

DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 22nd 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
This Wednesday 25th April @ 9am
Mon & 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 £2,342 Loose Plate £646

Your Prayers Are Requested For:

Recently Deceased: Magdeline Weighman, Bridie Breen (Perth, Australia, Formerly DPK), Brian McGrady (South Africa, Formerly DPK)
Anniv: Fr. Hugh J Mulvenna, Cannon Alexander McMullan, Fr. Peter McCann, Kathleen McMahan, Maurice Campbell, Jackie Graham, Anne Graham, Jimmy Cochrane, Cecelia Perry, Jack McCormick (Killyleagh), William (Willie) McConvey, Frank McPoland, Alan Molyneaux, Frank McPoland, William B Laverty, Tommy Curran, Minnie & Billy Crossan, Bernard McCartan, Margaret M Comiskey, Declan McKeown, Annie Smyth, Aveen Magee (Murdock), Patrick Quinn, Lily Murray, Bernard Smyth, Elizabeth Given (Bangor), Michael Williams, Eamonn Croskery, May Caraille, James Miller, Margaret Miller, Mary Miller, Eamon Miller, William & Nellie Philips, Thomas Charles & Annie Murray, Tommy & Harriet Drake & Family,

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 23rd April, 7.30pm: William B. Laverty, Tommy Curran, Minnie & Billy Crossan, William G. McConvey,
St. Patrick's, Friday 27th April, 7.30pm; Month's Mind: Kathleen Dooley Tommy & Harriet Drake & Family, Belle & Alf Oakes, John Peel, Patsy Reynolds, Eugene Smyth, Vincent Murphy,
St. Brigid's, Sat. 28th April, 7pm: 1st Anniv: Ciara Burns **Anniv:** Hugh Burns
St. Patrick's, Sunday 29th April, 12pm, 1st Anniversary: Anna Mahon

The Evening Of Mercy: Continues this Monday Evening 23rd April 2018 in

St. Patrick's Church

6.30pm – 8:45pm.

6.30pm: Rosary,

7.30pm: Mass,

8.15pm: Rosary & Benediction,

The Sacrament of the sick will be administered during mass.

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!

Precious Life movie: Precious Life invites you to the Ireland Première of award-winning pro-life film HUSH. The film will take place in Wellington Park Hotel, Belfast, on Monday 14th May at 7:30pm with guest speaker – Denise Mountenay, Co producer of HUSH. For more info please email: info@preciouslife.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 £5,498. Can we encourage parishioners to bring in those boxes which may still be in the house.

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.**

One Day Pilgrimage to Knock: The Pilgrimage will leave on Tuesday 3rd July. For further information please contact Mary on 07895098189.

Cancer Connections: Have you been affected by cancer? Did you care for someone with cancer? Are you interested in finding out about plans for local cancer services in our community? Cancer Connections want to build on the success of a recent health and well-being programme for people affected by cancer in the East Down area. Please come along and find out more. Everyone Welcome. The Community engagement event will be held on Tuesday 24th April at 7pm at Tobar Mhuire Centre, Crossgar. For more information please contact Catherine Murnin on 07538646745, Bronagh Morgan on 07557388546 or Julie Bell on 07783326128.

World Meeting of Families Dublin, August 2018: Pope Francis has confirmed he will be attending Dublin on 25th & 26th August Those who have booked to travel on the 3rd bus to the WMOF event should ensure payment reaches the parish office no later than **Friday 27th April.** Seats will be re-allocated if not paid for by that date. We have provisionally booked a smaller bus and have 33 seats remaining. This is the final bus travelling from the local area on August 26th. No further bookings will be taken after Friday 27th April. Seats will be allocated on a first come firsts served basis.

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: 1, 8, 10, 14 Jackpot was won! Seven people shared £100. Jackpot now £1,500.

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 30th

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 now be a Mass at 9am (Please note earlier time)) and 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 continue on Sunday 22nd 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.

Sisters of Mercy: The Sisters of Mercy would like to thank all those who attended the recent coffee morning in St. Michaels. Special thanks to all those who baked, contributed raffle prizes, helped with publicity and poured teas and coffee. The total amount raised was £1,890.

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Music Production: The Patrician Youth Centre Musical Production – 'Sister Act' takes place in the Great Hall, Downshire on Friday 27th April at 8pm and Sunday 29th April at 3pm. Tickets are available from the Youth Centre – Adults £7 and Children £5.

OLSP Bunscoil First Holy Communion:

Will take place in St. Brigid's Church at 12 Noon on Sunday 29th April.

Parish Website, Facebook and App:

The Parish Website is available at www.parishofdownpatrick.com

We regularly update the site. You can also find us on Facebook 'Downpatrick Parish' or by visiting your phone / iPads app store and downloading our App 'Downpatrick Parish'