

DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA

PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK

Sunday 24th 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 £1,975 Loose Plate £657
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: Dolly Boyd (USA)

Anniv:Fr. Patrick McGarry, Fr. Daniel McBride,Fr. Joseph O'Hagan,
Fr. Joseph MacGurnaghan, Fr. David Forrester, Liam McKeating,
Peggy Fairfield, William Denvir, Mary Walsh, Una Gibney, Elizabeth Holmes,
Nancy O'Neill, Elizabeth McGeown, William Fay Jnr, William Fay Snr,
Kevin Keenan, Louise Baker, Maria Graham, Michael Robinson, Danny
Gilmore, Maureen Mongan, Rosena & Peter Johnston, Ellen Smyth, Sr. Brigid
Fitzsimmons, Patrick Magorrian,

May They Rest In Peace

Baptisms: We welcome into our Parish: Cormac Burke and Renae Morrison

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 25th February

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 25th, 7.30pm: Louise Baker, Hugh Finn,
Danny Gilmore, Marie Breen,
St. Patrick's, Wednesday 27th, 7.30pm: Jim Mulholland, Cathal Brennan,
Frank Fitzsimmons, Peter, Ben & Sam Williams,
St. Patrick's, Sunday 3rd March, 9am: Month's Mind: Moira Reilly

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. Everyone
Welcome.

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.

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.

Parish Bingo: Every Friday at 8:30pm, St. Michaels Parish Centre. Lots of prizes
to be won. Book costs £6 or two for £11. Come along and try your luck.

First Friday:The priests of the parish will conduct their First Friday visits as
normal. Fr. Murrays's calls will be on March 1st and 6th and 8th.

Women's World Day of Prayer: (prepared this year by the women of
Solvenia)Will be held in The Methodist Church, Scotch Street at 7.30pm on
Friday, March 1st. A warm welcome is extended to everyone to join us for this
short interdenominational service. Everyone Very Welcome!

Downpatrick Third World Group: Wish to extend a sincere thanks to those
who contributed towards St. Brigid's Crosses. The amount raised was £1910.
To date a total of over £5800 has been distributed to Kenya, Zambia and
Medécins Sans Frontières to assist with their charitable works.

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

The Why? Course: As many parishioners may know two men from our parish are in formation for the permanent Diaconate – Paul
McCormick & Jackie Breen. They are now in the second year of formation. As part of their training they will be offering a course over
the Spring and early Autumn – it is called the 'Why Course' – a 'sort of' Apologetics course in which Paul & Jackie, with a little help
from Fr. Murray, will help us think about aspects of our faith – through chat and discussion as well as digital media. The first session
will be called 'WHY I BELIEVE IN GOD' and will take place in Patrick's Place on Wednesday 13th March at 8:10pm – 9:40pm. All
parishioners are welcome

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.

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.

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), continuing on Sunday 24th 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.

Vacancy – Housekeeper: A vacancy has arisen for a housekeeper at the curate's residence, Killough Road. The post holder will be
required to provide an efficient and comprehensive housekeeping service to the Parish Curate. The terms are based on a permanent
appointment requiring 4 hours' attendance each week. Work pattern to be agreed. Rate of Pay - £8.50 gross per hour. If interested in
making application for this post, please download an application pack from either the Diocesan website at
<http://www.downandconnor.org> by clicking on the link for JOB VACANCIES Application packs can also be obtained from the
Downpatrick Parish Office.

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

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!

Downpatrick Parish Draw:

The Final Draw of the 3rd year of the Parish Draw took place on Thursday past, 21st February 2019. The winners were:

1st Special prize: Tom Foy – (1022) – £5,000

2nd Special prize: Caroline Crolly – (1204) – £3,000

3rd Special Prize: Sister Mary Delargy – (981) – £2,000j

Promoter's Prize: Margaret McNabb £30

Normal Monthly Prizes:

1st Aidan Vance – (1291) – £1,000

2nd Denise Jamison – (241) – £200

3rd Diarmuid Radley – (345) – £100

4th Mary Cullen – (1226) – £100

5th Eddie Dagens (1124) – £100

Congratulations to our winners. Many thanks to all our members for their generosity and to our promoters for their hard work.

It is our intention to run the Draw for another year with the first draw taking place on **Thursday 28th March 2019, at 7pm** in the Parochial
House. The prizes will remain the same. We hope that all members will rejoin as the Draw is a great help to parish finances.

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

RGU: The Numbers were : 2, 10, 12, 22, - Nine people matched three numbers. Jackpot now £4000