

DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 4th November 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

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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 £2,040 Loose Plate £588
Average Standing Order £190

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

at 12pm on Saturday 3rd
November for vocations.

NI Blood Transfusion Service:

Down Parish Hall, Church Street
Monday 5th November, 2:30pm
to 4pm and 5:15pm to 8pm.

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: John McCann,

Month's Mind: Jack McConvey

Anniv: Rev. Patrick O'Neill, Rev. Bernard McLaverty, Rev. John Gilmartin, Rev Michael Coppinger, Mgr. Thomas McGrattan, Paul D. Killen, Danny Keenan, Edward & Annie Sloan, Tom Rea, Ann Galbraith, George Galbraith, Henry Smyth, Sarah (Sally) Greenwood, Jim Mageean, Mary & Eileen Halpin, Pat Brennan, Brian Caraher, Bernard Hanna, Joseph Savage, Patrick J. Trainor, Mary Jennings, James Laverty Annie Coughlin, Louis, Catherine & Helen Curran, Joseph Kelly, Richard Kinsella, Peggy Smyth, Patrick & Mary Lynch, Ned McGrady, Paul Mageean,

May They Rest In Peace

Baptisms: We Welcome Daniel David Galbraith 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. Brigid's, Monday 5th Nov, 7.30pm: Paul Mageean, Perpetual McAloon,

St. Patrick's, Wednesday, 7th Nov,

Michael McMullan, Rosaleen Burns, & May Mount,

St. Patrick's, Friday 9th Nov, 7.30pm:

Rose Murphy, Margaret Connolly & Francis McErlean,

St. Colmcille's, Sunday 11th Nov, 11am: Month's Mind – John Irvine

The Evening Of Mercy: Continues this Monday Evening 5th November

IN ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH

6.30pm – 8:45pm.

6.30pm: Rosary,

7.30pm: Mass,

8.15pm: Holy Face Prayers

8:30pm Benediction,

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

Thank You – to the anonymous donor who left a donation in the Presbytery recently.

National Collection for the World Meeting of Families: Will take place next weekend, 10th/11th November. Although the event is over, there are still some large outstanding bills to be paid. Please give as generously as you can.

Sunday 9am Masses: St. Patrick's Church choir are looking for new members for 9am Mass on Sunday's. Choir practice takes place every Wednesday at St. Michaels Parish Centre 8pm. If you are interested, please contact Mary on 07989273414 or speak to Mary and any of the choir members after 9am Mass or at the St. Michaels Parish Centre.

Thank You From The Comboni Missionaries:

*"Dear Fr. Murray,
Many thanks for the cheque for £4101 received this morning. Your parishioners were really generous to the appeal. Once again please thank them for their love of the Missions. I keep you and all of them in my prayers.*

The weather here so far is lovely and I hope it is the same in Downpatrick. He is the man who brought us the faith, pray we don't lose it.

Many Blessings and Good Wishes

Séan Dempsey

Healing Mass: Devotion to St. Pio on Monday 5th November in St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church, Killyleagh at 7.30pm. St. Pio's Relic will be available before and after Mass.

Day of Prayer / Prayer Walk: Are you carrying burdens and issues from the past? Have you been hurt by the words or actions of others? Are there things you need to say sorry for and put to rest? You are welcome to join our journey of prayer at any point on Saturday 24th November between 11am and 4pm. The Itinerary for the day will be: DPK non-subscribing Presbyterian Church 11-11:30am > DPK Presbyterian Church 11:45am-12:15pm > DPK Methodist Church 12:30-1pm > Lunch Break @ Pepper John's Community Café 1–2pm > Down Cathedral 2:15–2:45pm > St. Patrick's Square 3–3:15pm > St. Patrick's RC Church 3:30–4pm. The Prayer is organised by Divine Healing Ministries (St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast)

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 27th 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.

Downpatrick Parish Draw:

The next draw will take place on Thursday 22nd November 2018 at 7pm, in the Parochial House. **Promoters' returns to be in by 7pm, Sunday 18th November 2018.** Many thanks to our hard-working promoters and generous members.

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

Bereavement Mass: The Bethany Bereavement Group have organised Mass on November 28th at 7:30pm in St. Patrick's Church. A special invitation is extended to those who have lost a loved one between November 1st 2017 and October 31st 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 28th 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: Praying for Our Deceased Friends and Family: During the month of November, the priests of the parish will be offering a number of Masses for the intentions of the Holy Souls. The morning Mass in St. Patrick's each morning will be specifically for the intentions of our deceased family & friends. There will also be other designated Masses during the month for those intentions.

Holy Land Pilgrimage:

This unforgettable experience, our pilgrimage journey will follow in the footsteps of Jesus, starting in Bethlehem, then onward to Galilee and ending in Jerusalem. Whilst in Bethlehem for two nights, we will celebrate our opening Mass near the nativity site of our Lord and include visits to Jericho, Ain Karem (the birthplace of John the Baptist) and the dead sea for some relaxation time. We will stay at the Sea of Galilee for three nights, visiting Capernaum, the fishing village which became the centre of our Lord's ministry, alongside other places associated with events in the Gospel including the Mt of Beatitudes, Mt Tabor, Cana & Nazareth. Picture yourself sailing in a boat like the disciples of the Sea of Galilee ("and Jesus said to them, follow me and I will make you become fishers of men", Mark 1:17).

During our three nights in Jerusalem, we will retrace Jesus' footsteps from Bethany to Gethsemane, and along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We will celebrate Holy Mass near the empty tomb where Jesus rose from the dead ("He is not here, he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay", Matthew 26:6)

I hope many of you will want to join me on this unique spiritual journey through the lands of the Bible. by praying together and reading from the Scriptures in the various places where it happened, you will get a closer look at the life of Jesus Christ and His mission of redemption. At the end of this tour, two things will most certainly be changed, you – and your understanding of the Bible! I very much look forward to making this pilgrimage together.

Very Rev. Fr. John Murray

A full itinerary is available from our Website, Parish Face book, Parish App and from the Parish Office – Our Anam Cara Travel Escort, Damian has worked very hard to secure and 'lock down' a price given the uncertainty in pricing etc because of Brexit. Please note, the increased price is also due to it being an eight night trip. The cost is Half Board and includes gratuities, private coach transfers,, four star hotel, entrance fees for the various excursions etc. Cost £1540 pp sharing. If you registered and interest, we would ask that you contact the parish office with a deposit of £200 to secure your place. A booking form is available from the Parish Office. To Book or if you have any queries, contact Mary 44612084 or email us at downpatrick@downandconnor.org

Alps Concerts in Belfast & Downpatrick over 800 people attended both concerts raising ££10,900 after expenses, the profit from these events was £2700 and this has been used to provide counselling services for young people in both locations. Sincere thanks to all who supported both events.

Downpatrick Nurses Lourdes Group; Wish to thank all who donated to the recent church door collection. The amount raised to date is £1125. Many thanks to all the collectors and to those who contributed.

World War 1: It is a hundred years since the end of WW1 on November 11th. To commemorate this occasion, the parish bells at St. Patrick's and St. Colmcille's will be rung at 11am on Nov 11th. We ask parishioners to try to observe a minutes silence at that time and offer a prayer for peace in our world.