

DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 26th 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 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 £1,855 Loose Plate £500
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 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. Elizabeth McKeown, Rosena McVeigh, Ivan Hanna,
Mary Denvir (Killyleagh),

Month's Mind: Philomena Palin

Anniv: Deacon John Buckley, Fr. Sean Murphy, Fr. Frank Stewart, Jenny
Cunliffe, Malachi Kelly, Michael O'Reilly, Marie Wilson, Frances Savage,
Edward Kerr, Malachy Kerr, Raymond Galbraith, Letitia McVeigh, James
McVeigh, Pat Vint, Patricia Mathers, Patrick Mathers, Donald O'Hare, Dessie
Quinn, Christopher McAully, Jean McMechan, Sean Mullan, Maureen Laverty,
Betty Murphy,
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, Saturday 25th 5.30pm: Mary McKenzie (1st Anniv)
St. Brigid's, Saturday 25th, 7pm: Feargal Magennis (1st Anniv)
St. Patrick's, Sunday 26th, 12 Noon: Month's Mind: Philomena Palin
St. Patrick's, Mon 27th, 7.30pm: Michael O'Reilly,
St. Patrick's, Wed 29th, 7.30pm: Jenny Cunliffe, Maeve Lynch,
St. Patrick's, Fri 31st, 7.30pm: Annie McKee, Pat Vint
St. Patrick's, Saturday 25th 5.30pm: Anne Smyth (Month's Mind)
St. Colmcille's, Sunday 26th, 12 Noon: 1st Anniv: Eddie O'Neill

The Evening Of Mercy: Continues this Monday Evening 27th 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 Office Closure: Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on
Bank Holiday Monday on 27th August. In an emergency, contact
07841101678.

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 1st – attended by our founder Edwina Gately for details go to
www.vmminternational.org and click on 50th Anniversary celebrations.

St. Mary's High School: Return to School dates: Years 8, 11 & 13 –
Thursday 30th August (Induction Morning) Year 10 – Friday 31st August
(Induction Morning) Whole School Returns on Monday 3rd September.

St. Malachy's High School, Castlewellan: Return to School dates: Years
8,10 & 12 – Monday 3rd September – Years 9, 11, 13 & 14 Tuesday 4th
September. The Whole School returns on Wednesday 5th September.

De La Salle High School: Return to School dates: Years 9, 10, 11 & 12,
Monday 27th August 9am to 12pm – No School on Tues & Wed – Years 8 and
14, Thursday 30th August 9am – 12pm – Monday 3rd September, the whole
school returns.

Legion of Mary: Will visit Flying Horse and Model Farm areas over the
coming weeks with the Fatima Statue.

Holy Face – Knock Pilgrimage: Will take place on Saturday 8th September (Feast of Our Lady's Birthday). The Holy Face pilgrimage will be starting in Knock at 2pm with Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel; Followed by a Rosary Procession at 3pm to the Parish Church; Followed by a brief talk on the Holy Face Revelations. It will end with a Holy Mass in Knock Parish Church at 4pm; followed by confessions. For further information: Contact Human Life International on 094–9375993 to find out if there is a bus leaving Downpatrick or surrounding areas to Knock.

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; 5th – 7th October 2018 in Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry. Information and booking 00353 86 8541945 or visit www.marriageencounter.ie

Downpatrick Parish Draw: The next draw will take place on Thursday 23rd August 2018 at 7pm, in the Parochial House. **Promoters' returns should be in by 7pm, Sunday 19th 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 30th 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 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

Discovering Christ Course: Downpatrick Parish is pleased to offer a 7-week course called 'Discovering CHRIST' on Tuesday evenings from 11th September to 23rd 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 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 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.

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 6th 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 Lary (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 9th September at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 each and are available from the parish office

Downpatrick Parish Draw:

The August Parish draw took place on Thursday 23rd August 2018; winners were:

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| 1. Mary Sharvan – (329) £1,000 | 2. Philip Hynds – (541) £200 |
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| 3. George Caffrey – (951) £100 | 4. Kieran Feenan – (1109) £100 |
| - | 5. Tom Higgins – (456) £100 |
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Many thanks to our promoters and our generous members. Congratulations to the winners.

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