DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL AREA PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK Sunday 11th November 2018

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Parish Office:
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# 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 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 £2,137 Loose Plate £405 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

www.parishofdownpatrick.org

#### **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: Claire Perry, Month's Mind: Gerard Holland.

Anniv: Fr. Sean McFerran, Fr. Edward McCallion, Fr. James Kelly, Fr. Hugh Bradley, Mary Blythe, Jim Blythe, Brian Blythe, Daniel Gilmore, Joe Gordon (Snr) Robert Bonner, Josephine McKinney, James Rooney, Kathleen McKeating, Jofey McKeating, Blaíthe Hanna, Irene Doyle, Noreen Doyle, Ellie Connolly, Nan Hennedy, Marie Milligan, Josephine McMechan, Sammy Mason, Richard & Michael Quinn, Betty Gwyther, Sarah Savage, Thomas & Ella Savage, Rosaleen Halloran, Stephen Savage, Jim Mageean, Margaret Connolly.

May They Rest In Peace

Baptisms: We Welcome Josh Colm Magee into Our Parish Family. 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm: Edward & Sarah Valentine, Malachy & Peggy Venney, Deceased Members of St. Michael's Prayer Group, St. Patrick's, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm: Elizabeth Wade, Deceased Members & Friends of The RGU, Patrick, Patricia & Christopher McErlain, St. Patrick's, Friday, 16<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm: Irene & Noreen Doyle, Ellie Connolly, Denis & Eileen Halpin.

St. Brigid's, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>, 7pm: Teresa Tweedie St. Malachy's, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>, 10am: Geordie Breen,

The Evening Of Mercy: Continues this Monday Evening 12<sup>th</sup> November

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!

**Sunday 9am Masses:** St. Patrick's Church choir are looking for new members for 9am Mass on Sunday's. Choir practice takes place every Wednesday at St. Michaels Parish Centre 8pm. If you are interested, please contact Mary on 07989273414 or speak to Mary and any of the choir members after 9am Mass or at the St. Michaels Parish Centre.

Parish Mass/Sr. Consillio: The Parish Mass on the morning of Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November will be celebrated in the Chapel in The Convent of Mercy. (NO MORNING MASS IN ST. PATRICK'S ON THURSDAY).

Sr. Consillio invites parishioners and friends to join her and the Sisters to the Mass by way of celebrating new beginnings for the Convent. A warm welcome is extended to all who wish to attend. Light refreshments will be served afterwards, when Sr. Consillio and friends will meet parishioners. We extend a warm welcome to Sister and her friends and hope that as many parishioners as possible can attend.

Parish Safeguarding Committee: Annual Audit 2018: Parish Groups and Non Parish Groups using Parish Premises

Groups using Parish Premises, i.e. Churches, Parochial Houses, Patrick's Place and St. Michael's Parish Centre are invited to attend the Parochial House on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November between 5.30pm & 7.30pm to update information on the operation of your group this year. Please contact Mary at 4462084 to arrange a 15 minute time slot.

Parish Groups: Leader in charge and one assistant should attend. Non-Parish Groups: Person in charge and assistant should attend. Non parish groups should bring their updated Insurance details and safeguarding details.

Day of Prayer / Prayer Walk: Are you carrying burdens and issues from the past? Have you been hurt by the words or actions of others? Are there things you need to say sorry for and put to rest? You are welcome to join our journey of prayer at any point on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November between 11am and 4pm. The Itinerary for the day will be: DPK non-subscribing Presbyterian Church 11:30am > DPK Presbyterian Church 11:45am-12:15pm > DPK Methodist Church 12:30-1pm > Lunch Break @ Pepper John's Community Café 1–2pm > Down Cathedral 2:15–2:45pm > St. Patrick's Square 3–315pm > St. Patrick's RC Church 3:30–4pm. The Prayer is organised by Divine Healing Ministries (St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast)

**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!

The Priests In Concert: In St. Patrick's Church on Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018. Tickets are available from the Parish Office Mon–Thurs 9:15 – 2pm. Tickets are £25 each. Tickets are also available at the Parish Shop after Mass.

#### **Downpatrick Parish Draw:**

The next draw will take place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 at 7pm, in the Parochial House. Promoters' returns to be in by 7pm, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Many thanks to our hard-working promoters and generous members.

Parish Website, Facebook and App: The Parish Website is available at <a href="www.parishofdownpatrick.com">www.parishofdownpatrick.com</a> 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: <a href="downpatrick@downandconnor.org">downandconnor.org</a>

**Bereavement Mass:** The Bethany Bereavement Group have organised Mass on November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in St. Patrick's Church. A special invitation is extended to those who have lost a loved one between November 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 and October 31<sup>st</sup> 2018. We will have a candle for you to present at the altar in memory of your family member. We would invite all those who are bereaved and continue to grieve to join us on November 28<sup>th</sup> when we will offer the Mass for all of our deceased family and friends. The priests of the parish continue to pray for all the deceased daily, especially during the month of November.

#### **Holy Land Pilgrimage:**

The Pilgrimage is now provisionally fully booked. If you expressed an interest in travelling with the group – please contact the Parish Office either by phone 02844612084 or email <a href="downpatrick@downandconnor.org">downpatrick@downandconnor.org</a> to confirm that you still wish to travel. Booking forms need to be completed and a deposit paid to secure your place. Those who expressed an interest need to contact Mary NO LATER THAN 11am on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Places which were held will be released after 11am on Monday to accommodate those on the waiting list.

**Patrician Youth Centre**: **Monster Bazaar and Family Fun Afternoon** on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2pm – 5pm. Big Wheel, Tombola (Bottles & Gifts) White Elephant, Christmas Crafts & Cakes, Live Music. For the children - Santa's Grotto, Face-Painting Gold Fish & much more! Not to be missed!!

**Sign Of Peace At Mass**: The Diocese, having received advice from Health authorities, have suspended the 'Sign of Peace' during the celebration of Mass. This will be in place for the remainder of the winter and will help avoid transmission of colds, flu's etc. Parishioners are asked to take home leaflets, missals etc used by them during Mass for the same reason. Thank you for your cooperation.

International Suicide Survivors Day – November 18<sup>th</sup> 2018: Hope & Healing – an opportunity to join with suicide survivors around the world in bringing hope and healing to local suicide survivors through support and sharing of stories, Join us at Down Parish Church, (Saint Margaret's) Church Avenue, Downpatrick, from 5.30pm – 6.30pm. Light refreshments served afterwards in the nearby Pepper Johns Community Centre. All Welcome.

**Downpatrick Self Help Africa**: (formally War on Want) Invite you to their Annual Coffee Morning & Sale on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 10 am – 12 Noon in Down Parish Hall (behind the Down Recorder). Ballot, Tombola, Cakes, Bric – a- Brac, Jewellery etc. Admission £2 to include Coffee & Cakes.

**Tobar Mhuire Crossgar:** Loss and Blessings: November is a time when we remember loved ones who have died. This day of prayer; reflection and symbols will be a chance to take time aside; to reflect upon the memory of those who have gone before us, and to give thanks for those who have touched our lives. You are welcome to bring a picture or memento of the person you are remembering. **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 10:30am to 4pm. Led by: Brian McKee. Cost £30 (to include tea/coffee and light lunch).** 

Advent Day of Reflection: Preparing for the Advent and Christmas season through an exploration of the scriptures. The day will be led by Sean Goan. This day is open for all, but is particularly recommended for clergy and for those involved as Ministers of the Word in parishes. Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018. 10:30am to 4pm. Day led by: Sean Goan. Cost: £30 (to include tea/coffee and light lunch).