

3<sup>rd</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017



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**Croílár  
Fhéile Pádraig**  
An tír, Múrna  
agus an Dún  
The Home of  
**Saint Patrick  
Festival**  
Newry, Mourne  
and Down





Home of St. Patrick Festival  
**WELCOME**

**FÁILTE**



## WELCOME TO THE HOME OF ST. PATRICK FESTIVAL NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN | **STEALING A MARCH**

Welcome to Newry, Mourne and Down, the natural home of St. Patrick. It was here that Patrick made a barn into his first church at Saul and he is laid to rest at Down Cathedral in Downpatrick. Downpatrick is also the location of the only centre in the world dedicated to telling his story.

Patrick the man and his achievements are the central inspiration for the 17 day long festival which begins on 3rd March 2017 and encompasses three weekends. The key events fall into three themed weekends: Pre-Christian: Myths & Legends (March 3-5) celebrating First Peoples and cultures reflecting a time and place that St. Patrick would have encountered before his Christian ministry began; Spiritual Journeys (March 10-12) focusing on the spiritual world-wide; and Contemporary Celebrations (March 16-19) involving the traditional St. Patrick religious ceremonies, processions and family entertainment.

St. Patrick's life has strong contemporary echoes: he was a refugee, a slave, an outsider, a peacemaker and a uniter of people. Our special events respond to these values and bring a spiritual theme across a range of art forms to be performed exclusively for the Festival by Irish, British and international artists.



Councillor Gillian Fitzpatrick,  
Chairperson of Newry, Mourne  
and Down District Council



## SEO CHUGAIBH CLÁR FHÉILE PÁDRAIG SAN IÚR, MÚRNA AGUS AN DÚN **DEIS MHAITH CHUN TEACHT LE CHÉILE**

Fáilte go dtí An tIúr, Múrna agus An Dún, áiteanna a bhfuil dlúthbhaint acu le Naomh Pádraig. Deirtear gur bhunaigh Naomh Pádraig a chéad eaglais i Sabhall i gCo. an Dúin, agus is í Ardeaglais an Dúin, i nDún Pádraig an áit ar cuireadh é. Fosta, is í Dún Pádraig an t-aon áit amháin ar domhan a bhfuil ionad oidhreachtá tiomnaithe do Phádraig lena scéal a insint do chách.

As oidhreacht Phádraig féin agus a chuid eachtraí spreagtar an fhéile seo a mhaireann seacht lá déag ón 3ú Márta agus a leanann ar aghaidh thar thrí dheireadh seachtainí. Tarlófar na heocharimeachtaí ar na trí dheireadh seachtainí sin agus téama ar leith acu: Réamh-Chríostaíocht: Miotas agus Finscéaltaí (3ú-5ú Márta) a dhéanann ceiliúradh ar na daoine agus na cultúir is luaithe ar domhan, agus a spreagann muid chun machnaimh ar an am agus an áit sular thosaigh Pádraig ar a mhinistreacht Chríostaí ar an oileán seo; Turais Spioradálta (10ú-12ú Márta) ag cur béime ar an saol spioradálta domhanda; agus Ceiliúradh Comhaimseartha (16ú-19ú Márta) a bhfuil searmanais thraidisiúnta reiligiúnacha, mórshúilta agus siamsaíocht do theaghlach mar chuid dó.

Tagann macallaí láidre as saol Naomh Pádraig isteach sa lá atá inniú ann: ba theifeach é, sclábhái, comhthíoch ab ea é, fear déanta síochána a bhí in ann daoine a thabhairt le chéile. Tagann na himeachtaí speisialta leis na luachanna seo agus snaidhmíonn siad téama spioradálta tríd an fhéile le réimse d'fhoirmeacha ealaíne, curtha i ngníomh ag ealaíontóirí as Éirinn as an Bhreatain agus as gach cearn den domhan.





Key Events

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## **PRE-CHRISTIAN: MYTHS & LEGENDS THE FIRST WEEKEND**

A weekend celebrating First peoples  
and First cultures

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## **SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS: THE SECOND WEEKEND**

A weekend celebrating the spiritual  
across the world - ancient and modern

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## **CONTEMPORARY CELEBRATIONS: THE THIRD WEEKEND**

A weekend of processions, traditional religious  
ceremonies and family entertainment



## **THE MARCH BELLS**

Friday 3rd - Sunday 19th March

THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL AREA | DAILY AT 17:17

Listen as churches and places of worship across cities, towns and country come together to symbolically celebrate our island's patron saint by ringing their bells for a short time at 17:17 for the 17 days of the festival.

This project is inspired by St. Patrick's own special bell and is a joyful means of uniting counties, religious beliefs, urban & rural communities and individuals across the homeland of St. Patrick.





# WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK'S COUNTRY: FESTIVAL OPENING CEREMONY



## SUNSET OPENING CEREMONY

**Friday 3rd March**

MOUND OF DOWN | 5.30PM - 6.30PM | FREE

PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL THROUGH DOWNPATRICK VIC

As the official sunset opening of The Home of St. Patrick Festival, join us at the Mound of Down for a truly unique sunset event. There will be pre-Christian music from Aboriginal and traditional Irish musicians. This is an outdoor event and you are advised to dress accordingly and wear suitable footwear. The Mound of Down site is not suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs. The event finishes with a light supper provided by Cathedral View Tearoom and drums of the world demonstrations close by at Down County Museum. Special dietary requirements should be noted on booking.







## THE SOUTH ARMAGH GAMES AND LEGENDS FESTIVAL (SagaLEG)

**Sunday 5th March**

SHANE O'NEILL'S GFC, CAMLOUGH | 1.00PM - 5.00PM | FREE

Inspired by the ancient Tailteann Games, which were founded, according to the *Book of Invasions* by Lugh Lamhfhad, the Ollamh Erenn (master craftsman or doctor of the sciences), as a mourning ceremony for the death of his foster mother Tailtiu. The games consisted of honouring the dead, proclaiming laws, and funeral games and festivities to entertain.

This event will be an interactive re-enactment of ancient sports, traditions and music from across Ireland and other cultures. It will draw upon Celtic myths and legends associated with the local area and beyond. The event will offer opportunities for all the family to participate in a fun day out.

The event will conclude with a medieval banquet to celebrate the event victors.



## DRUMS OF THE WORLD: DEMONSTRATION

**Friday 3rd March**

MOUND OF DOWN | 5.30PM - 6.30PM

DOWN COUNTY MUSEUM | 6.30PM - 8.00PM

FREE

Join us at the Mound of Down and Down County Museum for demonstrations on the history, traditions and cultures of different drums in Ireland. Learn about the Lambeg Drum, Marching Drums, Bodhráns and other drums of the World. Hear about their international influences and listen to internationally recognised and renowned professional drummers.

For those interested in drums or drumming this will be an evening of education and entertainment.







## MEMOIRS & CONFESSIONS

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HAS BEEN CO-CURATED BY  
SINÉAD GLEESON



### SALLY MAGNUSSEN

**Saturday 4th March**

SEAN HOLLYWOOD ARTS CENTRE, NEWRY  
7.00PM | £6 | PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL

In *Where Memories Go*, Sally Magnussen chronicles the sadness, loneliness and occasional moments of joy as dementia began to overwhelm her mother, Mamie Beard Magnussen, an acclaimed journalist. She asks challenging questions about our treatment of and response to dementia. Sally Magnussen is a Scottish writer and broadcaster who has presented a number of programmes for the BBC, including *Songs of Praise*.



### VIV ALBERTINE IN CONVERSATION WITH SINÉAD GLEESON

**Saturday 11th March**

DOWN ARTS CENTRE, DOWNPATRICK  
7.00PM | £6 | PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL

From forming the band, The Flowers of Romance with Sid Vicious to becoming a member of the female punk band, The Slits, Viv Albertine has led an extraordinary and eventful life. She captured it wonderfully in her memoir, *Clothes, Clothes, Clothes, Music, Music, Music, Boys, Boys, Boys* and in conversation she discusses the challenges of writing honestly and candidly about those years.



UNMISSABLE!



## THE SECRET ENSEMBLE - MYSTICS OF ANATOLIA

These concerts represent music from another culture, based around sufi music. The Secret Ensemble consists of 8 musicians who have taken Anatolian Sufi and mystic music along with influences from their own regions and created a brand new sound.

### THE SECRET ENSEMBLE - DOWNPATRICK

**Friday 10th March**

THE SAINT PATRICK CENTRE, DOWNPATRICK  
7.30PM | ADULTS £10 | CHILDREN £4  
BOOKING ADVISABLE THROUGH  
DOWNPATRICK VIC







## GOSPEL SPIRITUAL SONGS RECITAL: NEGRO SPIRITUALS AND CLASSICAL SONGS

Sunday 12th March

DOWN CATHEDRAL, DOWNPATRICK | 4.00PM | £8 | BOOKING ADVISABLE THROUGH DOWNPATRICK VIC

Enjoy an afternoon with Ruby Philogene MBE: Ruby is a winner of the Kathleen Ferrier award and has performed at the Royal Opera House (London), Deutsche Oper (Berlin), La Monnaie Royal Opera (Brussels), and with the San Francisco Symphony. Artists with whom she has worked include singers Byrn Terfel, Ian Bostridge and Jose Van Dam and conductors Christoph Doehnanyi, Sir Colin Davis, Sir Antony Pappano and Riccardo Muti. She was specially invited to sing for Princess Diana.



## ELIF SHAFAK: THE SAUL ADDRESS

Saturday 4th March

DOWN COUNTY MUSEUM, DOWNPATRICK  
2.00PM | £6 | BOOKING ADVISABLE

The Saul Address is inspired by the extraordinary leadership skills demonstrated by St. Patrick who through the force of his personality and the art of persuasion brought Christianity to Ireland. The inaugural talk will focus on the theme of leadership, in particular moral leadership, and the qualities required in a changing world that involves Brexit and a United States being led by President Donald Trump.

Elif Shafak is an award winning novelist and political scientist. An advocate for women's rights and LGBT rights and freedom of speech, she has been awarded Chevalier des Arts et des Lettres by the French government. She divides her time between Istanbul and London.





## a good neighbour

Monday 27th February -  
Sunday 12th March

THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL AREA

a good neighbour is an artistic billboard installation project being hosted in collaboration with the Istanbul Biennial across the festival area.

The 15th Istanbul Biennial, curated by Elmgreen & Dragset and entitled a good neighbour, launches an international billboard project. The project will present various photographs with captions posing different questions on being a good neighbour. The Home of St. Patrick Festival is one of the international partners, collaborating with the Biennial, launching the project in Downpatrick and Newry.



Concerning their curatorial concept of a good neighbour, the Artistic Directors of the 2017 Istanbul Biennial, Elmgreen & Dragset, have stated:

**'a good neighbour will deal with multiple notions of home: home defined as a territory where values and behavioural routines are generated through daily experience; and a place from which a feeling of belonging - of 'rootedness' - emerges. By investigating diverse lifestyles associated with private spaces, and the ways that we as inhabitants seek to optimise and customise our domestic domain, the exhibition will look to the ways that home can serve as an indicator of various identities, and how it has functioned throughout history as a vehicle for self-expression.'**



## A WAY FOR SEEING

Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th March

ST. PATRICKS WAY, MOURNE MOUNTAINS | 11.00AM - 4.00PM  
£3 | PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL THROUGH DOWNPATRICK VIC  
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

The Mourne Mountains would have been familiar terrain to Patrick and in this special festival event, in the company of local expert guide, and poet Moya Cannon, walkers have the opportunity to experience the beauty of the Mournes for themselves. The guide will give an insight into this special landscape whilst Moya has curated an artistic journey involving different art forms for the walk (a painting, a musical excerpt, a reading, etc.), chosen for their spiritual qualities and for the particular pleasure of experiencing them in the heart of the Mournes.

Moya Cannon has published five collections of poetry, her most recent being *Keats Lives* (2015) from Carcanet Press. Her poems reflect preoccupations with landscape and seascape, with archaeology, with music, with language itself and with our visceral attachment to the beauty of the earth. The work sings of deep connections - the impulse to ritual and pattern that, across centuries, defines us as human, a web of interdependences that continue to sustain the 'gratuitous beauty' of our endangered earth.

Packed lunch will be provided. Please allow 5 hours for this experience. This is an outdoor walking event. Please dress accordingly and wear walking shoes.







# CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S CHOIRS CONCERT

**Saturday 11th March**

DOWN CATHEDRAL, DOWNPATRICK | 7.00PM  
FREE | PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL THROUGH DOWNPATRICK VIC | LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

St Patrick is one of the best known saints worldwide and one of the most important saints in history. But only one place in the world has the unique claim to his burial place - Downpatrick. Celebrate him in words and music ancient and modern, sacred and secular in an evening presented by John Anderson and his Voices of Ireland, with choirs from home and abroad, from California to Cork; plus top local choirs, guest soloists, top traditional & classical musicians, singers and actors.



# ILLUMINATION: TONI WATTS

**Wednesday 8th March - Saturday 11th March**

ILLUMINATION DEMONSTRATIONS | FREE

**Wednesday 8th March**

NEWRY CATHEDRAL, NEWRY | 4.00PM - 7.00PM

**Thursday 9th March**

DOWN CATHEDRAL, DOWNPATRICK | 4.00PM - 7.00PM

Toni Watts is one of the few remaining professional manuscript illuminators working in the UK today. Drop in at one of any of the four demonstration events taking place in magnificent spiritual surroundings to watch her working on a page inspired by the Irish insular tradition using 24 carat gold leaf and traditional pigments. See how pigments were extracted from natural sources and how paint and ink were made.

ILLUMINATION WORKSHOPS  
£10 | PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL

**Wednesday 8th March**

11.00AM - 2.00PM | SEAN HOLLYWOOD ARTS CENTRE, NEWRY

**Thursday 9th March**

11.00AM - 2.00PM | DOWN ARTS CENTRE, DOWNPATRICK

Choose from one of three Illumination workshops to team up with Toni to learn how to apply gold leaf flat on the page using a small selection of traditional and modern 'glues'. You will then use your new skills to complete a simple medieval design using pigments and gold leaf to take home with you. No design / drawing skills or experience necessary although creativity is welcomed! There will be a choice of medieval designs for you to choose from and all materials are provided. Workshops suitable for adults.



# CATHEDRAL CLASSICS

**Wednesday 8th March - Saturday 11th March**  
FREE

**Wednesday 8th March**

NEWRY CATHEDRAL, NEWRY  
4.00PM - 7.00PM

**Thursday 9th March**

DOWN CATHEDRAL, DOWNPATRICK  
4.00PM - 7.00PM

Visitors are invited into magnificent Cathedral surroundings to listen to a range of spiritual music from Classical / Western and other cultures. Cathedral Classics is presented in partnership with Queen's University Sonic Arts.





## SPIRITUAL CELLULOID

PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NERVE CENTRE

### THE TREE OF LIFE (2011)

Friday 3rd March

THE SAINT PATRICK CENTRE, DOWNPATRICK |  
7.00PM | £3

The Tree of Life is directed by Terrence Malick and stars Brad Pitt, Sean Penn, and Jessica Chastain. The film chronicles the origins and meaning of life by way of a middle-aged man's childhood memories of living in 1950s Texas, interspersed with imagery of the origins of the known universe and the inception of life on Earth.

### WINTER SLEEP (2014)

Saturday 4th March

SEAN HOLLYWOOD ARTS CENTRE, NEWRY |  
11.00AM | £3  
PRE- BOOKING ADVISABLE

Winter Sleep is directed by the acclaimed Turkish film director Nuri Bilge Ceylan. Set in Anatolia, it examines the significant divide between rich and poor as well as the powerful and powerless in Turkey. At the 2014 Cannes Film Festival, the film won the Palme d'Or and the FIPRESCI Prize.

### MIRROR (1975)

Saturday 11th March

SEAN HOLLYWOOD ARTS CENTRE, NEWRY |  
11.00AM  
£3 | PRE- BOOKING ADVISABLE

The great Russian film-maker, Andrei Tarkovsky mixes flash-backs, historical footage and original poetry to illustrate the reminiscences of a dying man about his childhood during World War II, adolescence, and a painful divorce in his family. The story interweaves reflections about Russian history and society.

### VAGABOND (1985)

Saturday 18th March

THE SAINT PATRICK CENTRE, DOWNPATRICK |  
1.00PM | £3

Sandrine Bonaire won a Best Actress Cesar for her portrayal of a free-spirited but troubled young woman living rough in the Southern French countryside whose posthumous story is told from the perspective of those she encounters in the weeks preceding her tragic death. A stark and uncompromising portrait of a lost soul in an indifferent world.



## VOICE OF THE IRISH FESTIVAL CLOSING CONCERT

Sunday 19th March

NEWRY CATHEDRAL, NEWRY | 7.30PM | £10  
BOOKING THROUGH SEAN HOLLYWOOD ARTS CENTRE, NEWRY

The Voice of the Irish concert takes its inspiration from St. Patrick writing in his Confessio that it was literally 'the voice of the Irish' calling to him to return and introduce Christianity to Ireland. This inaugural concert will be given by the Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland with its own inspirational complement of up to 100 young musicians from across

Ireland performing a light and highly tuneful programme of popular songs, movie themes and classics. Don't miss a unique experience of one of the largest orchestral line-ups ever in a wonderful Cathedral acoustic.

See [saintpatrickscounty.com](http://saintpatrickscounty.com) for guest performer details.





## **D N** SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOURS

Call into Downpatrick or Newry Visitor Information Centre and pick up all the information you need to set you on your way to visit the historical attractions. For further information please see [saintpatrickscountry.com](http://saintpatrickscountry.com)

## **N** ST. PATRICK THE IRISH LEGEND

**Wednesday 1st March**

SEAN HOLLYWOOD ARTS CENTRE, NEWRY  
7.30PM | FREE

Newry Film Club presents a film on St. Patrick.

## **D N** LIGHTING UP FOR ST. PATRICK

**Friday 3rd - Sunday 19th March**

DOWNPATRICK AND NEWRY



**WALKS, TALKS,  
TOURS, DRAMA,  
MUSIC, COMEDY  
& EXHIBITIONS...**

## **N** EXPLORING PATRICK'S CHRISTIANITY

**Saturday 4th March**

NEWRY PARISH CENTRE, NEWRY | 7.00PM

Led by the Dominican team from  
St. Saviour's, Dublin.

## **N** PILGRIMAGE

**Saturday 4th March**

VISIT THE SITE OF PATRICK'S FIRST CHURCH IN SAUL  
& GRAVE AT DOWN CATHEDRAL, DOWNPATRICK

Bus departs parish centre in Newry at 10.00am.  
Bring a packed lunch and book via [www.newrycathedralparish.org/festival](http://www.newrycathedralparish.org/festival)



**N ST. CATHERINE'S BAND****Sunday 5th March**ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH, NEWRY  
7.30PM | FREE

St. Catherine's band will perform a selection of Irish music with local musicians.

**N ACCOLADE CHOIR****Tuesday 7th March**ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH IN THE MEADOW, NEWRY  
7.30PM | FREE

Performing a music selection with visiting soloists.

**N ST. PATRICK'S TWILIGHT MARKET****Friday 10th March**JOHN MITCHEL PLACE, NEWRY  
5.00PM - 11.00PM | FREE

Showcasing our award winning local produce and vibrant restaurant sector with a selection of pop up restaurants, food producers, craft beers and ciders. Children's activities from 5.00pm - 8.00pm. Full bar facilities with live entertainment.

**N PILGRIMAGE****Saturday 11th March**

VISIT TO THE CATHEDRAL CITY OF ARMAGH WITH PRAYER IN ST. PATRICK'S RC CATHEDRAL &amp; ST. PATRICK'S COI CATHEDRAL, ARMAGH

Bus departs parish centre in Newry at 10.00am. Bring a packed lunch and book via [www.newrycathedralparish.org/festival](http://www.newrycathedralparish.org/festival)**D BUSKING COMPETITION****Saturday 11th March**DOWNPATRICK TOWN CENTRE  
2.00PM - 4.00PM | FREE

Contact Downpatrick VIC for information &amp; registration forms. Open to any genre, under 16 and over 16 categories. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd for each category with a prize fund of £2500.

**D JIMMYS 10K****Sunday 12th March**BALLYDUGAN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, DOWNPATRICK  
WALKERS 10.00AM | RUNNERS 11.00AM | £16 AFFILIATED | £18 NON-AFFILIATED (RUNNERS)  
£19 AFFILIATED / £21 NON-AFFILIATED (RELAY)  
WWW.EASTDOWNAC.CO.UK | £25 LATE ENTRY FEE

10K Road Race and 2 x 5K Relay for runners of all abilities. Walkers register on the day.

**D ST. PATRICK'S LANDING****Sunday 12th March**INCH ABBEY, DOWNPATRICK  
12.30PM - 5.00PM | FREEThis event re-enacts the return of St. Patrick in his mission to bring the Christian faith back to Ireland. There will be a host of activities on the day most of which will be interactive with the public. This will include boat trips (weather permitting) and hands on living history activities. Why not travel in style with the Shamrock Steam Trains from Downpatrick Town Centre to Inch Abbey from 12noon | Costs applicable. [www.downrail.org](http://www.downrail.org). Free Park & Ride available from Down Business Park from 12.00noon.**D SACRED SPACE****Monday 13th - Friday 17th March**8 MARKET STREET, DOWNPATRICK  
11.00AM - 4.00PM

A space to come relax, pray and to share with others of different faith traditions, to celebrate the memory of Patrick.

**D BEOGA: MUSIC & DANCE SHOW****Wednesday 15th March**THE GREAT HALL, DOWNSHIRE HOSPITAL,  
DOWNPATRICK | 7.30PM | £8 PER ADULT  
UNDER 12'S FREE | PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL  
THROUGH DOWNPATRICK VIC

Beoga (gaelic for 'lively') have become one of the most exciting, popular and influential groups in modern traditional Irish music. Their unique

sound features the twin duelling accordions of Damian McKee and multi-instrumentalist Seán Óg Graham, pianist Liam Bradley, four times All-Ireland bodhrán champion Eamon Murray and Niamh Dunne, on vocals and fiddle. The show will include a dance demonstration by McCormick Miskelly School of Irish Dance.

**D DOWN TO DINE FOOD TOUR****Thursday 16th March**DENVIRS, DOWNPATRICK | 6.30PM | £55PP  
+44 (0)28 4461 2012 | [WWW.DENVIRS.COM](http://WWW.DENVIRS.COM)This unique Food Tour starts the evening at Denvirs before moving to The Cuan, Strangford. The cost includes tour guide, four courses, accompanying beverages, traditional entertainment and transportation. Booking [www.denvirs.com](http://www.denvirs.com) or [www.thecuan.com](http://www.thecuan.com)**D N FESTIVAL SESSION TRAIL****Thursday 16th March - Sunday 19th March**VARIOUS VENUES ACROSS DOWNPATRICK  
AND NEWRYFeaturing traditional music, family friendly sessions, storytelling and other activities, there is entertainment across the area to suit everyone. Please see [saintpatrickscountry.com](http://saintpatrickscountry.com) for full details of the performance times and venues.**D HOME OF ST. PATRICK FESTIVAL CONFERENCE: MEDIEVAL WARFARE IN DOWN****Thursday 16th March**DOWN COUNTY MUSEUM, DOWNPATRICK  
9.15AM - 4.00PM | £20 (INCLUDES LUNCH)  
PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Annual festival conference focusing on medieval warfare in County Down, looking at famous battles, conquest and warriors and how conflict shaped local history and sites.

**D REP-TAILS DISPLAY****Thursday 16th March**THE SAINT PATRICK CENTRE, DOWNPATRICK  
1.00PM - 4.00PM | FREE

Hands on experience with a range of reptiles such as lizards, snakes and much more.

**D LIVE BROADCAST WITH FRANK MITCHELL FROM U105****Thursday 16th March**THE SAINT PATRICK CENTRE, DOWNPATRICK  
9.00AM - 12.00NOON

Join Frank Mitchell for his Morning Show with special guests and topical discussions.

**D EXPLORE TOWER HOUSES AND OTHER MEDIEVAL BUILDINGS IN LECALÉ****Saturday 18th March**DOWN COUNTY MUSEUM, DOWNPATRICK  
9.30AM - 4.30PM | £25 (INCLUDES 2 COURSE LUNCH) | PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL THROUGH  
+44 (0) 28 4461 5218

Join us for this day tour around some of the most important tower houses of Lecale including Kilclief Castle, Strangford Castle, Jordan's Castle and others.

**D MUSIC BY BELFAST COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR****Sunday 19th March**ST. PATRICKS CHURCH, DOWNPATRICK | 7.30PM  
£10 | TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM  
DOWNPATRICK VIC (PROCEEDS TO SOROPTIMIST  
CHARITIES)Organised by Soroptimist International  
Downpatrick and District





**Friday 17th March**

## St. Patrick's Day DOWNPATRICK

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY FREE PARK & RIDE SERVICE

Operates from Downpatrick Racecourse  
from 11.00am - 8.00pm

### SHAMROCK STEAM TRAINS

Downpatrick and County Down Railway  
12.00noon - 5.00pm | Costs applicable. Park &  
Ride from Inch Abbey to Downpatrick town  
centre. Visit the 12th Century ruins linked to  
St. Patrick

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY WALK

CASTLE WARD ESTATE, STRANGFORD  
REGISTRATION FROM 10.00AM - 10.30AM  
WALK STARTS AT 10.45AM | FREE

Join our FREE annual walk through  
scenic St. Patrick's country with 2 looped  
routes available to suit all abilities.  
Strictly no dogs allowed on route.

### PILGRIMAGE PRAYER WALK FROM SAUL TO DOWN CATHEDRAL

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH OF IRELAND, SAUL  
10.00AM

A 45 minute pilgrimage walk from St. Patrick's  
Church of Ireland, Saul to Down Cathedral,  
Downpatrick.

### HISTORICAL COACH TOUR

DEPARTS FROM DOWN COUNTY MUSEUM  
1.30PM - 4.30PM (APPROX) | £3.50  
PURCHASED FROM DOWNPATRICK VIC

Historical Coach Tour led by local historian  
Dwayne Fitzsimons visiting places associated  
with St. Patrick. Tea/coffee will be served en  
route. (Tours subject to sufficient numbers  
and weather conditions, walking shoes  
recommended.)

### JUNIOR JIMMY'S ROAD RACES

MARKET STREET, DOWNPATRICK | 2.00PM  
£1 PER CHILD | WWW.EASTDOWNAC.CO.UK

A series of races for primary school children,  
while awaiting the arrival of the Cross  
Community Carnival Parade. Prizes available.

### VINTAGE VEHICLE CAVALCADE

2.15PM | DEPARTS FROM THE OLD COUNCIL  
DEPOT ON STRANGFORD ROAD TO DOWN LEISURE  
CENTRE | CONTACT EUGENE MORGAN | +44 (0)78  
0387 5754

Vintage Vehicle Cavalcade open to all vehicles  
up to 1996.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUN

DOWN ARTS CENTRE, DOWNPATRICK  
10.00AM - 4.00PM | FREE

Down Arts Centre will once again open  
the doors to all visitors to Downpatrick  
with lots of activities, demonstrations  
and arts & crafts on offer.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

DOWN COUNTY MUSEUM, DOWNPATRICK  
10.00AM - 6.00PM | FREE

Join us for our annual celebration of St.  
Patrick's Day and enjoy a packed event  
full of family fun. Featuring outdoor  
entertainment, traditional music, dance  
and song!

### U105 ROAD SHOW & FESTIVAL FUN

ST. PATRICK SQUARE, DOWNPATRICK  
FROM 12NOON | FREE

U105's Frank Mitchell and guest will lead  
the festival. Enjoy a fabulous link-up of  
special guests with music, fun, games and  
craic that will entertain you throughout  
St. Patrick's Day. Enjoy face painting / stilt  
walkers and balloon modelling.

### OPEN AIR CONCERT

ST. PATRICK SQUARE, DOWNPATRICK  
2.15PM & 3.45PM | FREE

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for details.

**Friday 17 March**

## St. Patrick's Day DOWNPATRICK

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY CROSS COMMUNITY CARNIVAL PARADE

DOWNPATRICK TOWN CENTRE | FROM 2.30PM

This cross-community event, the centrepiece  
of the celebration, will be a spectacular  
cavalcade of floats, bands, fancy dress and  
lots of attractions! This year's theme will be  
'Myths & Legends'. The parade route follows  
Ardglass Road, Edward Street, John Street,  
Irish Street and Market Street. Face painting  
available at Knocknashinna Playpark from  
1.00pm - 3.00pm



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**ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS**

NEWRY AND MOURNE MUSEUM  
10.00AM - 11.30AM | £1.50 PER CHILD  
TO BOOK CALL +44 (0)28 3031 3178

Join us at the Museum for a clay arts and crafts workshop for children. This will involve children making their own designs and pendants, so dress for mess. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Numbers are limited to 20 children and pre booking of places is advisable. Suitable for ages 4 -11.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUN**

SEAN HOLLYWOOD ARTS CENTRE  
1.00PM - 3.00PM | FREE

Entertainment includes traditional music by 'Sonas Harp Ensemble' and Henry McDonald and Friends. Free Children's arts & crafts workshops, entertainment.

**FAMILY FUN**

HILL STREET | 1.00PM - 5.00PM

Celebrate St Patrick with Irish Dancers / Tribal Drummers / Facepainting / Stalls and much more...

**OPEN AIR CONCERT**

EVENTS SPACE, HILL STREET  
1.00PM - 5.00PM | FREE

Acts include:  
Oisín McCann & Friends 1.00pm - 2.00pm  
Those Guys 2.00pm - 3.00pm  
HouseM8s 3.00pm - 5.00pm

**ST PATRICK'S DAY CROSS COMMUNITY CARNIVAL PARADE**

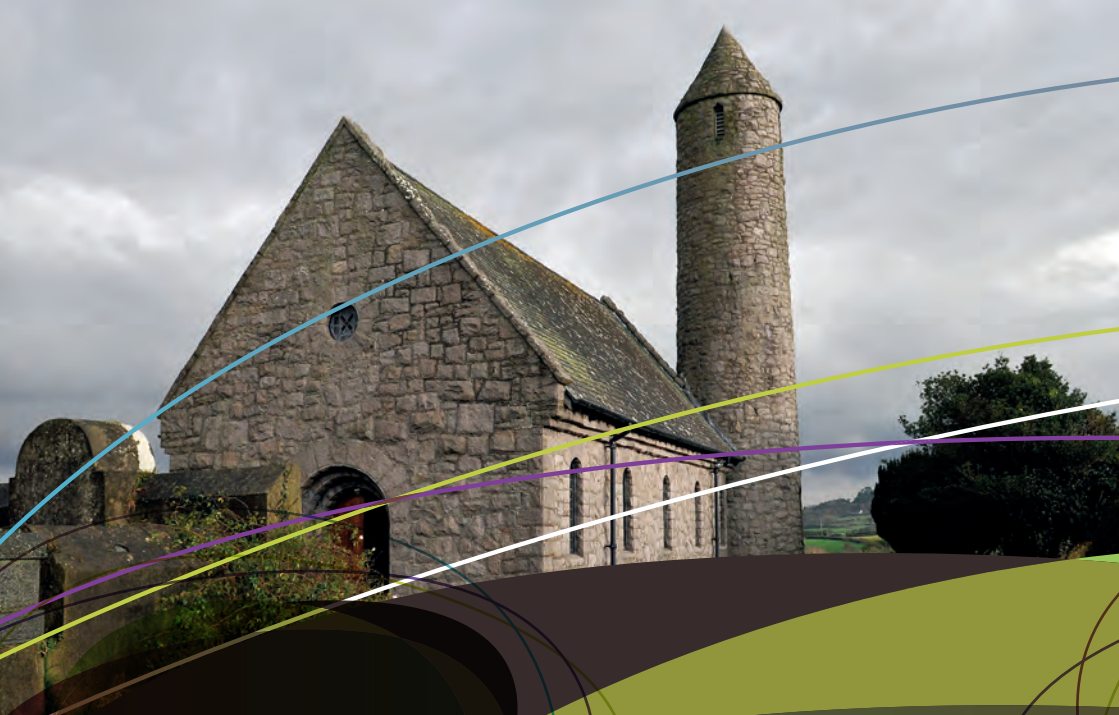
DEPARTING FROM THE QUAYS SHOPPING AND LEISURE CENTRE, ALBERT BASIN | 12.00NOON | FREE

This cross-community event, the centrepiece of the celebration, will be a spectacular cavalcade of floats, bands, fancy dress and lots of attractions!

This year's theme will be 'Myths & Legends'.







## Home of St. Patrick Festival RELIGIOUS SERVICES

### DOWNPATRICK SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Friday 17th March

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH OF IRELAND, SAUL  
8.00AM - 8.45AM BUSES TO SAUL CHURCH WILL  
DEPART FROM THE MALL APPROACHING DOWN  
CATHEDRAL | 9.15AM SERVICE STARTS  
SPEAKER REV ADRIAN DORRIAN

### MASS IN IRISH

Friday 17th March

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DOWNPATRICK | 9.00AM

### MASS IN ENGLISH

Friday 17th March

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DOWNPATRICK | 10.30AM

### LAYING OF WREATH ON ST. PATRICK'S GRAVE

Friday 17th March

DOWN CATHEDRAL, DOWNPATRICK | 1.15PM

### CROSS COMMUNITY SERVICE

Friday 17th March

DOWN CATHEDRAL, DOWNPATRICK | 11.45AM  
SPEAKERS TYRONE GAA MANAGER, MICKEY HARTE  
AND CEO OF ULSTER RUGBY, SHANE LOGAN

### NEWRY

#### ST. PATRICK'S NOVENA

Wednesday 8th - Thursday 16th March

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PATRICK AND SAINT  
COLMAN, NEWRY | FOR DETAILS VISIT  
WWW.NEWRYCATHEDRALPARISH.ORG

### CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PATRICK AND SAINT COLMAN, NEWRY

Friday 17 March

10.30AM & 12NOON

## Home of St. Patrick Festival EXHIBITIONS

### D MILESTONES: BIRTH, MARRIAGE AND DEATH IN COUNTY DOWN

Runs until August 2017

DOWN COUNTY MUSEUM, DOWNPATRICK  
FREE

Packed full of objects, documents and  
photographs, this new exhibition deals with  
these crucially important milestones in life.

### N WOMEN IN NEWRY AND MOURNE IN THE 20TH CENTURY

Runs until 30th April 2017

NEWRY AND MOURNE MUSEUM, NEWRY  
FREE

This major temporary exhibition explores the  
role and achievements of women with local  
connections in the Newry and Mourne area and  
farther afield.

Around one hundred artefacts including  
photographs, documents, personal accessories  
and costume underline the important part  
played by women in the development of society  
in the area.





## Home of St. Patrick Festival BOOKING INFORMATION

For information on any of the events and to book, please refer to the following contact details:

### Downpatrick Visitor Information Centre

The Saint Patrick Centre  
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Downpatrick BT30 6LZ  
+44 (0)28 4461 2233  
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### Newry Visitor Information Centre

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Downpatrick and County Down Railway  
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Down Arts Centre, Downpatrick  
+44 (0)28 4461 0747 | [www.downartscentre.com](http://www.downartscentre.com)

Down Cathedral, Downpatrick  
+44 (0)28 4461 4922 | [www.downcathedral.org](http://www.downcathedral.org)

Down County Museum, Downpatrick  
+44(0)28 4461 5218  
[www.downcountymuseum.com](http://www.downcountymuseum.com)

The Saint Patrick Centre, Downpatrick  
+44(0)28 4461 9000  
[www.saintpatrickcentre.com](http://www.saintpatrickcentre.com)

Sean Hollywood Arts Centre, Newry  
+ 44 (0)28 3031 3180



## Home of St. Patrick Festival EXTEND YOUR STAY IN DOWNPATRICK AND NEWRY

We look forward to welcoming you to the area for the Home of St. Patrick Festival. When planning your visit why not think about extending your stay and enjoying a relaxing break with us?

A wide range of accommodation is available across the area ranging from luxurious hotels, to B&B's full of character and charm, self-catering as a home from home to camping, caravanning and even to a hostel! Something surely to suit all needs and pockets with many great offers available at this time.

Be sure to make time to relax and benefit from our warm welcome when you visit. Our eateries are outstanding, with local chefs and restaurateurs going that extra mile to give you a sense of our place on your plate. The focus is on local, but with clever twists. Stop off at our visitor attractions, watching history, science and arts come to life with the help of knowledgeable guides.

Whatever you choose, be assured of a warm and friendly welcome to this historic area.

Keep up to date with all offers and events on  
[saintpatrickscountry.com](http://saintpatrickscountry.com)

**a warm and friendly welcome awaits  
you in this historic area...**



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Enchantment before  
your eyes

Struell Wells, Co. Down

Visit the four holy wells at Struell Wells on the Saint Patrick's Trail this spring and you can do much more than quench your thirst.

You see, it's thought that the wells have healing powers – curing all sorts of ailments, especially eye problems. The wells are one of the 15 key Christian Heritage Sites on the trail, all of which have a historical connection to Ireland's favourite saint.

In fact, legend has it that Saint Patrick used to bathe here, standing in the water singing psalms and spiritual songs.

Takes singing in the shower to a whole new level, eh?

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