

DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 7th October 2018

Emergency Mobile: 07841101678
Parish Office:
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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 £1,915 Loose Plate £609
Average Standing Order £190

Catholic Young Adult

Conference: There will be a day of talks, workshops, Holy Mass and Confession. It will take place at Queens Chaplaincy, Elmwood Ave, Belfast, BT9 6AY on Saturday 20th October 2018 at 10am to 5:30pm. (Registration at 9am). Speakers will be Fr. Andrew Black, Maria Steen and Fr. Conor McDonough. Registration is £10. Any young person here who wants to go will get free entry from Downpatrick Parish. Lunch and refreshments will be included. For more info contact 07753379110 or go to (facebook – catholicyoungadultconference)

Your Prayers Are Requested For:

Recently Deceased: Jack McConvey, Barry O'Brien (England(formerly Downpatrick))

Month's Mind: Winifred Bryce, Kevin Fitzsimons, Margaret Magorian,
Anniv: Fr. Bernard McCann, Fr. Brain Brady, Fr. Rory McDonald, Fr. Daniel McGuckian, Fr. Joseph Campbell, Fr. Sean Purdy, Erin Logue, Brian Oliver Clifford, Kathleen Nixon, Gerry Burke, Tommy Mahon, Joe McGrath, Jill Patterson, Isabel Molloy, Isabella McMinn, Brendan & Eamon Quinn, Catherine Fitzpatrick, Patrick Kelly, William Kelly, Mary Elizabeth Hanna,

May They Rest In Peace

Baptisms: We Welcome Sophia Craig & Jack McVeigh-Malone 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, Friday 12th October, 7.30pm: Anniv: Tony & Teresa McCormick,
Month's Mind: Margaret Magorian, Josephine Torney

St. Patrick's, Saturday 13th October, 5.30pm: **Month's Mind:** Winifred Bryce

St. Brigid's, Saturday 13th October, 7pm: Sean Quinn,

St. Colmcille's, Sunday 14th, 11am: **Month's Mind:** Kevin Fitzsimons

The Evening Of Mercy: Continues this Monday Evening 8th October

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.

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.

Please Note: Rota's are available in St. Patrick's Sacristy for 3 months.

Lobby for Life: Westminster MP's want to legalise abortion in NI by repealing sections of the '1861 Offences Against the Person Act.' Send a card to the Secretary of State – cards in all the churches and let them know that we are Pro-Life.

Coastal Rosaries: Assemble at St. Nicolas Church, Ardglass, at 2:30pm, on - 7th October and the rosary procession will go to the Harbour and returning for Benediction. Go to www.coastalrosaryireland.ie to find your nearest area.

Blood Stem Donation Session: In Memory of Joanne McCawley (Nee McMullan) in St. Mochai's GAC, Darragh Cross, Saintfield on Saturday 20th October, 9am – 12 Noon. All aged between 17 – 55 are welcome to sign up as donors.

Introduction of the Permanent Diaconate (PD): On Sunday, 14th October 2018, we shall celebrate the Ordination of the PD for nine men for service in our Diocese. The PD was a ministry in the life of the Early Church. In line with this early tradition, the Second Vatican Council provided for its restoration as a distinct ministry of service. Permanent Deacons play a key role in encouraging the active participation of the faithful. The restoration of the PD is not intended in any sense to undermine the roles and ministries of other active members in the life of the local Church. Permanent Deacons, like priests, on the occasion of their ordination make a public declaration of obedience to the Bishop. From that day forward, Permanent Deacons exercise their ministry in communion with the Bishop and with his priests in service of the local Church. **The Permanent Diaconate (PD):** There are men who remain deacons all their lives, one of the most famous being St. Francis of Assisi. Candidates for the PD may be married or unmarried. The church requires the married candidate for the PD to be, at least, thirty-five years of age. This requirement enables the candidate and his wife to discern his vocation to the PD within the totality of their married life and vocation. Likewise candidates who are single must be at least, thirty-five years of age. In keeping with the tradition of the Church, those who are ordained as single men make a solemn promise of celibacy. **Welcome:** "As Bishop of Down and Connor, I welcome the introduction of PD into our Diocese. I Salute those who will be ordained on Sunday, 14th October 2018 in St. Peter's Cathedral, Belfast. On behalf of the faithful, clergy and religious of the Diocese, I thank all who have contributed to their formation over the past four years. To those men, to their wives and to their families I express heartfelt gratitude and appreciation. I assure them of my prayers and support. I commend them to the prayers of the priests, religious and people of the Diocese of Down and Connor. ✠ Noel Treanor, Bishop of Down and Connor. Please collect a flyer on this in the Church.

Laptop at weekend Masses: The recent notice on LAPTOP OPERATORS received one call. We have THREE operators for Sunday Masses – We would like to have a larger pool. 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 – 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.

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 or visit www.drumalis.co.uk

Rosary Rally Sunday in Belfast: 7th 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

October – The month of the Rosary: Why not try to attend one of the public recitations of the rosary during October? > Every morning before 9:30am Mass > during the 'evening of mercy' on a Monday 6:30 – 7:15pm and after Mass about 8:15pm. Why not try to say it at home or even to offer a decade with the family? Padre Pio used to speak of the Rosary as his 'weapon'. The Pope at the time instituted the feast of the Most Holy Rosary on October 7th after Christian armies defended Everyone against Turkish armies.

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.

'Discovering Christ' course will reach week 5 next Tuesday at 'Patrick's Place' (6:30 – 8:30pm). Great attendance so far. Great Buzz! Even if you missed a session you are still very welcome to attend. We start with a hot meal, followed by a DVD talk and a lively discussion. All Welcome

Pope John Paul II Award: Calling All Year 13's – The Pope John Paul II is a programme for young people aged 16-18. The Award offers young people the opportunity to be actively involved in their church and wider community and also to understand how this is such an important part of their Catholic faith. Interested in becoming involved in charity work helping parish groups?, Meet other young people from across the Diocese? and gain valuable experience for your CV? Sign up for the award by contacting Yvonne Maguire, Senior Youth Worker at the Patrician Youth Centre or Macartan Digney at the Parish Office. Closing date for registration is October 22nd.

Friday Adoration has resumed since the beginning of September. The Parish wants to encourage all those whose names were on the list before to try to be faithful to that time. It would be ideal to have at least 4 people 'covering' every hour or half hour slot. We don't want to leave the Blessed Sacrament - unattended otherwise Exposition would have to be cancelled. The Adoration committee will be contacting parishioners over the next few weeks in order to consolidate our Friday Adoration.

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!

The Priests In Concert: In St. Patrick's Church on Thursday 27th December 2018. Tickets will not be available until Monday 8th October from the Parish Office. Numbers are limited tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis. £25 each.

Donations For Fr. Dempsey: Can still be left at the Parish Office or on the collection plate in any of the Churches over the weekend. Many Thanks for your support.

Getting Married In Downpatrick: Have you booked a wedding with us for 2019? If so, please contact us to confirm all of your details – date, address etc. Please ring Mary @ 02844612084 or email downpatrick@downandconnor.org

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 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