

**DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA**  
**PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK**  
**Sunday 19<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:**

**Month's Mind:** Catherine Duignan, Sheila Murphy,

**Recently Deceased:** Oliver Morgan, Margaret Stitt,

**Anniv:** Sister Mairead (Mary Baptist) Fr. Colm McGrady, Canon John McMullan,  
Fr. William Philbin, Fr. John Hurson, Cecelia Curran, John O'Hare, Maura  
Williams, Kathleen & Mary Carson, Charles Devine, Geraldine Ghosh,  
Terence Cunningham, May Duffy, Louis Robinson, Johnnie & Mae Smyth,  
Clement & Rosemary Hampton, Annie Trainor, Patrick Galbraith,  
**May They Rest In Peace**

**Baptisms: We Welcome Louis John Herron into Our Parish Family.**

**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, Mon 20<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm:** Patrick Galbraith

**St. Patrick's, Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7.30pm;** Francis Savage

**St. Patrick's, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm:** Mary McKenzie (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

**St. Brigid's, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>, 7pm:** Feargal Magennis (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

St. Patrick's, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>, 12 Noon: Month's Mind: Philomena Palin

**The Evening Of Mercy:** Continues this Monday Evening 19th August

**6.30pm – 8:45pm.**

**6.30pm: Rosary,**

**7.30pm: Mass,**

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

**8:30pm Benediction,**

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. 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.

**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.

**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.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL NOT BE AN EVENING MASS IN ST.  
PATRICK'S ON FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**VMM International Celebrates 50 Years of Lay Mission:** WMM would like to  
reconnect with returned volunteers who worked on projects in Africa, Asia and  
Latin America through the years. There will be a Gala dinner in Dublin on  
September 1<sup>st</sup> – attended by our founder Edwina Gately for details go to  
[www.vmminternational.org](http://www.vmminternational.org) and click on 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.

**St. Mary's High School:**

Return to School dates:

Years 8, 11 & 13 – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August (Induction Morning)

Year 10 – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August (Induction Morning)

Whole School Returns on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

**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)

**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.

The draft schedule at present is: Four days in Jerusalem, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Mount of Olives, Wailing Wall, Yad Vashem (If time permits), Three days in Tiberias – Nazareth, Capernaum, Mount of Beatitudes, Trip to the Sea of Galilee.

**World Meeting of Families: FINAL CALL – IF YOU HAVE BOOKED A PLACE ON THE BUS AND IT IS NOT PAID FOR BY MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> AUGUST – THE SEAT AND TICKET TO THE PAPAL MASS WILL BE RE-ALLOCATED.**

**Tickets for the Papal Mass have not yet been issued – please contact the Parish Office on 02844612084 for updates and collection times. Bus Times etc will be issued with tickets. We apologise for the delay in issuing tickets, this is beyond our control.**

**A Hand Up Concert with Stephen Smyth!** A fundraising concert to support the Mercy Mission in Zambia, will be held in St. Patrick's Visitors Centre on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm. The concert, featuring the brilliant Stephen Smyth will include a selection of Irish, Country and Gospel songs.

The Objective is to raise funds to support a small business in Zambia owned by Charles Mwanda, a small business that has the potential to employ six people, which will change the lives of those six people and their families! Sr. Mary De Largy (Sister of Mercy) has spent 8 years working in Zambia and is appealing to parishioners to help in offering a 'hand-up' to Charles and his potential employees. The Sisters would like to express their sincere thanks to Connolly's Foodstore, Downpatrick & Strangford, Downe Travel Service, Downpatrick and French's Bistro at the St. Patrick's Centre for their generous sponsorship. Tickets Cost £15 each and include a light supper – available from St. Patrick's Visitor Centre, Downe Travel, The Parish Office, The Shop in St. Patrick's Church or by contacting Sr. Mary (44615645) or call 44614340

**ALPS CONCERT: 'The Voice of Hope'** Featuring Donna Taggart, Peter Corry, Matthew Campbell, and a children's choir all over the area in St. Patrick's Church on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 each and are available from the parish office