

DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 20th 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 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 £2,075 Loose Plate £761
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: Mary Deegan, Robert McNulty, Patrick Mulligan, Brian Fitzsimmons, Kathleen Leahy, Julie Smyth, Marie Byrne, Bernadette Small - Newcastle, Formerly Downpatrick,
Months Mind: Magdalene Weyman, Ann Sloan,
Anniv: Canon Thomas McAuley, Fr. Patrick Meenan, Fr. Hugh Sheridan, Canon Patrick McKilliop, Sr. M Aloysius, Sr. M Teresa, Sr. M Leontia, Seamus Kelly, John Kelly, Bill Smyth, Gregor Dougal, Deirdre Robinson, John Molloy, Isobel McKeating, Rose & Charles Adair, Ursula Farrell, Lily & Jack Moore, Deceased Members of The Moore Family, David Burns, Patricia Dewart, Josephine Mackel, George Mackel, Maureen Young, John Young, Jake Baker, Mary K Trainor, Daniel Quinn, Margaret Wald, Margaret Rooney, Norah Quinn, Mary Mahon, Sylvester Vaughan,

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 21st May 7.30pm: David Burns, Deceased Members of The Gatt Family,
St. Patrick's, Wednesday 23rd May, 7.30pm: Sean Deegan, Leo Hanna, Roy McKee, Maureen Fitzsimons, Jake Baker, Tom Trainor,
St. Patrick's, Friday, 25th May, 7.30pm: Olivia Cullen, Clare Campbell,
St. Patrick's, Saturday, 26th May, 5:30pm: Months Mind: Frank Brogan

The Evening Of Mercy: Continues this Monday Evening, 21st May 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!

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 be held on Thursday 24th May 2018, at 7pm in the Parochial House. **Promoters' returns should be in by 7pm, This Weekend, Sunday 20th May 2018.**

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

Legion Of Mary: Church Door Collection for Legion of Mary Hostels over the weekend of 26/27th May. The hostels rely on these collections as a source of income to help improve their service to the homeless and disadvantaged. Please give what you can.

Parish Shop: The book 'Amoris Laetitia' – The Joy of Pope Francis is available to buy again at the Parish shop. You can visit the shop at St. Patrick's Church before and after weekend Mass or You can reserve a copy through the parish office or the Parish Facebook on private message. There are lot's more gifts available at the shop, from baptism gifts through to wedding gifts.

Prayer for Exams: Almighty God, please help me in my exams. Help me to face them with courage and peace. Help me to understand the questions that are asked, to remember what I have studied and to express my answers clearly. Guide and direct me in all my decisions and help me especially to discover my true vocation to love and serve you in my life. I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Corpus Christi Procession: Date: Sunday 3rd 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. Children can be accompanied by their parents in the procession. Watch this space for more details in coming weeks.

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

Pro –Life Rosary Crusade: On Sunday, May 20th 3pm at Parliament Buildings, Stormont (Main gates), 3pm – 4pm – join us to pray the Rosary for the protection of Ireland, North and South, from the scourge of abortion.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES NEWS:

Bus to Phoenix Park on Sunday 26th August. We have had some cancellations and have five seats remaining on the bus travelling to the Papal Mass. These seats will be reallocated on receipt of FULL Payment when booking – contact Mary or James to book.

CHOIR MEMBERS WANTED! Would you like to join the 1000 member choir for the Papal Mass? Please log onto the WMOF 2018 website to sign up!

VOLUNTEERS: Anyone who would like to volunteer during the WMOF event should contact them via the website. Volunteers are required for one day, two days or all of the event – whatever suits you... If you are interested and sign up to volunteer, the Parish will offer some financial assistance to both choir members and volunteers. Contact the parish office leaving your details

Sr. Clare Crockett SHM: You may remember that Sr. Clare, originally from Derry was tragically killed in an earthquake in Ecuador in April 2016. Many of her pupils also died that day. On June 4th, our usual 'Evening of Mercy' will have a different format – Rosaries at 6.00pm, Mass at 7pm (Please Note the earlier time), this will be followed by a film on the life and vocation of Sr. Clare. Refreshments will be served at approx 8.45pm in 'Patrick's Place', There is no charge for the film, donations can be left at the parish office, given to clergy or donated on the evening – all donations will be used to continue Sr. Clare's work in education and health care in Ecuador.

The Society Of St. Vincent De Paul

Following on from the controversy in regard to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the 8th Amendment referendum the Society has issued the following statement:

St. Vincent de Paul Wishes to clarify that it embraces the Church's teaching and upholds Gospel values. Our rule states that Vincentians are committed to supporting life from conception to its natural earthly end. We endorse the comments made last week by General President of SVP, Renato Lima de Oliveira, when he described the charity as a 'Christian organisation that defends the right to life'. Our General President also commented – 'We reaffirm our position of the defence of life, not only as a Christian duty but, above all, as an attitude to the sacredness of the life of the human being. We defend every stage of life and all the difficulties that it may encounter. We reject all arguments, threats and mechanisms that are contrary to life! We will not build a just society, of peace and prosperity, by admitting the right to kill human beings, especially the most vulnerable and innocent of them'

Parish Website, Facebook and App: The Parish Website is available at www.parityofdownpatrick.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'. You can also contact the parish by email at: downpatrick@downandconnor.org

Eucharistic Vigil for Corpus Christi and World Meeting of Families: In St. Patrick's Church, Saul on Saturday 2nd June, commencing after the 6.30pm Mass, concluding with Mass at 6am. Join us for any or all of the Vigil – Everyone Very Welcome!

KEYS TO PARISH PROPERTY: Despite an appeal in last week's bulletin for those with keys to contact us – no one has done so! It is essential that if you have keys to any parish property, that you contact Mary at the Parish Office to notify us of what keys you hold. Those who may have keys – particularly keys belonging to Patrick's Place (known as the Crypt) should return them as soon as possible. Thank you for your co-operation.

Clare Lodge Holiday Home Newcastle: Beautiful setting overlooking the sea. Close to all shops amenities. You can stay overnight, midweek, weekend or for a full week. For further information, contact St. Vincent de Paul Helpline on 44616557.

Diocesan Annual pilgrimage to Knock: The Down and Connor Annual Pilgrimage to knock, led by bishop Treanor, will take place on Sunday 10th June 2018. We encourage Parishioners who usually visit Knock annually as a family or individuals to consider making their visit on this day. Due to the world meeting of Families many Parishes who usually organise a parish trip to knock for the Diocesan Pilgrimage are focusing their energies and resources on Parish trips to WMOF and the Papal Visit.