

**DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA**  
**PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK**  
**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 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 £1,885 Loose Plate £626  
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:** Sean Donaldson,  
**Anniv:** His Eminence Tomas Cardinal O'Fiaich, Msgr. Dean Francis Kerr, Isobel  
Spencer, Una Gibney, Peter Gibney, Therese Walsh, Aidan Donaldson, Ella  
McCorry, Francie McCorry, James Fitzsimons, Danny Haughian, Anne T Sharvin,  
Mary Mageean, Ursula Farrell, Alf Oakes, Ethna & Jim Quinn, Elizabeth Williams  
& Jack Quinn, Noel Galbraith, Mona Jamison, Susan McCrissican, Patrick  
McCrissican Jnr, Michael & Sally Mills, Michael McGrady, Ursula Rice, Mary  
Quinn, Sean Mulholland, Tommy Stitt, Bill Galbraith,

*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. Brigid's, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm:** Gertie Taggart  
**St. Patrick's, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 7:30pm:** Joseph Torney,  
Leslie & Belle Dawes, Deceased members of the Boyle Family  
**St. Colmcille's, Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 11am: 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary:** Jackie Graham

**The Evening Of Mercy:** Continues this Monday Evening 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in  
**St. Brigid's Church, Rathkelter Road, Downpatrick**

**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!

**Our Lady and Saint Patrick – First Holy Communion:**

Will take place next Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 12pm in St. Patrick's Church.

**St. Joseph's Young Priest's Society:** Draw will take place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>  
May after 10am Mass, in St. Patrick's Place (formerly Crypt). Light refreshments  
will be served. 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.

**Parish Office Closure:**

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May and will re-  
open on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May. For Emergencies only please contact 07841101678.

**Downpatrick Parish Draw: 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.**

**SVP – Senior Citizens:** Bus Leaving Church Carpark at 10:30am going to Holy  
Cross Monastery, Rostrevor for 11:30am Mass on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May. If you  
would like to go, please leave your name and contact number on the Helpline  
number 44616557.

**Corpus Christi Procession:** Date: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 4pm. From St. Colmcille's Church to St. Patrick's Church to  
arrive by 5pm for final prayers and Benediction. This is an event in the Parish and Downpatrick Pastoral area to  
mark the forth coming World Meeting of Families event in Dublin in August. All parishioners and the whole Lecale  
area are welcome. All children from all secondary and primary schools are invited. Primary 4 children are especially  
encouraged to wear their First Communion outfits. Watch this space for more details in coming weeks.

**8<sup>th</sup> Amendment:** There will be a Holy Hour on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm in St. Patrick's prior to the vote in the  
Republic on the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

**8<sup>th</sup> Amendment Rally:** There is a final 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment Rally taking place in Merrion Square, Dublin on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May  
at 2pm. For more information visit [www.loveboth.ie](http://www.loveboth.ie) or phone Amy on 087 2668702 or Alice on 085 7619297

**Novena For Life:** In the days prior to the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment Referendum there will be a 'Novena For Life' in various parts of  
the country. The first evening will be in Downpatrick on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May with Mass at 7:30pm followed by a directed  
Holy Hour ending with Benediction about 9:15pm. All Welcome.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> May.** Seats will be re-allocated if not paid for by that date. We have booked a smaller bus and now have less  
than 15 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 11<sup>th</sup> May. Seats will be allocated on a first come firsts served basis.

**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: 4, 6, 20, 28 Jackpot not won. Nine people shared £100. Jackpot now £1,700.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> May 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. Even if you missed the other talks you are still welcome.

**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'

**Envelopes:** Currently (as of May 1<sup>st</sup>) there are about 120 sets of envelopes at the back of the church at St. Patrick's. Perhaps you  
have decided to simply contribute by putting money on the plate as it passes. If this is the case could you let the Parish Office know.  
Each set of envelopes costs £2.50 and so the number of envelopes at the back is a waste of almost £300 to the Parish. If you still  
wish to contribute by envelopes could you please collect your set of envelopes at the back of the Church.

**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.

**Nano Nagle Anniversary:** This year marks the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of Nano Nagle. In that context the Presentation Sisters  
share with you a poster for display which invites enquiries from those interested in living in the spirit of Nano Nagle today. For more  
information; invite a speaker or receive further literature contact them on 087 2033006 or email: [enquiry@presprone.com](mailto:enquiry@presprone.com) or visit: -  
[www.presentationistersne.ie](http://www.presentationistersne.ie) or visit 'Join Presentation' on Facebbok.