DOWNPATRICK PASTORAL COMMUNITY AREA
PARISH OF DOWNPATRICK
Sunday 29th December 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
Fri 3rd January, 7.30pm

St. Colmcille's:
Saturday 8pm (vigil) (75 Mins)
Sunday 11am

St. Malachy's:
Sunday 10am

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 £1,951 Loose Plate £646
Average Standing Order £190

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

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 and package is available at the parish office.

Your Prayers Are Requested For:
Month's Mind: Joan Carson, Frances Denvir,
Anniv: Fr. Liam Mullan, Fr. Hubert Rooney, His Eminence Cahal B. Cardinal Daly, Canon George O'Hanlon, Teresa McKeating, Brian McKeown, Mary Savage, William Gilchrist, Kathleen Vance, Gerard Sharvin, Sammy Sharvin, Patrick & Norah Quinn, Malachy Quinn, Kevin Quinn, Donald Quinn, Teddy & Gertie Cousins, Caroline Vaughan, Manus Quinn, Richard Fitzsimons, Alex McMullan, Liam McGlogan, William McConvey Snr, Joseph Deegan, Alan Gordon, Brian Galbraith, Michael Fitzpatrick, Jim Cochrane, Ellie Flanagan, Ooangh Hanna, Ursula Hanna, Frank Fitzsimons, Bridge Blaney, Gerard Blaney, Josephine McMullan, James Michael Mason, Agnes Fitzsimons, Rita McGeown, Mary McAuley, James Armour, David Perry Snr, John Perry, Emmet Perry, Tommy Perry, Sheila Perry, Annie Tully, Gerry Tully, Hugh Kelly, Elizabeth Smyth, Colette McMullan, Mary Hanna, Elizabeth Gordon, Bernard McLaughlin, Mary Kelly, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Raymond Magee, Maura Savage, Patrick & James Taggart, Mary Anne Craig, Carmel Coffey, Teresa & Francie Vance, Joe Williams Thomas Rooney, Gary Rooney, Senan JW Sharvin, Jimmy Burke, Eileen Stitt, Annie Croskery,

May They Rest In Peace

Mass Intentions:
St. Patrick's, Friday 3rd January, 7:30pm: Month's Mind: Joan Carson
Anniv: Cormac Wylie, Margaret Cassidy, Anne Smith, Eileen McCartan, Patricia Steele, Kevin Fitzpatrick,
St. Patrick's, Sat, 4th January, 7:30pm: Month's Mind: Frances Denvir
St. Patrick's, Mon, 6th January, 7:30pm: Margaret Fitzsimons, Mary Jennings. Clare Taggart, Catherine McLeigh, Margaret Cusack,
St. Patrick's, Wed, 8th January, 7:30pm: Charlie McStay Snr.
St. Patrick's, Fri, 10th January, 7:30pm: John McIlheron,
St. Brigid's, Sat, 11th January, 7pm: Month's Mind: Pat Ward

The Evening of Mercy: Continues on Monday Evening, 6th January 2020 in
St. Patrick's Church:
6.30pm – 8:45pm.
6.30pm: Rosary,
7.30pm: Mass,
8.15pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy
8:30pm Benediction
The Sacrament of the Sick will take place during Mass.
Join us for all of the evening or part of it. Everyone Welcome!

Feast of the Epiphany - A Holy Day of Obligation

Please note: There will be NO VIGIL MASSES for the feast day this year.

Masses on the 6th January 2020:

St. Patrick's 9.30am & 7:30pm

St. Brigid's 9:00am

St. Malachy's 10:00am

St. Colmcille's 11:00am

Masses for the rest of the week will be as usual.

First Friday Sick Visitation: The priests of the Parish will be visiting the sick and housebound during First Friday week.
Please Note: Fr. Murray will not be visiting his sick on January 1st, but will visit them the following Wednesday 8th, at the same time

Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS): The NIFRS will be available to meet parishioners and offer advice on fire safety in the home. Join them for tea / coffee on Friday 10th January in 'Patrick's Place'.

Parish Website, Facebook, Twitter 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'. Download the twitter App and follow the up to date news. Find us at '*parish of St. Patrick Downpatrick*' https://twitter.com/JohnMur95940145 They Are Free. You can also contact the parish by email at: downpatrick@downandconnor.org

Nursery Enrolment -September 2020/2021 - Open Days St Colmcille's Nursery on Monday 6th January 2020 from 9.00 am to 10.30 am. Convent of Mercy Nursery on Monday 6th January 2020 from 2.30pm to 5.00pm. This year parents must apply on line through the Education Authority Website.The web portal for applications will open 12 noon 7th January 2020 and close at 12 noon 30th January 2020. Parents are then required to provide their child's birth certificate and two recent proofs of address to the school of their first preference before noon 7th February 2020.

Tea / Coffee & Hot Toast: Will resume on Friday 10th January 2020 after 9:30am Mass in Patrick's Place. Everyone Welcome.

Downpatrick Parish Draw: The next draw will take place on **Thursday at 7pm,** in the Parochial House.
Promoters' returns should be in by **7pm on Sunday 2019.**

Diocesan Liturgy Seminar 2020: The Diocesan Liturgy seminar 2020, entitled 'Word of God – Gift and Challenge' will be held on Saturday 25th January 2020 from 1:30pm – 4:30pm in St. Brigid's Parish Centre, 38 Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast BT9 6FP.
Registration from 1pm. It will be presented by Fr. Albert McNally. The seminar is open to all and the cost is £10 per person.
To book, please contact: Malachy McKeever on 07598 346011 or email: liturgy@downandconnor.org

Third World Group: The Downpatrick Third World Group, would like to thank everyone for their continuing kindness and generosity in contributing £1,275 towards their sale of bookmarks. In total to date they have received £3,605 and cheques for £1,800. Each have been sent to the Missionary Sisters of St. Columban. For their work in Pakistan and to the Sisters of the Assumption for their work in Malawi.

Masses & Events in the Parish after Christmas:

St. Patrick's – Morning Mass at 9.30am on December 30th & 31st. NO EVENING MASS or Evening of Mercy on the 30th December.

January 1st – Feast of Mary, Mother of God: Mass in St. Patrick's at 12 Noon.

St. Patrick's 9.30am Mass on January 2nd and 3rd. There will be an evening Mass in St. Patrick's on January 3rd at 7.30pm **only**.

The Parish Office Will re-open on Tuesday 7th January 2020

If you require a priest – ***in an emergency only***, please contact 07841101678

Tea/Coffee will resume in 'Patrick's Place' after Mass on Friday, January 10th.

Evening of Mercy resumes Monday 6th January 2020

Due to the high volume of sickness & infections, the 'Sign of Peace' has been suspended until further notice.

HolyLand Pilgrimage: (May 26th – June 3rd 2020): A Small number of places have become available for the Pilgrimage. These will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Contact the Parish Office on 02844612084 or speak to Fr. John Murray.

A Message from The Roman Catholic Diocese Of Kingston: 'Dear Fr., I take this opportunity of wishing you and your parishioners seasonal greetings and pray that the peace of Christmas will always be in your hearts. Please convey to your parishioners my heartfelt gratitude for their generous response to my mission appeal. Yours in Christ, Bishop Gerard County'

Parish Shop: We are open before and after every Mass or by calling to the Parish Office, Monday – Friday 9.30 – 2pm. Wide range of Cards, Books, Newspapers, Magazines, Rosary beads, Grave lights, Gifts for Weddings, Baptisms, Birthdays etc. We also stock a varied range of Cards for all occasions – Birthday, Anniversaries, Ordination, Marriage as well as Mass and Sympathy Cards. Pop in and have a look! Can't see what you are looking for? Let us know and we will try and source it for you!