

**DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA**  
**PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK**  
**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 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 £1,770 Loose Plate £661  
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)

**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:** James (Jim) McKeown, Kevin Fitzsimons, Margaret  
Magorrian, Winifred Bryce, Kathleen Brady,  
**Month's Mind:** Ivan Hanna, Sr. Elizabeth,  
**Anniv:** Fr. Michael Dallat, Fr. Felix McLaughlin, Fr. Vincent Davey, His Holiness  
Pope John Paul I, Quail Rowland, Margaret (Madge) Laverty, James Quinn,  
Jack Leonard, Margaret Hampton, Kathleen Small, Peter Tumelty, Margaret  
Haughian, Eileen Campfull, Ellen Smyth, Chris Fairfield, Michael Coyle,

*May They Rest In Peace*

**Baptisms: We Welcome Mason Ben Tilley, Aaron Dean Dobbin &  
Conor James Ritchie 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, 22nd Sept, 5.30pm:** Month's Mind: Ivan Hanna  
**St. Patrick's, Sun, 23rd Sept, 12pm:** 1st Anniversary: Noreen McKay  
**St. Patrick's, Mon, 24<sup>th</sup> Sept, 7:30pm:** Patrick & Margaret Hanna,  
Carmel Rice, Lily & Tommy Hogan,  
**St. Patrick's, Wed, 26<sup>th</sup> Sept, 7.30pm:** Michael & Sarah Rafferty,  
John Patterson,  
**St. Patrick's, Fri, 28<sup>th</sup> Sept, 7.30pm:** Rosemary Brannigan, Cyril Murray,

**The Evening Of Mercy:** Continues this Monday Evening 24<sup>th</sup> September in  
**St. Patrick's Church**

**6.30pm – 8:45pm.**

**6.30pm: Rosary,**

**7.30pm: Mass,**

**8.15pm: Rosary,**

**8:30pm Benediction,**

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

**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.

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

**Marriage Encounter Weekend:** The next Marriage Encounter weekend will be  
held in Dromintine Conference Centre, Newry on 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018. For  
more information and booking visit [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) or call 02871  
359612 or (087) 7840408.

**Readers:** We would like you to be part of the liturgical procession at SUNDAY  
MASS. Please go to the sacristy before Mass and receive the lectionary - then  
carry it at shoulder or head height to the altar and place it on the lectern. Later  
in the Mass do your reading in the usual way. Thank you.

**A Call for Volunteers!** Good Morning Down is a FREE Telephone Care / Befriending Service for adults who live in the Down Council area of any age who may feel vulnerable or at risk for whatever reason. We are a registered charity and are currently recruiting volunteers to make befriending / support telephone calls to our members. We need people who can commit to one or two mornings a week from 9am to 1pm. For more information please contact Linda on 02844613434 or email Linda at [lindabaker@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lindabaker@yahoo.co.uk)

**How You Have Helped Trócaire:** The war in Syria is now in its eighth year and continues to have devastating impacts. The total number of humanitarian assistance in Syria has reached 13.5 million, approximately 6.5 million of whom are internally displaced. Over the last three years, Trócaire have directly helped 347,000 people in Syria nearby Lebanon. In addition, through our Caritas partners, we have aided 103,900 refugees entering Europe over the past years.

**Activity in the past 12 months – providing food and humanitarian aid:** In the last year Trócaire and our partners have supported the distribution of food and other vital aid to **65,000** people, the majority of whom were in Aleppo. Trócaire and our partners support people and families affected by the violence in Aleppo with essential food items: **6,650 food baskets** distributed monthly to families in need. We also distribute **non-food items** include Blankets, Mattresses, Straw mats, Kitchenware, Tarpaulin, Hygiene kits and Dignity kits for children and adults. Our partners visit families regularly and provide support and continuously assess needs. If you would like to help Syria: > Send something directly to Trócaire-Direct, 50 King Street Belfast (Mark it 'for Syria') > Give something at the Parish Office and we will ensure it reaches the Trócaire Office.

**Laptop at weekend Masses:** The recent notice on LAPTOP OPERATORS received no calls or feedback. We have THREE operators for Sunday Masses – We would like to have a larger pool. Recently Fr. Murray in three Sundays in the last month had to operate the Laptop for Mass. And yet the Parish is quite sure that there are lots of people – especially young people – in the parish who would do the job. If you have even basic computer skills Ten minutes is all it would take to teach you to use the laptop at one of our Sunday Masses. So please contact us – 44612084 or email [downpatrick@downandconnor.org](mailto:downpatrick@downandconnor.org) – If you are between 16–18 years old and – doing the Pope John Paul II award – you can count the laptop at Sunday Masses towards your award.

**Tea / Coffee & hot Toast!** You are invited to Patrick's Place after Mass, every Friday, for a Cuppa and a slice of toast – or two!

**National Conference – Pro Life Campaign:** Will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October between 1pm–4:30pm at the RDS Concert Hall, Dublin. This is a seating capability conference and seating is limited. To avoid disappointment telephone 087 266 8702 or register online at: [www.prolifecampaign.ie/main/conf2018](http://www.prolifecampaign.ie/main/conf2018)

**'Discovering Christ' Course:** has begun in 'Patrick's place' (beneath the church) 2 weeks ago and so far there is a great attendance. However, if you have missed the first two evenings and still would like to attend you can do so. Just contact the Parish office (44-612084) and give your name. Next session (no.3) is **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30pm** beginning with a hot meal and then a video on a faith – topic and discussion. Evening ends at 8:30pm.

**Pathways – Adult Faith Development Programme at Dromalis:** Enrol now for 2018 – 2020 intake. Pathways is a broad-based adult faith development course which explores spirituality, theology and prayer. No academic qualifications are necessary and there is no coursework attached. This two-year programme supported by the Diocese of Down and Connor runs from October to June each year and will be held on nine Saturdays from 10am to 4:30pm. For further information and booking form, please contact Drumalis – 028 28272196 / 028 -28276455 (during office hours, Mon–Fri 9am–5pm. Or email: [maura@drumalis.co.uk](mailto:maura@drumalis.co.uk) or visit [www.drumalis.co.uk](http://www.drumalis.co.uk)

**Faith and Life Convention:** Bishop Treanor invites you to attend our fifth Faith and Life Convention on Saturday 29th September 2018 in Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock, Belfast. Doors open at 8.45am with registration taking place from 9:00am. This year we are delighted to welcome Cardinal Cardinal Óscar Andrés Rodríguez Maradiaga, S.D.B. as our keynote speaker. Online booking is available at: [www.faithandlifeconvention.org](http://www.faithandlifeconvention.org) Cost per delegate £20.00 We look forward to seeing you on 29th Sept ,2018.

**Apostolic Work:** Will meet on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm in St. Michaels Centre. New Members most welcome.

**RGU:** Winning Numbers: 06, 12, 21, 24 Jackpot not won. Seven people won £15 each. Jackpot now £1,800.

**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)

**PC:** The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 8:15pm in St. Patrick's Presbytery.

**Rosary Rally Sunday in Belfast:** 7<sup>th</sup> October: Bus leaves Castlewellan at approx 1:15pm, Bus at DPK Library at approx. 1:30pm. Bus at Crossgar at approx. 1:45. Bus £5. To book and for more info, contact Sean 07504041526

**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.

**'Come Follow Me':** Children's Catechesis Training Day in Meeting Room of St. Nicholas Parish, Ardglass on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018 from 9:30am to 4:30pm. (Beginning with Mass at 9am). Given by Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph (New Forest, England). Open to anyone interested in Children's Catechesis. You will be joined by Catechists from Ardglass Parish who already give this programme. To reserve your place please phone Brigid on 07749101999.

**Introduction to Theology of the Body:** This DVD and group discussion programme for adults will be held in Tobar Mhuire Monastery, Crossgar for 8 consecutive weeks beginning Thursday 11th October 2018 at 7.30pm, lasting 1 hour. Everyone Welcome.