

**DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA**  
**PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK**  
**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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  
Average Standing Order £190

**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:** Jolene Corr, Brian McGrady

**Month's Mind:** Kathleen Dooley,

**Anniv:** Fr. Joseph Murphy, Fr. Patrick Kerr, Fr. Joseph Moloney, Fr. Francis  
Teggart, Fr. Hilary Armstrong, James Carson, Margaret Foley, Isobel Oakes,  
Eileen Murray, Lionel Pleasants, Paddy Hamilton, Jim Hamilton, Robert Hanna,  
Mary (Molly) Jenison, Michelle Killen-Rea, Regina Bernadette Keenan,  
Alice Taggart, Rosie Craig,

*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 30<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm:** Hugh Webb, Damian McGrady,  
**St. Patrick's, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 7:30pm:** David Hillen, Lionel Pleasants,  
Paddy & Jim Hamilton,  
**St. Patrick's, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm;** Edward Morgan  
**St. Colmcille's, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 11am: 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary:** Alice Gargan  
**St. Patrick's, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 12pm, Month's Mind:** Maurice Lynch

**The Evening Of Mercy:** Continues this Monday Evening 30<sup>th</sup> 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!

**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 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm with guest speaker – Denise Mountenay,  
Co producer of HUSH. For more info please email: [info@preciouslife.com](mailto: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.

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

**Knock Pilgrimage:** Downpatrick Pioneer annual pilgrimage to Knock 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
June. A Number of places are available on the coach. Anyone interested should  
contact Joe on 02844615529 or Martin on 02844614395.

**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](http://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!

**World Meeting of Families Dublin, August 2018: Pope Francis has confirmed he will be attending Dublin on 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> August** Those who have booked to travel on the 3<sup>rd</sup> bus to the WMOF event should ensure payment reaches the parish office no later than **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April**. Seats will be re-allocated if not paid for by that date. We have booked a smaller bus and now have less than 33 seats remaining. This is the final bus travelling from the local area on August 26<sup>th</sup>. No further bookings will be taken after Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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: 9, 12, 13, 15 Jackpot not won. Three people shared £100. Jackpot now £1,600.

**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 30<sup>th</sup>

**Downpatrick Parish Draw:**

The winners of the Draw held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018, were as follows:

1. Isobel Mageean – (744) £1,000    2. Kathryn Prendergast – (567) £200  
3. Patricia Shields – (279) £100    4. Peter McKenna – (1117) £100    5. Mrs Starkey – (513) £100

Promoter's Prize: Edmund Mageean (£30). – Congratulations to the winners. **The next draw will be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018, at 7pm in the Parochial House. Promoters' returns should be in by 7pm, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018.**

Many thanks to our promoters and their hard work and our members for their generosity.

**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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Parish Website, Facebook and App:** The Parish Website is available at [www.parishofdownpatrick.com](http://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'

**Finance Committee Meeting:** Will take place on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 8:15pm in the Parochial House.