

**DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA**  
**PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK**  
**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**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 £2,222 Loose Plate £686  
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:** Danny Chapman (formerly Downpatrick), Eric Ryan,  
Cormac Wylie, Charlie Oakes, Aaron Laverty, Tommy McManus, Richard  
Barrow, Ian Brown (Ardglass)

**Month's Mind:** Marie McNamara,

**Anniv:** Fr. Noel Watson, Canon Malachy Murphy, Fr. Gregory Cormican,  
Fr. Thomas Cunningham, Fr. Matthew Dillon, Fr. Gerard McAteer, Bishop  
Daniel Mageean, Fr. Ernest MaCaghan, Fr. Denis Watt (DPK), Sr. Mary  
Philomena, Brian Traynor, Bernie Sharvin, Jim Murphy, Gerald Mullan,  
Joe Williams, George Peacock, Willie Shields, Kevin Sloan, John Denvir,  
Patrick Denvir, Peter Burns, Ellen Burns, Gordon Morrisson, Colm Kelly,  
William Vance, Maura Quinn, Simon O'Reilly, Mairead Vance Shields, Oliver  
McNulty, Oonagh Hanna, Frank Fitzsimons, Ursula Hanna, May Halloran,  
Geraldine Ritchie, John Foley, Margaret Smyth, Snowy Graham, Kathleen &  
Hugh Lundy, Elizabeth Gordon, Bernard McLaughlin, John Oakes, Donald  
Quinn, Denis Mahan, Bridie McCarthy, Patrick & Mary Molloy, Robert &  
Kathleen Fitzsimons, Brenda Rose, Mairead Quail, Patricia McCorriskey,  
Charles McGrady, Robert Hanna, Geraldine Blanchette, James, Agnes & Harry  
Blaney, Harry & Sadie Nixon, Daniel Haughian, Evelyn Blythe, George Caffery,  
Mary Kelly, Theresa Rees, James McGreevy, Bernard McKinney, Brian  
Murray, Eugene Simons, William & Nora Mills, Margaret McGrady, Leo &  
Glnevie Walsh, Richard Fitzsimons, Alex McMullan, Kathleen Posuniak,  
Charlotte Kearney, George O'Donnell, Agnes Halpin, Belle O'Neill, Joseph  
Pleasants,

*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, Monday 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm,** Willie Shields, Oliver McNulty,  
**St. Patrick's, Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm:** William Denvir, Joseph Pleasants,  
**St. Patrick's, Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> Jan, 7:30pm:** Snowy Graham, Clare Taggart,  
John & Mary Turley,  
**St. Patrick's, Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> Jan, 5:30pm,** Month's Mind: Richard Barrow,  
**St. Brigid's. Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> Jan, 7pm,** Month's Mind: Baby Charlie Oakes

**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.

**Church Unity Week (18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> Jan):** This year the service for the churches  
of the town will be in St. Patrick's on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 7:30pm. The  
guest preacher will be Fr. Eric OSB (Rostrevor). Light refreshments  
afterwards. We hope many of our parishioners will attend and welcome our  
fellow Christians in the town.

**Pilgrimage to The Holy Land:**

All those who have booked and paid a deposit should have received written  
confirmation from the tour operator in relation to their booking.

We are now accepting further payment towards the Pilgrimage cost –  
payments can be made in increments or in full. However FULL payment must  
be received in the Parish Office NINE WEEKS prior to the date of travel.

Travel Insurance: If you have not left a copy of your travel insurance to the  
office, please do so as soon as possible. Those who have booked travel  
Insurance through the tour operator have evidence of travel insurance in place  
and need to do nothing.

**Pastoral Council:** The Pastoral Council meets on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at  
8:15pm in the Presbytery.

**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\\_IGKjKHdhHJQIZ1wpcwJGC1hz9pmrnkl/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/16XG-Z-ZeG_3_IGKjKHdhHJQIZ1wpcwJGC1hz9pmrnkl/edit)

**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)

**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!

**RGU:** The Numbers were 06, 12, 16, 22, No Jackpot winner. 2 people share £100. This week's jackpot £3,400

**Downpatrick Parish Draw:** The next draw will take place on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7pm**, in the Parochial House.  
Promoters' returns to be in by **7pm, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**

**School Open Days/Evenings:**

**Assumption Grammar School** will be holding their open day on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 10am to 1pm. The Principal's address will  
be at 10am and 11am. All Primary 6 & 7 and post 16 pupils welcome.

**De La Salle High School** will be holding their open day on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 10am to 1pm. The Principal's address will be at  
12 noon. All Primary 7 and post 16 pupils welcome.

**St. Colmcille's High School Crossgar** will be holding their open evening on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm to 9pm. The Principal's  
address will be at 7pm. All Primary 6 and 7 pupils welcome.

**Down Community Health Committee:** The campaign group for local hospital services will meet in Denvir's Hotel, English Street,  
Downpatrick at 7pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January. All are welcome. Please come along.

**Medugorje Irish Centre Apr – Oct 2019:** 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €279 per person  
sharing. Book any flight – any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that  
suit you. Tel: 00387 36 651 518 (Medugorje) or 00353 1 443 4510 (Ireland) or email [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com).

**WANTED!** To date, two people have volunteered to help with catechesis of immigrant families. We need a couple more volunteers. 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.

**Volunteer Drivers Needed – Marie Curie:** If you're sociable and welcoming as well as enjoy driving then you would be a great asset  
to our team at the Downpatrick Day Hospice. All you need is your own fully insured car, a driving licence and a friendly smile!  
Volunteering as a Car Driver is highly rewarding, allowing you to make a huge difference to the experience of patients living with  
cancer and other illnesses. **Closing date for applications is Thursday 28th February 2019.** If you are interested in the role, please  
see our website for our current volunteering opportunities or you can contact: Gillian Mulholland – Day Hospice Manager (Acting)  
028 9088 2042 or [gillian.mulholland@mariecurie.org.uk](mailto:gillian.mulholland@mariecurie.org.uk) Emma Thompson – Volunteering Development Officer 028 9088 2078 or  
[emma.thompson@mariecurie.org.uk](mailto:emma.thompson@mariecurie.org.uk)

**Study Theology Online:** This Spring come and join our supportive student community and study theology by distance learning. The  
course starts on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019. For further information Telephone: +353 (0)1 404 8125  
Email: [peter.okane@priorsinstitute.com](mailto:peter.okane@priorsinstitute.com) or visit the website at [www.priorsinstitute.com](http://www.priorsinstitute.com)

**Youth Weekend:** 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018. Koinonia Ireland, invite you to a Youth Weekend in the Parish of Braid from 7pm on Friday  
1<sup>st</sup> – 5pm on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>. Suitable for ages 11 – 18 year olds ( Residential option for 13 – 17's) a weekend jam packed with games,  
group activities, time with the Lord and with each other. It's a safe place for you to ask questions and make friends from all over the  
Diocese... It can also count towards your John Paul II award. book a place at [www.koinoniayouthweekend2019.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.koinoniayouthweekend2019.eventbrite.co.uk) or  
contact Br. Darren O'Reilly at [Darren@koinonia.ie](mailto:Darren@koinonia.ie)