

DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 23rd 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

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
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 £1,870 Loose Plate £452
 Average Standing Order £190

Third World Group sale:
 The Downpatrick third world group
 will hold their annual calendar
 appeal at all masses on Saturday
 29th and Sunday 30th December. All
 Proceeds from this year's appeal
 will go to the Humanitarian Crisis in
 Yemen.

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:

Month's Mind: Lesa Crane
Recently Deceased: Stella Denvir (Strangford), Sr. Margaret Daly(Crossgar),
 Louis Ritchie (Saul),
Anniv: Margaret Weyman, Dymna Weyman, Annie Croskery, Eileen Stitt,
 Pat Liggett, Senan Sharvin, Kathleen Vance, Jim Cochrane, Raymond Magee,
 Teresa & Francie Vance, David Perry (Snr), John Perry, Emmett Perry, Tommy
 Perry, Sheila Perry, Any Tully, Gerry Tully, Kathleen Dougal, William Fisher,
 Michael Fitzpatrick, David Jenner, Dick Hazard, Maura Savage,
 Peter McCormick, Leo McCormick, Sean Martin, Agnes Fitzsimons,
 Rita McGeown, Mairead Fitzsimons, Jean Hampton, Florence Carson, Hugh
 Henry Kelly, John Rogan, Ellie Flanagan, Frances O'Hanlon, Teresa Delaney,
 Brian Galbraith, Teresa Kelly, Thomas & Gary Rooney, Dr. Maurice Hayes,
 Kevin Fitzpatrick, William Gilchrist, Brian McKeown, Sarah Polly, Joseph
 Deegan, Teresa McKeating, William McConvey snr, Alan Gordon, Margaret
 Fitzsimons, Elizabeth Smyth, Colette McMullan, Sean Halpin, Hugh Kelly, Gary
 Rooney, Gerard Sharvin, Manus Quinn, Patrick Taggart, James Taggart, Mary
 Ann Craig, Carmel Coffey, Liam Mackel, Caramel Halfpenny, Thomas
 Halfpenny, Bernard Halfpenny, Mary & David McQuade, Margaret Murray,
 Elizabeth Major, Liam McGlogan, Kathleen Feenan,
May They Rest In Peace

Baptisms:

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, Saturday, 29th, 5:30pm, 1st Anniversary: James Mason
St. Patrick's, Friday, 4th Jan, 7:30pm: Patricia Steele, Margaret Cusack,
 Eileen McCartan, Margaret & James Cassidy, Anne Smith, Ryan McNabb, Maria
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St. Patrick's, Saturday, 5th Jan, 5:30pm, Month's Mind: Maud Perry
St. Colmcille's, Sunday, 6th, 11am, 1st Anniversary: Christopher Gordon
St. Patrick's, Wed, 9th, 7.30pm: Kevin Fitzpatrick, Charlie McStay (Snr),

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.

Legion of Mary: Our Lady of Fatima statue is available to be brought to
 homes in the Parish. Please contact Collette on 07732610247 if you would like
 to have the statue for a week.

School Open Evening: St. Mary's High School invites all P6 & P7 Pupils,
 Parents/Guardians and Grandparents to the school open evening on Thursday
 10th January 2019 between 6:30pm–9pm. Principal's Address is at 8pm.

World Mission Sunday: The world missions Ireland & the missionaries who
 benefit from the kind donations of parishioners. Thank you sincerely for the
 very generous £2,205 collected on Mission Sunday.

Parish Office/Bulletins:

The Parish Office is now closed until Monday 7th January 2019.
 The next Parish Bulletin will be on Sunday 13th January.

In an emergency (only) contact 07841101678 to speak to the Priest on Duty.

The Priests of the Parish wish you a Happy & Holy Christmas

'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 on the evening of the concert.
 Tickets are £25 each. or at Tom's Wine Barrel. Doors open at 7.15pm.

RGU: The Numbers were 04, 14, 20, 28, No Jackpot winner. 5 people share £100. This week's jackpot £3,100

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.saintvincentdepauligoniel.com/webcam> or watch the recorded Mass (with subtitles) on Youtube at
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQJf_QN2zqPzwKx4p6PJ18A

Downpatrick Parish Draw: 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_IGKjKHdhHJQIZ1wpcwJGC1hz9pmrnkI/edit

Confessions for Christmas: St. Patrick's 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 AND NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Evening 24 th	Vigil Masses	St. Patrick's – 6:30pm & 9:30pm / St. Brigid's – 7pm / St. Colmcilles 9pm
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.
Mary, Mother of God,	1st January 2019	St. Patrick's – Mass at 12 Noon ONLY

**There will not be an evening Mass on January 2nd or 3rd. Evening Mass resumes on First Friday 4th at 7.30pm in St. Patrick's
 and St. Malachy's. Weekend Masses will be at normal times. The next 'Evening of Mercy' will be on January 7th at 6:30pm.**

WANTED! To date, only one person has volunteered to help with catechesis of immigrant families. We need more than just one
 person. If you can give an hour a fortnight (that's all we need). Any catechesis will be in English. Just contact the Parish Office at
 02844612084

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.