

**DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 1st April 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)
Sunday 9am (Easter Sunday)

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 £2355 Loose Plate £637
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:

Anniv: Fr. Owen O'Kane, Fr. Patrick O'Keeney, Fr. John McAteer, Fr. Charles Donnelly, Fr. Patrick McDowell, Canon Walter Larkin, Fr. Finbarr Glavin, DPK, Fr. Kevin O'Leary, Mary Gatt, May Bevin, Carmel Fitzsimons, Dessie Craig, Leonard Craig, Keith Jones, Bernadette Magorrian, Hugh Cunningham, Karew Hanna, Rita Hanna, Philomena Tierney, James Sexton Fitzpatrick, Charlie - McKeown, Francis McKeown, Henry Smyth, Sean O'Hare, Nancy Trainor, Sean Fay, John Burns, Joseph Quinn, Gerry Carson, Peggy (Margaret) McGrady, Ruth O'Hanlon, Phyllis Robinson, Pat Harris, Ann (Harris) Heaps, Lily Breen, Betty Byrne, Joe Fisher, Nellie Craig, Joe Lyttle, Carrie McMenamy,
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, Sat, 7th April, 5:30pm: Month's Mind: Louise Baker
St. Brigid's, Sat, 7th April, 7pm, 1st Anniversary: Alfie Reynolds
St. Patrick's, Sun, 8th April, 12pm: 1st Anniversary: Fr. Finbarr Glavin

The Evening Of Mercy:

There will be a Mass(only) this Monday evening on 2nd April 2018.

St. Patrick's Church

7.30pm: Mass,

Everyone Welcome!

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.

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!

Fountain Foodbank: Please note that the Foodbank will be closed for the Easter Holidays on Tuesday 3rd April. In case of an emergency you can still phone during the holidays. The contact number is 07444015883.

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 or via PHONE – get live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply). Please join our growing faith family!

Palm Sunday last week: The Parish would like to apologise to anyone who did not receive a palm last Sunday.

New Parish App: The Parish is pleased to launch a new App for your phone. Just go to the Apple App Store or the Google Play store and download the App 'Parish of Downpatrick'. You will notice it features pictures of all four of our Parish Churches. It will also - along with the bulletin and the Parish website and Facebook page – keep you up to date with all that is happening in the Parish. We hope you will enjoy it and find it very useful. The App is free to download but the Parish has paid for the App to be created – and it is not cheap. So can we suggest that when you download it you might put an extra £1 or two into the collection? This will be appreciated.

Downpatrick Parish Draw:

The winners of the first Parish Draw for 2018/19, took place on Wednesday, 28th March 2018, were as follows:

1. Philomena Prendergast – (566) £1,000 2. Patsy McKinney – (1227) £200
3. Brigid Skeffington – (598) £100 4. Mary McMullan – (807) £100 5. S & L McCrissican – (360) £100

Promoter's Prize: Christy Smyth (£30). - Many thanks to our hard-working promoters and our generous members. **The next draw will take place on Thursday 26th April 2018**, at 7pm in the Parochial House. **Promoters' returns should be in by 7pm, Sunday 22nd April 2018.**

RGU Lotto: Winning Numbers were 9, 14, 20, 25. No Jackpot Winner. 4 people shared £100. Jackpot £1,600.

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.

IS YOUR BAPTISM IMPORTANT TO YOU?

The Parish Pastoral Council, on behalf of all of us in the parish, would like to develop a new Baptism Preparation Programme is to teach about the importance of baptism and to share our own faith with parents presenting their children for baptism.

We are hoping to adopt a Baptism Preparation Course used in the Archdiocese of Westminster and train a team of parishioners to lead the delivery of the programme in our parish.

WE WOULD LOVE IF YOU WOULD CONSIDER BEING A PART OF THE TEAM.

We will call a meeting of all those who are interested in being part of the start of this new ministry at the beginning of May. Please phone the parish office on 02844612084 or email downpatrick@downandconnor.org and leave your name, mobile number, and email address. We will contact as soon as possible.

IT CANNOT HAPPEN WITHOUT PEOPLE LIKE YOU. THANK YOU.

Living Church: The Living Church office is delighted to welcome Jeff Cavins, international author, guest speaker and the Director of Evangelization for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. As we prepare for the World Meeting of Families, Jeff will be leading a day where we can reflect on the Gospel of the family and consider how we share our faith within our families. On the day internationally renowned artists The Priests will be leading us in prayer and music and we will have a selection of workshops. To register you can book online www.livingchurchevents.com The event takes place in Our Lady and Saint Patrick's College Knock. Tickets for the day are £15 including lunch and refreshments.

St. Joseph's Young Priest's Society: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament at 12 noon for vocations, On Saturday 7th April 2018.

Parish Office Closure: Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from Monday 2nd April and will re-open on Monday 9th April. For Emergencies only contact 07841101678.

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