

DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 16th 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 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 £1,890 Loose Plate £625
 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.

Service of Carols and Readings:

will take place in Down Cathedral on Monday 24th December at 7:30pm. All Welcome.

Bulletin Notices, Mass Intentions & Anniversaries: Please note: the last bulletins published will be on Sunday 23rd & 30th December 2018. There will be no bulletin notices on Sunday 6th January 2019. Any notices for these two dates should reach the parish office by Wednesday 19th December 2018 at 12pm. **Please also note:** There will be no evening masses from Tuesday 25th December 2018 to Thursday 3rd January 2019. The Saturday evening vigil Masses and Sunday Masses will still go ahead at the normal times. Evening masses starting on 4th January and 7th January 2019 will be published on the bulletin dated the 30th December 2018.

Your Prayers Are Requested For:

Recently Deceased: Pat Rooney (C'Wellan), Daniel Parkinson, John Johnston (Strangford)
Month's Mind: Seamus Mulligan,
Anniv: Terence Walsh, Kathleen Walls, Thomas Smyth, Martha Diamond, Rosaleen Mulholland, Mary Fitzsimons, Mary Hanna, Jerome McCabe, Margaret McDowell, William Doc Morrison, Donough & Harry Robinson, May Leonard, Peter Burns, Michael & Jean Hamilton, Paul Straney,

May They Rest In Peace

Baptisms: We Welcome Carah Claire Brown and Zac Ferran 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, 17th, 7:30pm: Sarah-Jane Digney, Gerard & Brigid Blaney
St. Patrick's, Wed, 19th, 7.30pm: Terence Walsh, Terence McKee, Samuel & Sarah Griffin, Ted Griffin, Terry Ritchie, Liam McGlogan, Kathleen Burns, Eddie Molloy, Winnie & Charles Reid, Frank & Kathleen Fitzsimons, Colm Fay, Mary McCann, Frances Fitzsimons, Billy & Helen Quinn,
St. Patrick's, Friday, 21st, 7.30pm: Thomas & Gary Rooney, Ethna Kennedy,
St. Patrick's, Saturday, 22nd, 5:30pm, Month's Mind: James Stranney
St. Colmcille's, Sunday, 23rd, 11am, Month's Mind: Lesa Crane
St. Patrick's, Sunday, 23rd, 12pm, 1st Anniversary: Dr. Maurice Hayes

The Final Evening of Mercy this year is on Monday Evening 17th December

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!

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 4: 'Saying yes to God', Tuesday 18th 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 in St. Patrick's at 5pm – This Advent:

December 16th – Parish Carol Service – with participation by Parish and School choirs – and yourselves!

All at 5pm – All Welcome

Blessed Sacrament: The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will not take place on Friday 28th & Saturday 29th December 2018 and Friday 4th & - Saturday 5th January 2019. Exposition will resume on Friday 11th January 2019

SVP Christmas Appeal: If you are donating to the appeal and are a tax payer you may wish to gift aid your donation. Forms available in every church.

The Irish in Kenya 100 years: A travelling exhibition of 'The Irish in Kenya' is coming to the Diocese soon and visiting several parishes. Our Parish will host this exhibition in January in 'Patrick's Place'. Dates to be arranged.

'Do not let the downtrodden retreat in confusion, give the poor and needy cause to praise your name.' Psalms 74:21.

Millions of people have had to flee conflict in South Sudan and Yemen. In one area alone in northern Uganda 33,000 mainly women and children from South Sudan have taken refuge. They have witnessed and experienced the worst kind of violence and have arrived traumatised and broken. Trocaire's Christmas Appeal will help these people and many others rebuild their lives. Visit www.trocaire.org to find out more.

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

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.

RGU: The Numbers were 06, 16, 22, 23, No Jackpot winner. 2 people share £100. This week's jackpot £3,000

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

Downpatrick Parish Draw:

The December Parish draw took place on Thursday 13th December 2018. Winners were:

- 1. Andrea McMenamin – (1382) £1,000
- 2. Tony Cullen – (1301) £200
- 3. The Cambridge Family – (1101) £100
- 4. The Lennon Family – (863) £100
- 5. Nicholas McCrickard – (631) £100

Many thanks to our promoters and our generous members. Congratulations to the winners.

The next draw will take place on Thursday 24th January 2019 at 7pm, in the Parochial House. Promoters' returns to be in by 7pm, Sunday 20th January 2019.

Discovering Christ Course is back: Downpatrick Parish is pleased to announce our second 'Discovering Christ' course, coming this January. 'Discovering CHRIST' is a 7- week course and will run on Tuesday evenings from 15 January to 26 February 2019, starting at 6:30 pm and finishing at 8:40 pm. Participants will: Gather one evening a week to share a meal (free but donation accepted). View an informative teaching video and then explore answers to some of the most important questions worth asking about God and finding purpose in life through small groups. And finally have a retreat day on Saturday 16th February. Twenty-six people took part in the first course this last autumn. In fact, there were more people at the last session than the first. Many had a deeply personal faith experience. We invite YOU to attend this life-changing encounter. It is an excellent way to revitalize or rediscover your faith. You can attend if you are 18+ and it will take place in Patrick's Place. You can register by contacting the Parish Office on 44612084 or online by clicking on the following link. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/16XG-Z-ZeG_3_IGKjKHdhHJQIZ1wpcwJGC1hz9pmrnl/edit

WANTED: We are all aware of the increasing number of immigrants to our town and the parish area. Many have come from very difficult situations including Syria. They are most welcome. Upcoming Baptisms: For those who are Catholic there is another issue. Parents want their children baptised and to receive the other sacraments. We need some adults who will be willing to offer some catechesis to these new families. If you have some time to do this the parish would love to hear from you. Please contact the parish office – 44612084 – and give your details. The parish will then be in touch.

Confessions for Christmas: St. Patrick's – Monday 17th 6:45pm to 7:30pm and 8:15pm to 8:30pm > Friday 21st 7pm to 7:25pm > Saturday 22nd 10:30am to 1pm (2 or 3 priests will be in attendance) > Monday 24th 10am to 11am.

St. Brigid's: Saturday 22nd at 6:30pm to 7pm and after Mass

St. Colmcille's: Sunday 23rd at 10am to 11am and after Mass

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

	Vigil Masses	St. Patrick's – 6:30pm & 9:30pm / St. Brigid's – 7pm / St. Colmcilles 9pm
Christmas Eve Evening 24 th		
Christmas Day 25 th	Daytime Masses	St. Patrick's – 9am & 12pm / St. Brigid's – 9am / St. Malachys – 10am St. Colmcilles – 11am
Christmas Week 26 th – 28 th	Daytime Masses	St. Patrick's – 9:30am & (10am Saturday) Please note: No Evening Masses for this week
Feast of The Holy Innocents, (28th December)		During the 9.30am Mass, Family members can lay a flower at the crib in memory of their loved ones.