

**DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA**  
**PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK**  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October 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 £1,890 Loose Plate £443  
Average Standing Order £190

**Your Prayers Are Requested For:**

**Recently Deceased:** Gerard Holland, James (Jimmy) Kinsella, Philomena Wolfe (McGrady) (Dublin & Downpatrick),  
**Month's Mind:** Winifred Bryce, Kevin Fitzsimons,  
**Anniv:** Sr. Mary Columba, James Patrick McGorrian, Sarah Magee, Charles Magee, Arthur & Kathleen Overend, Gerry Fitzsimons, Martha & John McKinney, William & Margaret Denvir, Patrick Burns, Danny, Perry, Marie McConvey, Vincey Quinn, Danny O'Flynn, Barney Bogues, Kathleen Ward, Annie O'Reilly, Annie Feenan, James & Sarah Blaney, Patricia Williamson,

***Mav They Rest In Peace***

**Baptisms: We Welcome Erin Claire Murray, Tadhg Liam-Patrick Hamill & Sauannah Nuala Synnott 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, 13<sup>th</sup> Oct, 5:30pm: Month's Mind:** Winifred Bryce  
**1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary:** Gerard Bryce & Colette Bryce,  
**St. Brigid's, Sat, 13<sup>th</sup> Oct, 7pm:** Sean 'Lauri' Quinn  
**St. Colmcille's, Sun, 14<sup>th</sup> Oct, 11am: Month's Mind:** Kevin Fitzsimons  
**St. Patrick's, Mon, 15<sup>th</sup> Oct, 7:30pm:** Joe Taggart, Sean Mulvaney  
**St. Patrick's, Wed, 17<sup>th</sup> Oct, 7:30pm:** Arthur Overend, Michael & Francis – McAleenan, John McAuley, William Reynolds, James Reynolds, John Reynolds  
**St. Patrick's, Fri, 19<sup>th</sup> Oct, 7:30pm:** Paddy O'Reilly, Jimmy McKinney, Helen Reilly,  
**St. Patrick's, Sat, 20<sup>th</sup> Oct, 5.30pm: Month's Mind:** Kathleen Brady  
**St. Colmcille's, Sun, 20<sup>th</sup> Oct, 11am: 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary:** Glynn Roberts  
**St. Patrick's, Sun, 21<sup>st</sup> Oct, 12pm: Month's Mind:** Jim McKeown

**The Evening Of Mercy:** Continues this Monday Evening 15<sup>th</sup> October  
**St. Patrick's Church**

**6.30pm – 8:45pm.**

**6.30pm: Rosary,**

**7.30pm: Mass,**

**8.15pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet,**

**8:30pm Benediction,**

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

**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.

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

**All Night Adoration Vigil** of Reparation for family, life and renewal of the catholic faith, St. Oliver Plunkett's Church Toome, Friday 12th to Saturday 13th October commencing at 7 a.m. on Friday morning through to Saturday 10 a.m., 101st anniversary of The Miracle of The Sun in Fatima. Masses Fri 9 a.m., 12 midnight, Saturday 10 a.m. A statue of Our Lady of Fatima blessed by Pope Francis in Fatima on 13 May 2017 and relics of St. Jacinta and St. Francisco present for veneration. Blessing of roses after each mass to bring home or to bring to the sick. Most Holy Trinity I Adore You, my God, my God, I love You in the most Blessed Sacrament.

**Ceili Community:** Halloween has become as big a holiday as Christmas. We have "Halloween Shops" and a line-up of movies and TV specials on Zombies, death and the paranormal. These speak of a secular society's fascination with death, manifesting a deep fear, and a need to trivialise the object of that fear. Certainly this time of the year speaks of "death" to us; dying leaves fall to earth, daylight fades earlier and the weather turns colder. In November the Church helps her people to make sense of the inevitable and confusing fact of death as we commemorate All Souls Day. The Book of Ecclesiastes puts it like this "...the life breath returns to God who gave it...". That line points to a truth deeper than death, which gives All Souls Day its proper balance. Those who willingly return to God do not die, but become part of his deathless life. Death is real but God is more real. Let us pray that we trust God more than we fear death.

**Introduction of the Permanent Diaconate (PD):** On Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> 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, 14<sup>th</sup> 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](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.

**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)

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**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 Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018.** Tickets are available from the Parish Office Mon–Thurs 9:15 – 2pm. Tickets are £25 each. Tickets are also available at the Parish Shop after Mass.

**RGU:** Winning Numbers: 01, 07, 08, 12 Jackpot not won. Six people shared £100. Jackpot now £2,100.

**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](mailto:downpatrick@downandconnor.org)

**Bereavement Mass:** The Bethany Bereavement Group have organised Mass on November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in St. Patrick's Church. A special invitation is extended to those who have lost a loved one between November 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 and October 31<sup>st</sup> 2018. We will have a candle for you to present at the altar in memory of your family member. We would invite all those who are bereaved and continue to grieve to join us on November 28<sup>th</sup> when we will offer the Mass for all of our deceased family and friends. The priests of the parish continue to pray for all the deceased daily, especially during the month of November.

**November Dead Lists** are available in the Church porches. All envelopes are opened, offerings removed and lists are placed before the Altar during the month of November. We pray for all those on the lists of all our deceased family & friends at daily Mass during the month of November.

**Parish Draw:** The next draw will take place on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7pm**, in the Parochial House. Promoters' returns to be in by **7pm, Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018**. Many thanks to our hard-working promoters and generous members.

**Apostolic Work:** The Apostolic work is celebrating 95 years in existence on Mission Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> October. There will be a Mass at St. Mary's, Chapel Lane, Belfast, at 2pm, followed by dinner at the Europa Hotel. Cost £25. If anyone is interested in attending please contact Sr. Mary at 02844615645 as soon as possible, Thank you.

**Young Priests Society:**  
Meeting in St. Michaels Parish Centre at 8pm. On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018. New Volunteers always welcome.