

DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 15th 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
Every 1st Friday at 7:30pm

St. Brigid's

Saturday 7pm (Vigil)

Confessions:

St. Patrick's, Saturdays 12:00pm to 1:00pm & 4.45pm -5.20pm and Monday 6:30 – 7:25pm & 8:15 – 8:40pm

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 £1,800 Loose Plate £661

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

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:

Recently Deceased: Kathleen Dooley ,Geraldine HardyMaurice Lynch, Jack Carr (Ardglass, Pupil at St. Colmcilles P.S) ,Anne Sloan

Months Mind: Brian McConvey

Anniv: Fr. Michael Kelly, Fr. Patrick McVeigh, His Eminence William Cardinal Conway, Fr. Thomas McKillop,Sr. Mary Comgall, Charles Mount, Isobel McKeating, Catherine McGrady, Michael McCabe.Damian McGrady, Joe Cassidy, Teddy Quinn, Maureen Stranney, Margaret McCaffrey, Teresa Connor (Ardglass) Colette Gourley, Lily Gourley, Kathleen Palmer, Henry & Lily Flynn, Margaret Magorrian, Patrick McVeigh, Maureen & James Rice, Harry Harris,

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 16th April, 7.30pm: Paul Darragh, Tony Norney, Joe Cassidy,
St. Patrick's, Wednesday 18th April, 7.30pm: Anthony Fitzsimons, Kevin Curran,
St. Patrick's, Friday 20th April, 7.30pm: Ellen O'Hare, Edith Fitzpatrick,
St. Patrick's, Saturday 21st April, 5.30pm: Anniv: Maureen Stranney

The Evening Of Mercy: Continues this Monday Evening 16th 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'. Also visit us at www.parishofdownpatrick.com

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.

Trócaire: Normally at this stage of the year the Trócaire collection would be close to £8,000. However to date it is £5,141. Can we encourage parishioners to bring in those boxes which may still be in the house.

Downpatrick Third World Group: Congratulations to this group on raising £22,464 in the last year to assist people in need in other parts of the world. Well Done!

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 £60 – 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.

RGU: Winning Numbers: 5, 7, 19, 27 Jackpot not won. Eight people shared £100. Jackpot now £1,800.

Jeff Cavins –Saturday 21st April 9:30am to 4pm. 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 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 St. Patrick's College, Knock. Tickets for the day are £15 including lunch and refreshments. Jeff Cavins and about 40 people from his Diocese will also attend the 12 Noon Mass on Sunday 22nd April. Please greet them and welcome them to our parish.

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 April 18th

Confirmation: This year Confirmation will take place on Wednesday 25th April. Bishop Noel Treanor will be the Celebrant at both ceremonies. The Confirmation Masses will be at 11am and 5pm. There will be a Mass at 9:30am but NO MASS at 7:30pm that day. Parents and Sponsors should try to avail of the sacrament of penance before the Confirmation. This is a beautiful part of the tradition of the church for centuries.

Crypt: The Crypt of St. Patrick's Church has been 'rechristened' and will now be called "Patrick's Place". Anyone wishing to book this for an event or a meeting should contact the Parish Office on 02844 612084.

During Easter: During the remaining Sundays of Easter, the priests of the parish will preach on the Papal document Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) which was issued by Pope Francis in 2016. It is a beautiful reflection on the Joy of Love in the family. If you wish to obtain a copy you can do so in the Parish shop. This will be part of the parish preparation for the World Meeting of Families event in Dublin in August.

Neocatechumenal Way Talks: A series of talks will begin on Sunday 15th April at 7.30pm in the Crypt, St Patrick's Church and continuing every Wednesday and Sunday for a number of weeks. These talks will be given by people from the Neo-Catechumenal Way which is a Way to discover the richness of our Baptism, a help to deepen our faith. Everyone is confronted with the problems and diversity in life today, eg loneliness, addictions, relationships, money, etc. The invitation for you is to Come and Listen. All are welcome.

Urgently Needed! Good Morning Down are calling for volunteers to make telephone calls to older people in our area. Have you got 4 hours to spare Mon – Fri 9am – 1pm? They are a recognised charity supporting lonely, housebound adults in the Down area. For more information please contact Linda on 02844 613434. Thank You.