

**DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA**  
**PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK**  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 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

**Tue – 5<sup>th</sup> Feb (School Mass)**

**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 £2,110 Loose Plate £583  
Average Standing Order £190

**Your Prayers Are Requested For:**

**Recently Deceased:** Moira Reilly, John Ward, Bobby Nolan (Stafford),  
**Anniv:** Fr. John McCarroll, Fr. Patrick White, Fr. Henry J Casey, Fr. John  
Courtney, Fr. Daniel Keenan, Fr. Fred MacSorley, Fr. James Black, Canon  
Patrick McAlister, Fr. Hugh Crossin, Joseph Robinson, Matthew Fleming,  
Patrick Fee, Margaret Savage, Alexander Overend, Willie Byrne, Alfred  
Vaughan, Alice McAlister, Gwen Fitzsimmons, Dermot Fitzsimmons, Brendan  
Rice, Patrick Joseph Keenan, Charile Keown, Mary Rice, Charles Newman,  
Edward O'Neill, Noel McGrady, Raymond Hazard, Charles Moss, Brigid & Billy  
Mills, Kathleen Quinn, William Quinn, Rita Quinn, Noel McGrady, Eamon  
Croskery, William Martin, Malachy McGrady, Winifred Breen, Anne Hayes,  
**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 4<sup>th</sup> February  
**St. Brigid's Church, Rathkelter Road,**

**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. Brigid's, Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7:30pm:** Malachy Craig, Louisa Gough,  
Noel McGrady,

**St. Patrick's, Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm:** George Trainor, Hugh Trainor,  
Cabrini Curran, Margaret Trainor, Barney Trainor, Jonathan Lundy,

**St. Patrick's, Friday, 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm:** John Ritchie, Jean Kearney,  
**St. Patrick's, Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm,** 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary: Matthew Fleming

**St. Brigid's, Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup>, 7pm,** John, Gwen, Joe & Michael Fitzsimmons,  
Mary Gracey,

**St. Colmcille's, Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> Feb, 11am,** 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary: Christopher Dobbin

**St. Patrick's, Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> Feb, 12pm,** Month's Mind: Tommy McManus

**World Day of the Sick:** Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes – 11<sup>th</sup> February (Mon.)

To mark this feast day the sacrament of the sick will be administered during  
Mass in St. Patrick's on the 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am and 7:30pm.

**'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.

**Healing Mass:** Devotion to St. Pio Monday 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm in St. Mary's Star of  
the Sea Church, Killyleagh. St. Pio's Relic is available before and after Mass.

**Fatima Statue:** The Legion of Mary have the Fatima Statue available to  
anyone in the Parish who wishes to have the statue in their home. If you are  
interested, contact Collette on 07732610247 or Parish office 44612084

**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)

**Discovering Christ Course is back:** The Third session of 'Discovering Christ' will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 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.

**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, 14<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Order of Malta Mass:** A Mass to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 'Order of Malta' in our Parish will be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at  
7:30pm. Everyone Welcome.

**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, 04, 16, 22, No Jackpot winner. 11 people matched 3 numbers. This week's jackpot £3,700

**Downpatrick Parish Draw:** Many thanks to our hard-working promoters and our generous members. **The next and FINAL DRAW**  
**will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019 at 7pm. Promoters' returns to be in by 7pm, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019.**

**Downpatrick Nurses 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage:** 25<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> 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

**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**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:maria.kane@trocaire.org)

**Convent of Mercy 2019 – 2020 enrolment:** Please ensure that all required documents are returned to the School of your first  
preference ASAP. Closing date for documentation to be returned 12 Noon on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Child's birth certificate, 2 proff of  
address (dated within the last 3 months (and for any socially disadvantaged applications a stamped Benefit form.)) Without the relevant  
documents, applications will not be considered.

**Downpatrick Third World Group** would like to express their deep gratitude to the parishioners of Downpatrick for your very generous  
contribution of £1,140 to the sale of their bookmark calendars. Altogether they raised £4,068 and a cheque for £4,000 was given to  
Trócaire to aid its work in Yemen. They are immensely grateful and appreciative of your continued support.

**Charity Concert:** 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 'Homegrown' Concert celebrating the work of TinyLife, the premature baby charity. Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March  
at 8pm in Clonard Monastery, Belfast. Artists include the cream of Northern Ireland talent: *The Priests, Karl McGukin, Malachi Cush,*  
*Andrea Begley, Eimear McGeown, Niamh Perry, St. Dominics Grammar School Choir & Special guest Phil Coulter.* Tickets £20 each  
and are available from Clonard office, TinyLife office (Bloomfield Avenue) tel: 02890 815050 or online at [www.buytickets.at/tinylife](http://www.buytickets.at/tinylife)

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019:** Full board in hotel: 7 nights (9–16 July) for £725 or 5 nights (10–15 July) for £650. Full board  
for sick or infirm pilgrims with medical and nursing care in Accueil Notre-Dame: 5 nights (10–15 July) for £550. Youth Team (7–16 July)  
£590. All flights from Belfast International Airport. Application forms now available from the Parish office or for further information  
contact the Pilgrimage Office on 028 9077 0162 or email: [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org)

**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