

**DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA**  
**PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK**  
**Sunday 18th 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 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 £2,680 Loose Plate £635  
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:** Ann Dobbin, Seamus Mulligan,  
**Month's Mind:** Gerard Holland,  
**Anniv:** Canon Hugh O'Neill, Fr. Don O'Rawe, Fr. Charles Agnew,  
Fr. Bernard Armstrong, Pat McMullan & Paddy McArdle, Elizabeth Major,  
Brian Norton, Edward & Susannah Norton, Raymond McCartan,  
Edward McCullough, William John Vance, Thomas Morgan, Betty Magee,  
Pat McCashin, Anthony McLoughlin, Teresa & Paul Magee, Peggy McCavara,  
Anthony McLoughlin, Brian Gilfedder,

*May They Rest In Peace*

**Baptisms: We Welcome Jack Anthony Farrand, Lucia Rose Polly, Oisín Kevin Gelston and Odhrán Liam Carey 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, Monday 19<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm:** Rosaleen Craig, Deceased Members & Friends of 'The Legion of Mary'  
**St. Patrick's, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>, 7.30pm:** Seamus Reid, Brian Norton, Edward & Susannah Norton, James & Sarah Blaney, Alex, Rosie & Tom McMahon,  
**St. Patrick's, Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7.30pm:** Maureen Magee, Mary Peter, Raymond Newman,  
**St. Brigid's, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>, 7pm:** Month's Mind: Mary Blaney

**The Evening Of Mercy:** Continues this Monday Evening 19<sup>th</sup> November

**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!

**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.

**Sign Of Peace At Mass:** The Diocese, having received advice from Health authorities, have suspended the 'Sign of Peace' during the celebration of Mass. This will be in place for the remainder of the winter and will help avoid transmission of colds, flu's etc. Parishioners are asked to take home leaflets, missals etc used by them during Mass for the same reason. Thank you for your co-operation.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:** The next meeting will be in St. Michael's Parish Centre on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018. New members always welcome.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** The Parish is always looking for new Eucharistic Ministers but certainly we need some new ones at St. Brigid's Church – only four in operation there now. If interested please contact the Parish Office on 44 612084.

**Gardeners:** Downpatrick Parish invite gardeners interested in maintaining Parish grounds to submit a quote to Fr. Murray no later than November 26<sup>th</sup> 2018. Parish properties to be maintained – Grounds of St. Patrick's Church, St. Colmcille's Church, St. Brigid's Church, St. Malachy's Church, Killough Road Cemetery. Work will include maintenance of shrubs, hedges etc. Detailed Specification available from the Parish Office. Quotes can be submitted by email to [downpatrick@downandconnor.org](mailto:downpatrick@downandconnor.org) or in writing to Fr. John Murray, Parochial House, 54 St. Patrick's Ave, Downpatrick, BT30 6DN.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

**Downpatrick Parish Draw:**

**The next draw will take place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 at 7pm,** in the Parochial House. **Promoters' returns to be in by 7pm, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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](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)

**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.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage:**

The Pilgrimage is now provisionally fully booked. If you expressed an interest in travelling with the group – please contact the Parish Office either by phone 02844612084 or email [downpatrick@downandconnor.org](mailto:downpatrick@downandconnor.org) to confirm that you still wish to travel. Booking forms need to be completed and a deposit paid to secure your place. Those who expressed an interest need to contact Mary NO LATER THAN 11am on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Places which were held will be released after 11am on Monday to accommodate those on the waiting list.

**Patrician Youth Centre: Monster Bazaar and Family Fun Afternoon** on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2pm – 5pm. Big Wheel, Tombola (Bottles & Gifts) White Elephant, Christmas Crafts & Cakes, Live Music. For the children - Santa's Grotto, Face-Painting Gold Fish & much much more! Not to be missed!!

**International Suicide Survivors Day – November 18<sup>th</sup> 2018:** Hope & Healing – an opportunity to join with suicide survivors around the world in bringing hope and healing to local suicide survivors through support and sharing of stories, Join us at Down Parish Church, (Saint Margaret's) Church Avenue, Downpatrick, from 5.30pm – 6.30pm. Light refreshments served afterwards in the nearby Pepper Johns Community Centre. All Welcome. Fr. Murray will be representing the Parish.

**Lobby for Life:** Some Westminster MPs are trying to repeal the N.I. 1861 offences against the person Act and so allow abortion to become legal in N. Ireland. There are lobby cards in St. Patrick's (and also the other churches). Just take ONE – fill in and post off. All it costs you is a stamp.

**Advent Day of Reflection:** Preparing for the Advent and Christmas season through an exploration of the scriptures. The day will be led by Sean Goan. This day is open for all, but is particularly recommended for clergy and for those involved as Ministers of the Word in parishes. **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018. 10:30am to 4pm. Day led by: Sean Goan. Cost: £30 (to include tea/coffee and light lunch).**

**Pilgrimage to Fatima:** 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019. 7 nights full board / En Suite, Price £639 + (£175 Single Room). £100 off if paid in full by 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018. Transport, Insurance and tax are all included. Lovely hotel, Spiritual De Retter. Departing from Dublin Airport. For further information ring Rita on 02890 623186 or 07934 850 000.

**Belarus Sisters:** Visit of the Belarus Sisters to our Parish will take place on November 24<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup>. They have visited once before with their beautiful icons, Russian dolls and many other wonderful items you can buy for Christmas. The display will be in St. Patrick's Church. Money from sales go to help the Sisters in their orphanage and centre for addicts and the young in Minsk, Belarus.

**Trociare Gifts for Christmas:** Would you like to buy a goat or some chicks or a beehive? Yes – you can – do so for someone in Africa or Asia through Trocaire's special gifts for Christmas. Pick up a leaflet in the Church porches or tables at the back of each church.

**Fountain Foodbank Bank:** Many Thanks for your outstanding support for the Fountain Foodbank over the past year which has meant that help has been available for those in need in our community. However, the onset of colder weather has been an increase in requests for food but supplies are decreasing. We need more items for distribution. When you are shopping please include a non-perishable item or items to donate to the Foodbank. A trolley, labelled the Fountain Foodbank, and similarly labelled boxes are in the porches of St. Patrick's Church from before the 5:30pm Mass on Saturday until after the noon Mass on Sunday. Boxes for donated food are also in the porches of St. Brigid's and St. Colmcille's Churches. All items donated will be transferred to the Fountain Foodbank for distribution. Your generosity is crucial so that the practical help that many members in our community need will be available.