

DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 20th 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 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 £2,300 Loose Plate £726
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

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: Joseph Murray (Newcastle), Maririn Mackel, Margery Kelly, Bridget French, Greta McCavera,
Month's Mind: Baby Charlie Oakes, Richard Barrow
Anniv: Msgr. Joseph Maguire (DPK), Fr. Henry McGuigan, Fr. Brian Mullan, Fr. James McCloskey, Fr. Con Flanagan, Fr. Patrick McClean, Carmel Hayes, Cyril Denvir, Dolores Bohill, Hugh Linehan, Cían Logue–Tumelty, Bertie Connolly, Angela & Stephen Wallace, Malachy McGrady, Colette Murphy, Bernard Trainor, Sean Morrison, Rose Gordon, Margaret Smyth, Maria McConvey, James Digney, Angela Digney, Susan Laverty, Rita Kane, Jim Hampton, Harry Nixon, Tony Donnelly, Jack Cleland, Jean & Barney Halfpenny, Maureen McGlennon, Neill McGlennon, Una McNulty, Kathleen Rafferty, Dan & Edmund Flannagan, Joe Gordon (Jnr), James Mullan, Alexis Mullan, Anna McKeating, Patricia McComiskey, Hannah Robinson,
May They Rest In Peace

Baptisms: Eimear Malone, Freya Kelly,
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.

The Evening Of Mercy: Continues this Monday Evening 21st January
St. Patrick's Church
6.30pm – 8:45pm.
6.30pm: Rosary,
7.30pm: Mass,
8.15pm: Rosary,
8:30pm Benediction,
The Sacrament of the Sick will be given out during Mass.
Join us for all of the evening or part of it. Everyone Welcome!

Mass Intentions:
St. Patrick's, Monday, 21st, 7:30pm: Mary Hughes,
St. Patrick's, Wednesday, 23rd, 7:30pm: Anthony Evans, Roisin Kearney, Cyril Denvir,
St. Patrick's, Friday, 25th, 7:30pm: Colette Murphy, Hugh & Vincent Kelly, George & Kathleen Smyth, Rosie Quinn, Brian Murphy, Michael O'Hare,
St. Patrick's, Saturday, 26th, 5:30pm, Month's Mind: Cormac Wylie
St. Colmcille's, Sunday, 27th, 11am, 1st Anniversary: Maureen McKenna
St. Patrick's, Sunday, 27th, 12pm, Month's Mind: Aaron Laverty

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.

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.

World Day of the Sick: Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes – 11th February (Mon.)
To mark this feast day the sacrament of the sick will be administered during Mass in St. Patrick's on the 11th at 9:30am and 7:30pm.

Downpatrick Third world Group: Will hold their annual St. Brigid's cross appeal at all Masses on the weekend of 26th & 27th January.

Finance Committee Meeting: The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 23rd January at 8:15pm in the Parochial House.

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

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

Discovering Christ Course is back: The second session of 'Discovering Christ' will take place on Tuesday 29th January at 6:30pm in Patrick's Place. This is to avoid clashing with the Church Unity service which our parish is hosting on 22nd January. Even if you missed session one you can still join up but please let us know you are coming. And please please – if you have booked to come – and don't show up – let us know. The parish still has to pay for the meal ordered.

Diocesan Vocation Weekend: "Ask Jesus what he wants from you and be brave!" (Pope Francis): Why not take time to explore and reflect on becoming a priest. Join us at the Vocations Weekend in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne from Friday 15th – Sunday 17th February 2019. If you wish to attend this weekend or would like further information contact: Fr. Kevin on 02890614567 or email: vocations@downandconnor.org

Youth Weekend: 1st – 3rd February 2018. Koinonia Ireland, invite you to a Youth Weekend in the Parish of Braid from 7pm on Friday 1st – 5pm on Sunday 3rd. 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 or contact Br. Darren O'Reilly at Darren@koinonia.ie

Baptism's in Downpatrick Parish: The NORMAL place for Baptisms to take place is in the parish where the couple is resident. This is to provide a link between the sacrament of Baptism and the community / church where the family will worship and attend Mass. Sometimes exceptions are made but from 1st February these will only be granted if:

- The family are soon to be moving to the Parish where the baptism is requested.
- The family has a Priest friend or family member who has offered to perform the Baptism in his own parish.

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Gerard McShane, area president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be giving a short talk at the end of Mass in St. Colmcille's on Sunday 27th January at 11am. The Society is hoping to encourage new members to join.

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 02, 11, 12, 17, No Jackpot winner. 5 people share £100. This week's jackpot £3,500

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

School Open Days/Evenings:

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

St. Patrick's Grammar School: will be holding their open evening on Monday 28th January at 7pm to all P6 and P7 boys in the Multi-Purpose Hall. Address to Prospective AS students will be 7pm in sixth Form Study.

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.

WANTED! To date, three 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.

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