

DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 10th 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

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul:
Volunteers needed in
Downpatrick.
St. Vincent de Paul needs
Home visitation volunteers to
help families and individuals in
need.
If you have time to spare and
would like to help others in your
community, please contact us
for more information on
02844616557.
Leave your contact details and a
member of the St. Vincent de
Paul society will speak to you
about the work of the society in
Downpatrick.

Your Prayers Are Requested For:

Recently Deceased: Concepta MacNabb (Rathoath, Co. Meath), Maeve Black
Month's Mind: Tommy McManus
Anniv: Fr. Dominic Murray, Fr. Michael Blaney, Fr. Theodore Crowley,
Fr. Christopher Dallat, Fr. Leo Mckeown, Fr. Sylvester McGrady, Fr. Fred
Hanson, Fr. Francis McAllister, Sr. Mary Catherine, Margaret Lennon, Oliver
McMullan, Mary Igo, Gerry McMullan, Michael Fitzsimmons, Patricia Fay,
Joseph Blaney, Elizabeth Irwin, Brendan Leonard (Jersey), Dymphna Taggart,
Godfrey Curran, Valarie Turner, Oliver Reilly, Kevin Quinn, Susan Kearney,
Kieran Carson, Sean McShane, Greta Hampton, Mary McGeown, George
Trainor, Sydney Vaughan, Oliver McMullan, Mary Taggart
May They Rest In Peace

Baptisms: We welcome into our Parish: Saóirse Patricia McGreevy,
Corey Daniel Mageean and Kaiden Patrick Killen,
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 11th February
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 9:30am & 7:30pm Mass.
Join us for all of the evening or part of it. Everyone Welcome!

Mass Intentions:
St. Patrick's, Wednesday, 13th, 7:30pm: June Evans, James Hampton jnr &
Deceased Relatives, Danny, Gerard & Tommy Jervis
St. Patrick's, Friday, 15th, 7:30pm: Yvonne McGreevy, Mary Taggart
St. Patrick's, Saturday, 16th, 5:30pm, Month's Mind: Greta McCavera,
St. Brigid's, Saturday, 16th, 7pm, 1st Anniversary: Marie Rogan,

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.

Candlelight Rosary Procession: There will be a candlelight rosary procession to The Grotto, St. Mary's Church, Chapel Lane, Belfast on Monday 11th February, at 8pm to pray for the sick on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick. The procession commences at the same time as the torchlight procession to the Grotto in Lourdes. All welcome. Procession candles available from 7.45 pm.

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

'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.

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

Medugorje Youth Festival: Dublin Medugorje Pilgrimage Group, for the Youth Festival 2019. One of the biggest events of the year in Medugorje. ex Dublin costs €725 pps, for 7 nights. Payment can also be made in instalments Contact James Treacy 00353 860572216 or contact Joe Walsh Tours Dublin on 01-2410800.
Fatima and Lisbon: James Treacy is also organising a trip to Fatima between 9th to 14th June for the feast day of St. Anthony.

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

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. Want to get involved, contact Maria Kane (Trócaire) on 02890 808036 or email maria.kane@trocaire.org

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.

Alzheimer's Society: A series of free talks and information sessions will take place for anyone who carers for someone with dementia; has a family member or friend with dementia or anyone who has questions about dementia. The programme will run in Market House, 10:30am to 12:30pm on Tuesday 12th, 19th and 26th February. This is a great way to meet other people with dementia or who are caring with dementia and get other support. For further information contact Laura Stewart on 02897 564681.

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!

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

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

Discovering Christ Course is back: The Fourth session of 'Discovering Christ' will take place on Tuesday 12th February at 6:30pm in Patrick's Place. Even if you missed a session 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, 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.

Neocatechumenal Way: The parish members of the Neocatechumenal Way invite you to join them for a series of talks in Patrick's Place (church crypt), starting Sunday 10th at 7:30pm (lasting one hour). Do you struggle with your faith; are you suffering in your life; do you feel alone in the world; why not join us? Everyone most welcome. You can attend all or some of the talks and bring a friend. Parishioners are of course always welcome to the weekly Mass celebrated in St. Colmcille's each Saturday at 8pm by one of our parish clergy.

Downpatrick Parish Draw: Many thanks to our hard-working promoters and our generous members. **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.**

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

RGU: The Numbers were 09, 10, 12, 25, No Jackpot winner. 4 people shared £100. This week's jackpot £3,800