincere thanks from Neocatechumenal way, Belfast.

Good Friday: 30th March

Morning Prayer of the Church at 10am

in St. Patrick's. (Led by one of the Clergy)

Annual Good Friday Inter-Church Walk

will leave the Down Recorder at 1pm and proceed to St. Patrick's Centre. All
are welcome to join in the walk.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm

in St. Patrick's Church.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 4pm

in St. Malachy's Church.

Prayer around the Cross at 7pm

in St. Patrick's Church

Stations of the Cross; 7.30pm in St. Brigid's, & 8pm in St. Colmcille's. The
Collection at Good Friday Services will be for the Christians in the Holy Land.

Holy Saturday: 31st March

Morning Prayer of the Church at 10am

in St. Patrick's. (led by one of the clergy)

Easter Vigil and Mass of the Lord's of the Resurrection

in St. Patrick's at 9pm

Please note: There is no Mass at 5:30pm

Easter Sunday Mass Times:

Struell Wells at 6am – Please wear clothing and footwear suitable for
damp/wet conditions

St. Patrick's at 9am & 12 Noon

St. Brigid's at 9am

St. Malachy's at 10am

St. Colmcille's at 11am