

DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 27th 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)
1st Feb – 9:30am
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 £2,015 Loose Plate £642
Average Standing Order £190

Downpatrick Nurses 45th Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage:

25th to 30th June 2019 – £689

Staying at Hotel Agena with Full Board Accommodation.

Travel insurance, Airport taxes, Lourdes City Tax and transport to Belfast International Airport are all included in the price.

Please note the slight change of dates.

For further information, you can contact Eddie on 07834325885 After 7:00pm

Your Prayers Are Requested For:

Recently Deceased: Delia Shields,
Month's Mind: Cormac Wylie, Aaron Laverty,
Anniv: Fr. Henry Flynn, Fr. Seamus O'Hara, Fr. Patrick Fullerton, Fr. Thomas Lynch, Fr. Paul Lytle, Fr. Terence Keenan, Paddy Feenan, Eileen Walsh, Francis & Mary Woods, Laurance & Stephen Woods, Jony Campbell, Thomas Trainor, Margaret Fisher, Hugh Trainor, Tenny Jones, Elizabeth Creaney, John Magorrian, Marie McCartan, Vera Coyle, Gerard Cunningham, Rosaleen Galbraith, James Adair, Raymond Hazard, Daniel O'Neill, Anne-Marie Smyth, Peter McCartan, Christine Butler, Betty Laird, Cissie Reynolds,
May They Rest In Peace

Baptisms: Eoin Joseph Cusack

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 28th January
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!

Mass Intentions:

St. Patrick's, Monday, 28th, 7:30pm: June Cogger, Eddie & Mary Mahon,
St. Patrick's, Wednesday, 30th, 7:30pm: Eileen Walsh, Jack Fitzsimons, Brigid & William McKeown,
St. Patrick's, Friday, 1st Feb, 7:30pm: Rita Quinn, Kathleen Quinn, Vera Coyle, Joseph Reilly, Kathleen Reilly,
St. Patrick's, Saturday, 2nd Feb, 5:30pm, 1st Anniversary: Brendan Rice
St. Colmcille's, Sunday, 3rd Feb, 11am, Anniversary: Kate Hanna
St. Patrick's, Sunday, 3rd Feb, 12pm, 1st Anniversary: Helena Fitzsimons

Downpatrick Third World Group: Will hold their annual St. Brigid's cross appeal at all Masses this weekend.

'Speaking on God's Behalf': Fr. Oliver Treanor's new book on how to be a great reader in church is now available in the Parish shop. Discount for any Parish readers.

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.

Catholic School's Week 27th Jan to 3rd Feb: Contact your local school to find out what special events they offering this week.

Trócaire Volunteers: For the past number of years Trócaire has enlisted the invaluable help of volunteers to support them in their work at a local level across the country. Recently, Trócaire has been working with several dioceses around the country to further develop ways in which parishes and Trócaire can continue to complement each other's work. With the support of Bishop Treanor, we are excited to launch the **Trócaire Volunteer Programme in D&C**. The role of a Trócaire volunteer is to raise awareness about our work in the parishes. This can include parish events, schools outreach, fundraising activities and campaigning events. Volunteers receive regular updates on our work, and are provided with full training and support. The programme will be officially launched on **Sat 23rd Feb in Holy Rosary Parish Centre** and will include an information session and commissioning ceremony which will be celebrated by Bishop Noel Treanor as part of the vigil Mass. If you want to get involved, contact Maria Kane (Trócaire) on 02890 808036 or email maria.kane@trocaire.org

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

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. 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.

Thank You for your response to date. There will be a short meeting of those who have volunteered to help with the catechesis for immigrant families on **Friday 1st February at 8:10pm** in St. Patrick's Presbytery.

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

New Arrangements For Baptism: As part of our Faith Development Process in Our Parish, a new preparation programme for the Sacrament of Baptism will begin on May 2019. In order to facilitate this, we will not celebrate any Baptisms in May. Parents requesting Baptism for their child after Sunday, 14th April, must give at least 6 weeks notice. They are also required to undertake a "Preparing Your Child for Baptism Session". The dates for these sessions along with the Baptism application form and further important information will be available to download from the website or collect from the Parish Office over the coming weeks. At the time of making your booking with Mary, the Parish Secretary, you will be invited to attend Mass on a Sunday before your baby's Baptism, when your child will be introduced and welcomed to the Parish Community.

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 05, 08, 09, 25, No Jackpot winner. 4 people share £100. This week's jackpot £3,600

Downpatrick Parish Draw:

The January Parish draw took place on Thursday 24th January 2019; The winners were:

1. Kelly Kearney – (1381) £1,000
2. Bernadette Tracey – (1028) £200
3. Megan & Nicole Dixey – (1232) £100
4. David Oakes – (1162) £100
5. Helen Hanna – (1265) £100

Promoter: Tommy Hanna (£30)

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

The next and FINAL DRAW will take place on Thursday 21st February 2019 at 7pm.

Promoters' returns to be in by 7pm, Sunday 17th February 2019.

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.

Mass Times for Feast Day of St. Brigid Friday 1st February

St. Patrick's 9:30am (School Mass) & 7:30pm – St. Brigid's 9:30am (School Mass)

St. Malachy's 7:30pm

St. Colmcille's will hold their School Mass on Tuesday 5th February.

St. Vincent de Paul, Downpatrick would like to thank most sincerely all those who contributed so generously to the 'red box' Christmas Appeal. Our thanks also to the many local organisations and businesses for their generous donations and those who 'Gift Aided' their donations. A special word of thanks to the teachers and pupils of St. Mary's High School and St. Patrick's Grammar for their time, effort and support they gave in assisting with the SVP Christmas Appeals. In total an amazing £13,880.49p was donated! Your kindness and charity throughout the year and especially at Christmas has made a big to many families in need. Thank you all.