

DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 2nd September 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 £1,775 Loose Plate £610
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:

Month's Mind: Anne Smyth,

Anniv: Fr. Patrick Maginn, Fr. James McCabe, Fr. Thomas Breen, Ven. Kevin Donnelly, Fr. Denis Newberry, Fr. John Madden, Kenny Kelly, Patrick Magee, Joe Magee, Lillian Lundy, Ray Valentine, Elaine Valentine, Veronica McKinney, James Jamison, Tony Oakes, Joseph McGrady, Jill Patterson, John Williams, Kenny Kelly, Jimmy McGrady, Ena Vaughan,

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, Sat 1st September 5.30pm: Anne Smyth (Month's Mind)
St. Colmcille's, Sunday 2nd September, 11am 1st Anniversary: Eddie O'Neill
St. Colmcille's, Mon 3rd September, 7.30pm: Patrick Gough
St. Patrick's, Wed, 5th Sept, 7.30pm; Michael Molloy, Peter Russell, –
Mary Ritchie, Edward & Margaret Sweeney, Kenny Kelly, Hubert Doyle
St. Patrick's, Fri, 7th Sept, 7:30pm: 1st Anniv: Matthew McMullan,
Nora Tumelty, Bernadette Flynn,
St. Patrick's, Sat, 8th Sept 5:30pm: Month's Mind: Margaret Stitt
St. Colmcille's, Sun, 9th Sept 11am: 1st Anniversary: Jill Patterson

The Evening Of Mercy: Continues this Monday Evening 3rd September in
St. Colmcille's, Killough Road, Downpatrick

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!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: will resume after the Summer break
on Saturday 8th September (Mary's Birthday) and Friday 14th September and
thereafter each Friday and Saturday.

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. Malachy's High School, Castlewelan: 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.

**Downpatrick Parish Draw: The next draw will take place on Thursday 27th
September 2018 at 7pm, in the Parochial House. Promoters' returns
should be in by 7pm, Sunday 23rd September 2018.** Many thanks to our
hard-working promoters and generous members.

Sick Visitation: The Priests of the Parish will visit the sick & housebound
during First Friday week.

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.

Healing Mass: devotion to St Pio Monday 3rd September @ 7.30 PM
in ST Mary's Star of the Sea Church, Killyleagh. ST Pio's Relic will be
available before and after mass. This mass will mark the second
anniversary of the healing mass in the parish.

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.

Parish Youth Workers: As you will recall from Fr. Murray's Commentary on the 2017 finance figures for the Parish. The Parish Finance Committee and the Pastoral Council agreed that it was important to bring in some paid youth workers to help on the faith development of our young people. Interviews took place for this recently and one full time and one part time person has taken the position.

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.

Tea / Coffee & hot Toast! Starting on Friday 14th September (and every Friday thereafter). You are invited to Patrick's Place after Mass for a Cuppa and a slice of toast – or two!

WMOF: Pastoral Community Event in Downpatrick On Friday 24th August. A great event! Enjoyed by all – especially the kids of all ages! Thanks to the excellent committee which organised it – as well as the musical artists and all the entertainers – Puppets, face painters, balloon ladies, not forgetting the snake's & lizard's! One disappointing note: While there was an excellent turn out – and 250 FREE tickets were issued – about 80-90 didn't turn up and didn't tell us they weren't coming. Accordingly there was a lot of food left over and the parishes still had to pay the caterer what we had agreed beforehand. Hopefully we'll all know better the next time!

WMOF: Buses to Phoenix Park Mass. A total of five buses and 225 people went from the Lecale area on Sunday Morning. Everyone arrived in time – thank you. Everyone arrived home safely by 10:30pm. Thank God. A big THANKS to Mary Cullen and James Tumelty for taking and coordinating all the bookings. Bus 4: A pair of glasses was left – can be claimed at the Presbytery – Black with white trim.

RGU: Winning Numbers: 4, 11, 16, 27 Jackpot was won! Six people shared £100. Jackpot now £1,500.

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.

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

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.

La Sallian Prayer Group: Will commence on Thursday 6th September between 7:30pm & 8:30pm at the De La Salle House, Stream Street. Come and pray with us. **Everyone Welcome.**

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