

**DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA**  
**PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK**  
**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August 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 £2,140 Loose Plate £516  
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  
[www.parishofdownpatrick.com](http://www.parishofdownpatrick.com) We  
can no longer accept email or

**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:** Sr. Emilian Maloney, Ann Purcell,  
**Month's Mind:** Kevin Maginn, Sue Martin,  
**Anniv:** Mgr. John Murphy, Fr. Oliver Kennedy, Fr. Hugh Mullan, Fr. Geoffrey  
Lynch, Fr. Gerald McCall, Fr. Liam MacSorley, Rose Foley, James Hennedy,  
Mairead Burns, Sheila McPoland, James Magee, Patrick Galbraith, Kathleen  
Trainor, Esther Rhodes, Jackie Smyth, John Bryce, Norah Craig, Nan McStay,  
James Magee, Marie Lavery, Christine & Danny Flynn, Lily Quinn,  
Patrick Taggart, Harry Craig, Paddy Taggart, Oliver O'Hare, Gretta Curran,  
Martin Curran,

*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, Sat, 4<sup>th</sup> August, 5:30pm:** Month's Mind: Kevin Maginn  
**St. Colmcille's, Sun, 5<sup>th</sup>, 11am:** 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary: Nora Craig  
**St. Patrick's, Wed, 8<sup>th</sup> August, 7.30pm:** Liz Hanna, Mona O'Reilly,  
Mary Madine, Mairead Burns, Agnes Denvir, Nan McStay  
**St. Patrick's, Fri, 10<sup>th</sup> Aug, 7:30pm:** James Magee,

**The Evening Of Mercy:** Continues this Monday Evening 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018 in  
**St. Brigid's Church, Rathkelter Road, Downpatrick**

**6.30pm – 8:45pm.**

**6.30pm: Rosary,**

**7.30pm: Mass,**

**8.15pm: Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet**

**8:30pm Benediction,**

**The Sacrament of the sick will be administered during Mass**

Join us for all of the evening or part of it. Everyone Welcome!

**Parish Shop:** The Parish shop will be in the porch of St.Colmcille's on  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August and St. Brigid's on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August. Papal flags are  
now available from the Parish shop.

**World Meeting Of Families - Events during August**

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August 5pm – 5:30pm: St. Patrick's Church Pastoral Community  
Liturgy to mark the opening of the WMOF.

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Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 6:30pm to 7pm: All parents (and sponsors and  
grandparents) who have had a child baptised during 2018 are invited to a  
service of prayer in St. Patrick's Church.

A special WMOF's card with your child's name will be presented.

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Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August 6:30pm to 8:30pm: Family celebration in the grounds of St.  
Patrick's with live music, complimentary food and a little bit of prayer at the  
end. This event is admittance by ticket only – and TICKETS ARE FREE – from  
the parish office.

**Mass Recordings:** While all Masses in St. Patrick's are live-streamed,  
recordings are only made Via request. If you wish a recording to be made  
please inform the parish office.

**St. Vincent De Paul Outing:** To Strangford & The Ards Peninsula – bus  
leaves St. Patrick's Church car park at 10am on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August. If you  
would like to travel with us – contact the helpline 02844616557, leaving your  
contact details or speak to any member of SVP

**Baptism Celebration:** As part of the WMOF Celebrations, We invite parents &  
family members of babies Baptised between January 1<sup>st</sup> and August 22<sup>nd</sup> to  
attend a short service on August 22<sup>nd</sup> in St. Patrick's Church from 6.30pm –  
7pm. Each child in attendance will receive a certificate as a gift marking the  
fact that they were Baptised during this year. If you wish to attend, please  
contact Mary @ 0284461084 or pm us via Facebook

**Calling All Married Couples!** For Married couples of all ages, an invitation to take time out to renew your relationship with a weekend presented by Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland; 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018 in Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry. Information and booking 00353 86 8541945 or visit [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

**Belfast Anointing Fire:** Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry and Down and Connor Charismatic team jointly invite you to the 'Belfast Anointing fire' 3 days Healing Retreat. It will run from 9am to 6pm on 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> August at St. Mary's Christian Brothers' Grammar School – 147a Glen Road, Belfast, BT11 8NR – Open to all – A registration fee of £5 per day (Separate session for children) – Lunch, Tea / Coffee and Snacks will be provided. The three day event covers Preaching – Confessions – Eucharistic Adoration – Holy Mass – Healing & Deliverance Prayers. For more information contact: Tomas – 07967620435 – Jose – 07725124415 – Colin – 07762150803 – Raju – 07903091734. All Welcome.

**Downpatrick Parish Draw: The next draw will take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 at 7pm,** in the Parochial House. **Promoters' returns should be in by 7pm, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2018.** Many thanks to our hard-working promoters and generous members.

**Day Trip to Knock:** The Legion of Mary's annual trip to knock. Bus leaving Downpatrick Library at 6:45am on Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> of September. The Price of £32 includes two stops and an evening meal on the way home. Everyone welcome. For more information or to book a place, ring Sean on 07504041526.

**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'. It's Free. You can also contact the parish by email at: [downpatrick@downandconnor.org](mailto:downpatrick@downandconnor.org)

**Discovering Christ Course:** Downpatrick Parish is pleased to offer a 7-week course called 'Discovering CHRIST' on Tuesday evenings from 11<sup>th</sup> September to 23<sup>rd</sup> October, starting at 6:30pm and finishing at 8:40pm. Participants will: > Gather one evening a week to share a meal (free but donation accepted) > View an informative teaching video and then > Explore answers to some of the most important questions worth asking about God and finding purpose in life through small groups. Over 60,000 people have attended Discovering CHRIST and have experienced a new or renewed relationship with Jesus and others. We invite YOU to attend this life-changing encounter. It is an excellent way to revitalize your faith. Come and discover something new about personal relationship with Christ, and others, and how it is relevant to your everyday life. WHO? All Adults, age 18 years and over. WHERE? Patrick's Place, St. Patrick's Church, Downpatrick. You can register online by opening the Discovering Christ link on the Parish website homepage [www.parishofdownpatrick.com](http://www.parishofdownpatrick.com) or click on the following link: [Registration Form](#) or contact the parish office on 02844612084.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage 2019** led by Fr. John Murray: It is provisionally hoped to run a pilgrimage from Downpatrick to the Holy Land (staying in Jerusalem and Tiberias for 8/9 days in the latter half of June 2019. Flights are not available as yet – hence the lack of clarity re. dates. However this early notice will give prospective pilgrims an opportunity to save. An approximate cost would be £1400 to £1450 P.P. If you are interested email our parish office at [downpatrick@downandconnor.org](mailto:downpatrick@downandconnor.org) or ring 02844612084. No need for money yet.

**Palestine screening:** Join Trócaire at the Féile an Phobail for the screening of 'This Is Palestine' on Tuesday 7th August at 7pm in St Mary's University College. This documentary follows Riverdance founder John McColgan on a journey through Gaza and the West Bank. There will be a discussion afterwards with John McColgan and Seán Farrell, Director of Trócaire's International Division. It is free and all are welcome.

**World Meeting of Families:** We have had several queries in relation to the £50 charge for the tickets to the Papal Mass. The initial advice given by the organisers was that in order to be 'guaranteed' a ticket for the Papal Mass, Pilgrims had to purchase a minimum of one other event ticket at a cost of £38. One could understand this initial requirement. The organisers wanted participants to not just go to the Papal mass, but also avail of the wonderful talks and seminars in the days prior to the Sunday Mass in the Phoenix Park. All monies received for the WMOF tickets have been paid directly to them. Recently, however, the MOF organisers seem to have issued many thousands of 'free' tickets – perhaps a reason for this is that the 'meeting' as a whole is now well attended and as far as we know fully booked up. If you feel that you would like a refund on your ticket, please let the parish know and we will try to obtain this for you. We cannot guarantee this. We would ask you, though to see the £38 as a 'gift' to the WMOF's, the total cost of which will be £20 million. The Parish will not be making any profit on this.

On a personal note, i wish to point out to parishioners that our parish secretary, Mary Cullen has done an incredible job in liaising with the WMOF's office. This has meant HUNDREDS of phone calls and emails. The parish and all who are hoping to attend the WMOF owe her a great debt of gratitude.  
Fr. John Murray P.P.

**Downpatrick Pastoral Community:** WMOF Celebration in the grounds of St. Patrick's Church, Downpatrick on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. All Welcome – Admission by ticket only – Tickets are available in from all of the local parish offices – contact your Parish Office to get yours! Hot Buffet, Ice-cream, Re-tails, Live Music, Balloon modelling, Puppet Show, Face Painting... Please bring a blanket or a rug.

: There are a small number of places & tickets available for anyone wishing to travel to the event. Please contact Mary @ 44612084 to avail of the last few places.