

DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 8th 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 £2140 Loose Plate £615

**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.

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

Your Prayers Are Requested For:

Months Mind: Louise Baker,

Anniv: Fr. Finbarr Glavin, Fr. John Sloan, Fr. Francis X Kennedy, Fr. Dan Crilly,
Fr. Patrick McKavanagh, Sr. Angela, Stephen Shannon, George Tumelty, Pat
Morgan

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, Monday 9th April, 7.30pm: Francie Kelly, Malachy Gilchrist, Rory
Hunt, Deceased Members of the Prendergast Family, Mary Walker & Josephine
McCoubrey,
St. Patrick's, Wednesday 11th April, 7.30pm; Anne Murphy, Jim Johnston, Ann
Holland, Stephen Shannon,
St. Patrick's, Friday 13th April, 7.30pm; Tommy O'Hara, Josie Cunningham,
Geraldine Holland, Terry Bell
St. Patrick's, Saturday 14th April, 5.30pm: 1st Anniv Philomena Tierney
St. Patrick's, Sunday 15th April, 12 Noon: Month's Mind: Brian McConvey

The Evening Of Mercy: Continues this Monday Evening 9th April 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!

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!

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!

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
'Downpatrick Parish'.
You will notice it features pictures of all four of our Parish Churches. It will also
ding 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.

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.

Downpatrick Parish Draw:

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.

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. Closing Date for booking is April 13th.**

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.

Trocaire Boxes can be left at the Parish Office, St. Patrick's Church or given to any of the clergy.

Jeff Cavins –Saturday 21st April. The Gospel of The Family – Joy For The World:

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 leadin 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 St. Patrick's College, Knock. Tickets for the day are £15 including lunch and refreshments.

Marriage Vow Renewal Certificates: Apologies to those who have not yet received their certificates – we have been extremely busy in the office in the lead up to Easter. All certificates will be ready for collection from the Parish Office on Monday April 16th.

Parish Office: The Parish Office will re-open at 9.15am on Monday 9th April.

St. Michael's Parish Centre: Will re-open on Monday 9th April

The Sisters Of Mercy invite you to join them for a **Coffee Morning to support their Mission in Zambia.** Saturday 14th April, 10am – 12 Noon in St. Michael's Parish Centre, 99 Irish Street. All Welcome!

Fr. Finbar Glavin: Mass today, Sunday 8th at 12 noon will be offered for Fr. Glavin. Parishioners, Family & Friends are invited to the Parochial House after Mass for light refreshments. Everyone Very Welcome.

Confirmation & Communion Cards and gifts now in stock in St. Patrick's Shop – the shop is open before and after each Mass or by contacting Mary or James at the Parish Office. Lots of new stock just in – wedding cards, gifts, baptism cards & gifts, newspapers, magazines, books – pop in and have look! Can'y find what you are looking for? Let us know and we will try to source it for you.