

**DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA**  
**PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK**  
**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 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 £1,940 Loose Plate £581  
Average Standing Order £190

**Receiving Communion:** Following  
a query from a parishioner. Any  
person who is ill and cannot attend  
the church must contact the Parish  
office on 44612084 if they wish to  
have a Eucharistic minister call to  
give them Holy Communion. The  
Parish will do their best to  
accommodate them.

**Altar Servers:**

We are looking for some new altar  
servers in all the churches in the  
Parish. If you have made your first  
Holy Communion, we would like to  
hear from you. Please contact  
Parish Office on 44612084 or  
[downpatrick@downandconnor.org](mailto:downpatrick@downandconnor.org)  
and we will get back to you

**Your Prayers Are Requested For:**

**Recently Deceased:** James (Jim) Stranney, Lily Telfur (Scotland),  
Brian Connolly, Ann Russell  
**Month's Mind:** Mairead Brady  
**Anniv:** Canon Raymond Fitzpatrick, Fr. Edmund Black, Canon Joseph  
Cunningham, Fr. Shaun McClafferty, Canon Joseph Conway, Fr. Francis  
McCorry, Sadie Savage, Alice McGrady, John Trainor, Pat Hunt,  
Margaret Keenan, Denis Halpin, Mary Kinsella, Eileen Fee, Elizabeth Hazard,  
Hugh Marner, John Kelly, Brendan Kelly, Stella Cavanagh, Patrick McKeating,  
David Williams, Felix & Rita Blaney, Edward Moore, Joseph McGuigan,  
Lola Moore and deceased members of the Moore family, Alice Lannon,  
Kathleen O'Reilly, **May They Rest In Peace**

**Baptisms: We Welcome Kaliyah Chelsea McMenamin, Hunter Marcus  
McMenamin and Rossa Anthony McLaughlin 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, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm:** Kathleen O'Lone, James Savage, Alice  
Lannon, Kathleen O'Reilly, Rea Pleasants, Paddy & Jim Hamilton,  
Deceased Members of the McConvey Family, Eddie Watters  
**St. Patrick's, Friday, 7<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm:** Mary McAuley,  
**St. Patrick's, Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup>, 5.30pm,** Month's Mind: Claire Perry  
**St. Colmcille's, Sun, 9<sup>th</sup>, December, 11am,** Month's Mind: Ann Dobbin  
**St. Patrick's, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>, 12pm,** 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, Gerry White

**The Evening Of Mercy:** Continues this Monday Evening 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
**St. Colmcille's Church – Killough Road**

**6.30pm – 8:45pm.**

**6.30pm: Rosary,**

**7.30pm: Mass,**

**8.15pm: Rosary,**

**8:30pm Benediction,**

The Sacrament of the Sick will be given during Mass.

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

**Advent Prayer in Preparation for Christmas:**

For this season of Advent, Our Parish is offering an opportunity to pray our  
way to Christmas, with four evenings of prayerful reflection, to help us focus  
on the true meaning of Christmas in Patrick's Place (the old Crypt).

**Session 1: 'Stay Awake', Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 5pm,**

**Session 2: 'The Wilderness', Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, 7pm,**

**Session 3: 'Joy', Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> Dec, 7pm,**

**Session 4: 'Saying yes to God', Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec, 7pm,**

Each evening will last approx 1 hour. It will include: Song, Gospel reading,  
Reflections, Evening Prayer of the Church, Tea/Coffee, All are very welcome.

**Sunday Evening's in St. Patrick's at 5pm – This Advent:**

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> –** Advent Preparation 'Stay Awake' – in Patrick's Place

**December 9<sup>th</sup> –** Downpatrick Pastoral Area – Penitential – with several  
confessors in attendance

**December 16<sup>th</sup> –** Parish Carol Service – with participation by Parish and  
School choirs – and yourselves!

**All at 5pm – All Welcome**

**Sick Visitation:** The Priests of the Parish will visit the sick & housebound  
during First Friday week.

**Bambinelli Sunday:** On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December, families are invited to bring the Baby Jesus from their home cribs to St. Patrick's for 12 Noon Mass – the figure will be blessed by the priest during Mass.

**Tobar Mhuire – Crossgar:** Tobar Mhuire has been privileged to host days of retreat for many schools over the years. Increasingly it has become clear that there is also a very real need for opportunities for teachers; principals and management to take time to reflect upon a Catholic teacher in an increasingly secular society, and an environment within the education sector that fails to cherish the ethos of Catholic schools. We are delighted to have developed a partnership with Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, that enables us to announce an innovative Post Graduate Certificate in Christian Leadership in Education. The course will run over five Saturdays, commencing on 19<sup>th</sup> January and subsequent sessions held on: 9<sup>th</sup> February; 9<sup>th</sup> March; 13<sup>th</sup> April; 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019. The programme will introduce students to key ideas, concepts and principles that underpin the characteristic spirit or ethos of faith-based education. Among the topics to be included are the following: **Jesus the Teacher; Nurturing Personal Faith and Spirituality; The Catholic School and Contemporary Culture; Leading and Managing a Catholic School in Ireland Today.** For further information please contact Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre on 02844 830242 or 07825543055. By email: [brian@seedlingsireland.com](mailto:brian@seedlingsireland.com) Or Address: Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre, 16A Downpatrick Road, Crossgar, Co. Down, BT30 9EQ Or visit their website [www.tobarmhuirecrossgar.com](http://www.tobarmhuirecrossgar.com) Closing date 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

**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!!

**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.

**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.

**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)

**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.

**Downpatrick Parish Draw:** Many thanks to our promoters and our generous members. Congratulations to the winners. **The next draw will take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 8:15pm,** in the Parochial House. **Promoters' returns to be in by 7pm, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018.**

**RGU:** The Numbers were 1, 12,16,17, No Jackpot winner. 5 people share £100. This week's jackpot £2,800

**Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat:** Youth 2000 invites all young Adults between ages of 16–35 to a Catholic weekend retreat taking place from 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. It attracts more than 600 young people all over the country. What to expect: Good fun, excellent speakers, inspiring talks and workshops, prayer, live music, activities, youth Masses, Adoration, Healing Service, relaxing & social time. Parental consent is essential for those under 18. Accommodation & meals are provided on site. Don't let money be an obstacle; just bring a donation and a sleeping bag. **Newcomers very welcome!** There will be free buses throughout the country, see the website for the nearest bus stop. Booking is essential and can be done via the website. To book your place please visit [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) or visit 'Youth 2000 Ireland' on Facebook & Instagram. Or Tel: 00353 (0) 1 6753690.

**Feast of The Immaculate Conception Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December (Holy Day of Obligation)**

**Vigil Mass: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
**St. Patrick's at 7:30pm & St. Malachy's at 7:30pm**

**Daytime Mass: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December**  
**St. Patrick's 10am – St. Brigid's 9am – St. Colmcille's 11am**

**Please note: There will still be the normal Vigil Masses on Saturday evening.**

**Apostolic Work:** The Apostolic Work will hold their Annual Christmas Sale and Raffle for ONE NIGHT ONLY before and after the vigil Mass on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Please support the Missions. Thank you. Everyone Welcome.

**Trocaire 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.

**Sign Language Mass:** is available by webcam from Saint Vincent de Paul parish, Igoniel, Belfast. The website is <https://www.saintvincentdepaulligoniel.com/webcam> or watch the recorded Mass (with subtitles) on Youtube at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQJf\\_QN2zqPzwKx4p6PJ18A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQJf_QN2zqPzwKx4p6PJ18A)

**St. Mary's – Past Pupils:** Under the new GDPR regulations schools should not be keeping personal data for any longer than is required by the guidelines set by DfE. St. Mary's has examination certificates relating to past pupils. If you think you have any outstanding certificates please contact the school office to arrange collection. Tel: 02844 612515. Collections can be made on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018 from 10am – 3pm. Anyone collecting certificates will need to bring photographic identification.

**Nursery Enrolment 2019/20 – Open days:** Downpatrick Nursery on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 from 2pm to 4pm. St. Colmcille's Nursery on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 9am to 10:30am. Convent of Mercy Nursery 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 2:30pm to 5pm.