

DOWNPATRICK COMMUNITIES AREA PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK Sunday 15th September 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 £2,073 Loose Plate £575 Average Standing Order £190	Your Prayers Are Requested For: Anniv:: Fr. Richard O'Rawe, Fr. Edward Donnelly, Fr. Vincent McKinley, Br. John McTiernan, Mary Ritchie, Vera Marron, Betty McGreevy, Bill Oakes, Margaret Haughian, Marian Croskery, Betty Murphy, Catherine & Patrick Rooney Snr, Patrick Rooney Jnr, Andrew Diamond, Mary Anne McKay, Joseph McKay, Chris Fairfield, Margaret Hampton, Allen Feenan, Pat McDonald, Betty Graham, Briege Logue, Kathleen Brady, Jack & Frank Leonard, Jim Breen, Brenda Bonnar, Margaret Tracey, Jackie Walsh, Kathleen Laverty, May They Rest In Peace Mass Intentions: St. Patrick's, Mon, 16th Sept, 7.30pm: 1st Anniv: Margaret Magorrian, Anniv: Jackie Walsh, Mary Ritchie, Maura Craig, St. Patrick's, Wed, 18th September, 7.30pm: Anne Johnston, Harry Sage, St. Patrick's, Fri, 20th Sept, 7.30pm: 1st Anniv: Kathleen Brady, Cyril Murray, The Evening Of Mercy: Continues on Monday Evening, 16th September in St. Patrick's Church: 6.30pm – 8:45pm. 6.30pm: Rosary, 7.30pm: Mass, 8.15pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet 8:30pm Benediction Join us for all of the evening or part of it. Everyone Welcome! Eucharistic Ministers: Thank you for the response to our recent appeal. The appeal is still open. There will be a short training course in preparation for this ministry on Wed 25th Sept and Wed 2nd & 9th Oct in Patrick's presbytery at 6:30 – 7:30pm. If you are interested ring the parish office to give your name on 44612084. We especially welcome any young people in the 18–30 bracket. Parish Baptisms: We Welcome Jessica Watts & Aoife McCartan into Our Parish Family. Six weeks' notice required for all Baptisms. Families booking a Baptism are required to attend one short evening session on Baptism in Patrick's Place, the date for your course is issued at the time of booking. Baptisms can be booked by contacting Mary at the Parish Office, Monday – Thursday 9am – 2.30pm. RGU: winning Numbers 05, 11, 23, 24, Nine people Matched three numbers. No Jackpot winner. This week's jackpot £2,000. Knock Trip: staying at St. Mary's on 12th to 13th October. To book, contact Kate on 07762211658. Prayer Group: La Sallian Prayer Group commences on Thursday 12th September 2019 at 7:30pm. It will take place at La Salle Brothers House, Stream street. There will be a rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and scripture readings. It will last for one hour each week. Everyone Welcome. Cumann Bhaile an Mhóta: Ranganna Gaeilge Irish Language Classes. Ballymote Centre every Wednesday night at 7pm to 8:30pm. Starter classes and Intermediate classes. Fáilte Roimh Chách. Everyone Welcome. Parish Shop: Open before and after each Mass , or by appointment through the Parish Office. Lots of new stock arriving daily, Cards, Candles, Christmas decorations and gifts, medals, books and much much more! Apostolic Work: Meetings will resume on Tuesday 24th September at 7:30pm in St. Michael's Centre. New Members welcome. Mission: This October through an Extraordinary Mission Month declared by Pope Francis, the Diocese invites us to embrace the vision of a Missionary Church by celebrating the contribution of our Diocese to the missions abroad. To mark EMM2019 we will be holding 3 major events in October ≥ Friday 11 October 4.30pm - 7.30pm Missionary Young People and Children's Day - Braid Parish to include climbing Slemish, Prayer Service and BBQ (bus leaving from QUB Chaplaincy at 3.00pm) ≥ Saturday 19 October 9.30am - 4.30pm A Conference and Celebration of D&C Missionaries Abroad and at Home in St Mary's University College, Falls Rd, Belfast. ≥ Sunday 20 October - 3.00pm Mission Sunday Mass - Together We Are Mission - St Patrick's Church, Chapel Hill, Lisburn. Throughout the coming year, we plan to acknowledge and celebrate the work of the many hundreds of Missionaries who left their homes and parishes to engage in Missionary endeavour around the world. If you have a relative or friend who is currently a Missionary abroad or during their lifetime has served as a Missionary, we would really appreciate if you would please give their details including Name, Religious Order, Dates etc.. to your Parish Office or email missions@downandconnor.org before 23rd September 2019.	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'. <u>It's Free</u>. You can also contact the parish by email at: downpatrick@downandconnor.org Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – had resumed on Friday 6th September after the 9:30am until 7pm and also on Saturday mornings (from the 7th Sept) from 10:30am to 1pm. We would ask all regular adorers to be faithful to the slot they did in previous years. New adorers are always welcome – just give your name and selected time to the sacristan. Tea / Coffee & Hot Toast: will take place every Friday after 9:30am Mass in Patrick's Place. Everyone welcome. Fundraising: A young man in the general Lecale area intends to take a 'gap year' with a school mission team in Waterford diocese. The team leader is Fr. Pat Cahill – remember from the Ceili Mission in 2016? If any parishioner would like to support him with any donation – no matter how small – then please give it in an envelope to Fr. Murray and he will pass it on. The young man needs to raise a couple of thousand to cover expenses for the year. He also hopes to apply for the diocesan Seminary later. Bishop Gerard's visitation: Bishop Gerard County of St. Vincent's and the Grenadines (Caribbean) will be visiting the Diocese and Bishop Treanor has given him permission to invite donations for his diocese which is very poor. He will say the vigil Mass on Sept 14th and 12pm on the 15th and speak at the 9am Mass that day. There will be no collection for him on that day but envelopes will be distributed. Parishioners may take these and return them the following week. Any donations will be forwarded to Bishop County after that. Theology of the Body Course: The 'Theology of the Body' course began on Wednesday 4th September in 'Patrick's Place.' It was an excellent introduction. Christopher West is an inspired teacher as he opened up for us the mystery of our sexuality and Pope John Paul's excellent teaching on 'The Theology of the Body.' But – one negative comment. – people attended from Omagh and Armagh but so few from Downpatrick – DISAPPOINTING – But it's not too late – why not come next week – same time – 8:10 11th September at 'Patrick's Place.' The evenings are open to everyone aged 18 and over. light refreshments will be provided. Further information is available by contacting Maureen 07719284748 or Geraldine 077192854738 St. Patrick's Church Choir – New Members Needed: If you would be interested in joining the choir please speak to any of the choir members after 9am or 12pm Mass on a Sunday. Alternatively, ring the parish office on 02844612084 and leave your name, contact number and what choir you would like to join. The WHY Course: Due to the “Theology of the Body” course taking place on Wednesday's in Sept / Oct. The 'WHY' course – sessions 4 and 5 – will now occur on 6th November and 4th December at 8:10 to 9:30pm in Patrick's Place. The Bethany Bereavement Support Group, formed in 2016, is a voluntary parish based ministry which aims to help the bereaved and grieving. The name Bethany recalls the visit of Jesus to Mary and Martha on the death of their brother Lazarus. http://www.bethanyni.co.uk/ The Chairperson goes through the parish register each month noting the details of the next of kin of those who have been bereaved. The group then meets up on the 1st Wednesday of each month and visits are allocated to the members at that point, who always visit in pairs. We visit the next of kin some weeks after the death to see how they are coping and to offer our support. We also help to organize the annual mass for deceased members of the parish and invite people through a personal letter to each family. This enables us as a parish to come together to remember our recently deceased. We would like to appeal for new members to assist in this ministry. We are currently a team of six but would love others to join us. If you think that you may be interested then why not contact the parish office or contact Dominic (chair) by email at dominicbreen@btinternet.com Downpatrick Parish Draw: The next draw will take place on Wednesday 18th September 2019 at 8:15pm, in the Parochial House. <u>Please Note</u> different day and time. Promoters' returns should be in by 7pm on Sunday 15th September. 7pm, Good Morning Down is a FREE Telephone Care & Befriending Service. They operate in the Down District Council area for adults of any age who may feel vulnerable or at risk for whatever reason. They depend on volunteers to assist them in making calls. If you have a morning or two free and would be interested in volunteering with them please contact Linda Baker 02844613434 or email Linda: lindabakergmd@yahoo.co.uk St. Joseph's Young Priests Society: <u>Please note change of day:</u> Meeting will take place in St. Michael's on Tuesday 17th September. At (8pm Approximately). Downpatrick Third World Group will hold a coffee morning in Patrick's place on Saturday 28th September after 10am Mass. All proceeds in aid of Sister Mary Delargey's mission in Zambia. Divine Mercy Holy Hour: in St. Joseph's Church, Killough on Sunday 15th September at 3:00pm; Eucharistic Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Litany, Sermon, Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image, concluding with Benediction.	