DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK Sunday 13th May 2018

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: Mon - Thurs 9.30am -

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 £1,885 Loose Plate £626 Average Standing Order £190

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 parishofdownpatrick.org. We can

no longer accept email or telephone

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

Your Prayers Are Requested For:

Recently Deceased: Liam McMullan, Angela Carpenter,

Anniv: Ronnie Orr, Robert Hunt, Raymond McNabb, Sean Magee, Teresa Fay, Gertie Cousins, Lily Connor, Angela Campbell, Eleanor Cope, Mary Harris,

May They Rest In Peace

Baptisms: 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.

Mass Intentions:

St. Patrick's, Monday 14th May, 7.30pm: Harry Brady

Leslie Curran, Ronnie Orr, Harry & Mary Harris,

St. Patrick's, Wednesday 16th May, 7:30pm: Dermot Hanna, Ita Reilly, Deceased Members of the Galbraith Family, Samuel & Sarah Griffin, Ted Griffin, Josephine Denvir.

St. Patrick's, Friday 18th May, 7:30pm: Charlie Lowry, Jack Feenan,

St. Patrick's, Saturday 19th May, 5:30pm: Month's Mind: Ann Sloan

St. Brigid's, Saturday 19th May, 7pm: 1st Anniversary: Bridget McDonald

St. Patrick's, Sunday 13th May, 12pm: Month's Mind: Magdalene Weyman & Deceased Members of the Weyman family

The Evening Of Mercy: Continues this Monday Evening 14th May 2018 in

St. Patrick's Church 6.30pm – 8:45pm. 6.30pm: Rosary, 7.30pm: Mass,

8.15pm: Rosary & Benediction,

Join us for all of the evening or part of it. Everyone Welcome!

Our Lady and St. Patrick – First Holy Communion:

Will take place This Sunday 13th May at 12pm in St. Patrick's Church.

St. Colmcille's - First Holy Communion:

Will take place next Sunday 20th May at 11am in St. Colmcille's Church.

St. Bridid's - First Holy Communion:

Will take place next Saturday 19th May at 12pm in St. Brigid's Church.

MINISTRY OF WELCOME - Have you a warm smile? Good with people? You can help revive our parish hospitality ministry when you offer to assist as a collector, greeter or hospitality volunteer. Is God now asking you to support His church? No prior experience needed. Training if required. Just pray about it and give your name! Phone, email or PM the parish office on Facebook today!

Precious Life movie: Precious Life invites you to the Ireland Première of awardwinning pro-life film HUSH. The film will take place in Wellington Park Hotel, Belfast, on Monday 14th May at 7:30pm with guest speaker – Denise Mountenay, Co producer of HUSH. For more info please email: info@preciouslife.com

SPRED: Religious Education for Special Needs Adults and young adults – Our initial group has diminished due to changed circumstances of some people. **We still need some volunteers.** If you think you can give help here – or want more information – please contact the parish office on 44612084.

Corpus Christi Procession: Date: Sunday 3rd June at 4pm. From St. Colmcille's Church to St. Patrick's Church to arrive by 5pm for final prayers and Benediction. This is an event in the Parish and Downpatrick Pastoral area to mark the forth coming World Meeting of Families event in Dublin in August. All parishioners and the whole Lecale area are welcome. All children from all secondary and primary schools are invited. Primary 4 children are especially encouraged to wear their First Communion outfits. Watch this space for more details in coming weeks.

8th Amendment: There will be a Holy Hour on Sunday 20th May at 5pm in St. Patrick's prior to the vote in the Republic on the 8th Amendment.

Novena For Life: In the days prior to the 8th Amendment Referendum there will be a 'Novena For Life' in various parts of the country. The first evening will be in Downpatrick on Wednesday 16th May with Mass at 7:30pm followed by a directed Holy Hour ending with Benediction about 9:15pm. All Welcome.

World Meeting of Families- Those who have booked a seat and not paid, are asked to do so no later than Wednesday 16th May. Seats not paid for by this date will be released for resale. There are four seats remaining on the bus, if you would like to book one, please contact James or Mary at the Parish Office.

SVP – Senior Citizens: Bus Leaving Church Carpark at 10:30am going to Holy Cross Monastery, Rostrevor for 11:30am Mass on Thursday 24th May. If you would like to go, please leave your name and contact number on the Helpline number 44616557.

Keys To The Room Below The Church: If you have a key belonging to the 'Crypt' now known as Patrick's Place – please return it to the parish office as soon as possible. For insurance and security reasons the Parish will maintain a Key register, where keys can be signed in and out of the parish office for use of any parish property. We appreciate your co-operation.

RGU: Winning Numbers: 6, 23, 26, 27 Jackpot was won! Three people shared £100. Jackpot now £1,500.

During Easter: During the remaining Sundays of Easter, the priests of the parish will preach on the Papal document Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) which was issued by Pope Francis in 2016. It is a beautiful reflection on the Joy of Love in the family. If you wish to obtain a copy you can do so in the Parish shop. This will be part of the parish preparation for the World Meeting of Families event in Dublin in August.

Neocatechumenal Way Talks: A series of talks will continue on Sunday 13th May at 7.30pm in Patrick's Place, St Patrick's Church and continuing every Wednesday and Sunday for a number of weeks. These talks will be given by people from the Neo-Catechumenal Way which is a Way to discover the richness of our Baptism, a help to deepen our faith. Everyone is confronted with the problems and diversity in life today, eg loneliness, addictions, relationships, money, etc. The invitation for you is to Come and Listen. All are welcome. Even if you missed the other talks you are still welcome.

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'

Baptism Group: Will meet in Patrick's Place on Tuesday 15th May at 7:30pm. If you are interested in joining, pop in and meet with us. Everyone Welcome.

Set Top Boxes: Some parishioners who ordered and received a set top box (Kodi or Roku) may not be receiving the church webcam now. This is a technical issue – beyond the control of the parish. We are informed that the authorities who deal with the copyright issues are 'freezing' these boxes out apparently because people in Britain and elsewhere were illegally downloading films – to give one example. MCN MEDIA who provide our webcam streaming also have a box which is specifically geared to receive the church stream. MCN are offering it to the parish for £60 – at a reduced price – if we get enough orders. If you are interested, ring the Parish office – No money needed yet – just place an order. Once we have enough orders we will contact you.

Nano Nagle Anniversary: This year marks the 300th Anniversary of the birth of Nano Nagle. In that context the Presentation Sisters share with you a poster for display which invites enquiries from those interested in living in the spirit of Nano Nagle today. For more information; invite a speaker or receive further literature contact them on 087 2033006 or email: enquiry@presprone.com or visit: - www.presentationsistersne.ie or visit 'Join Presentation' on Facebbok.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society: Meeting in St. Michael's Parish Centre after the 7.30pm Mass on Wednesday 16th May. All Welcome!

Downpatrick Parish Draw: The next draw will be held on Thursday 24th May 2018, at 7pm in the Parochial House. Promoters' returns should be in by 7pm, Sunday 20th May 2018.