

10-20 March 2016



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Saint Patrick's Festival
WELCOME



WELCOME TO ARMAGH, DOWNPATRICK AND NEWRY THIS SAINT PATRICK'S FESTIVAL.

Armagh and Downpatrick are at the heart of celebrating the life of Saint Patrick so why not come and enjoy Saint Patrick's Day with us? Come and join in a lively and varied festival showcasing the best of culture, music, song and dance.

Saint Patrick has strong links to both Armagh and Downpatrick. It was in Armagh that the patron saint began his mission in Ireland and established the City as the country's spiritual capital. Patrick was born in Britain around 400AD. As a boy he was captured and brought to Slemish Mountain in County Antrim to work as a shepherd. After six years of captivity he escaped back to Britain and studied in a monastery.




Following a vision from an angel called Victorinus, Patrick returned to Ireland as a Bishop and taught the Christian faith using the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Patrick's mission lasted for many years and it is believed he died in the 5th century on 17 March and was buried in a site adjacent to Down Cathedral.

Today, Armagh has two Cathedrals which are a celebration of Patrick's life, legacy and mission. Saint Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral stands on the site where Patrick built his Great Church in 445AD. Opposite stands Saint Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral, where Patrick is reputed to have placed a rescued fawn.

Downpatrick is well known for its connection with our Patron Saint and its wider Christian and Built Heritage. Notably, The Saint Patrick Centre is the only permanent exhibition in the world dedicated to telling the story of Saint Patrick, close by his resting place at Down Cathedral. The recently extended Down County Museum also holds an important and impressive collection of artefacts from our historic past, including the original Downpatrick High Cross.

Saint Patrick established Ireland's first Christian Church in 432AD at nearby Saul which is now overlooked by the towering figure of our patron saint from Slieve Patrick, erected in 1938 to commemorate the 1500th anniversary of Patrick's return to Ireland.

**a busy festival showcasing
the best of culture, music,
song and dance...**

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Saint Patrick's Festival AT A GLANCE

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	Organ Recital	Sun 20 Mar	St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral, Armagh	35
	Flann's Yer Only Man	Sun 20 Mar	The Market Place Theatre	35

FREE RETURN SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE

As part of the festival and to enable visitors to participate in key events, a **FREE** return shuttle bus service will be in operation for the following events.

Fri 11 March **ST PATRICK'S FESTIVAL CONFERENCE**
Down County Museum: Departing Armagh

Sat 12 March **CELEBRATE ST PATRICK: FESTIVAL CHORAL EVENT**
St Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral: Departing Downpatrick

Sun 13 March **ST PATRICK'S LANDING** Inch Abbey, Downpatrick: Departing Armagh

Sat 19 March **ULSTER ORCHESTRA**
St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral: Departing Downpatrick

Bookings for this service must be made via the relevant Visitor Information Centres (Armagh or Downpatrick) by 12.00noon the day prior to the event. Pick up and departure times will be confirmed at time of booking, with a further pick up point at Bagenal's Castle, Newry.





Saint Patrick's Festival BOOKING INFORMATION

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

Armagh Visitor Information Centre

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Newry Visitor Information Centre

Bagenal's Castle
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Armagh County Museum
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The Market Place Theatre, Armagh
+44 (0)28 3752 1821
www.marketplacearmagh.com

Navan Centre and Fort, Armagh
+44(0)28 3752 9644 | www.navan.com

Downpatrick and County Down Railway
+44 (0)28 4461 2233 | www.downrail.co.uk

Down Arts Centre, Downpatrick
+44 (0)28 4461 0747 | www.downartscentre.com

Down Cathedral, Downpatrick
+44 (0)28 4461 4922 | www.downcathedral.org

Down County Museum, Downpatrick
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www.downcountymuseum.com

The Saint Patrick Centre, Downpatrick
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www.saintpatrickcentre.com

Saint Patrick's Festival EXTEND YOUR STAY IN ARMAGH, DOWNPATRICK AND NEWRY

We look forward to welcoming you to the area for St Patrick's 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
www.saintpatrickscountry.com | www.armagh.co.uk

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you in this historic area...**



EXHIBITIONS

D Wednesday 3 February - Sunday 24 April
IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST PATRICK
Down County Museum | FREE admission

This exhibition explores the legacy of St Patrick, local landscape and culture.

D Wednesday 3 February -
Sunday 31 December
FROM BALLYHOSSETT TO BENGAL
Down County Museum | FREE admission

This exhibition features a selection of nineteenth century medical objects and examines the career of a local Victorian doctor in India.

A Friday 5 February - Saturday 16 April
RECENT ACQUISITIONS
Armagh County Museum | FREE admission

An exhibition highlighting some of the recent donations by members of the public to the museum's collection.

A Friday 19 February - Saturday 19 March
ICONS AN EXHIBITION
BY PAUL DIGBY
The Market Place Theatre, Foyer Walls
FREE admission

Including oil paintings of female faces and some of Ireland's most loved writers, poets and lyricists.

A Friday 19 February - Saturday 19 March
SHARED MEANING AN EXHIBITION
BY SIOBHAN MCQUADE, MICHAELA
GALLAGHER AND SHELIA LAVERY
The Market Place Theatre Gallery
FREE admission

Using a variety of media to explore spaces, alterations in the natural world and relationship between self and others.

A Friday 27 Feb-Saturday 16 April
CHURCH LADS BRIGADE
Armagh County Museum | FREE admission

An exhibition charting the history of the Church Lads Brigade, including uniforms, badges and trophies.

D Thursday 3 March - Sunday 30 October
ESSENCE OF FORM: THE APPLIED ART
COLLECTION OF DOWN COUNTY
MUSEUM
Down County Museum | FREE admission

This exhibition features a selection of objects from the museum's applied art collection.

D Friday 4 March - Saturday 2 April
IN TRAVEL AN EXHIBITION
BY KIERON BLACK
Down Arts Centre | FREE admission

The moment - can it be captured, translated, shared with another? A watercolour exhibition inspired by travels in Ireland and Europe.





Thursday 10, Friday 11 & Saturday 12 March

A Thursday 10 & Friday 11 March **FÉILE SCOILDRÁMAÍOCHTA ULADH 2016/ IRISH SCHOOLS DRAMA: ULSTER FINALS 2016**

The Market Place Theatre
Thursday - 10.00am, 1.30pm, 6.30pm
Friday - 10.00am, 1.30pm
£5/£2 concession per session

Broadcaster Lynette Fay will be the experienced Molitor/Adjudicator at the 2016 Féile Uladh which is the Ulster Provincial Finals of the schools drama competition for plays in the Irish language.

A D Thursday 10 & Friday 11 March **LOVE OR MONEY**

The Market Place Theatre
8.00pm | £13/£11 concession
Down Arts Centre
8.00pm | £12/£10 concession

A comedy about banks, bras and going bust, by Rosemary Jenkinson and presented by C21 Theatre Company.

D Friday 11 - Sunday 20 March **SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOURS OF DOWNPATRICK**

Call into Downpatrick Visitor Information Centre and pick up all the information you need to set you on your way to visit the historical attractions.

A D Friday 11 March - Sunday 20 March **LIGHTING UP FOR ST PATRICK**

Down Cathedral, St Patrick's Church, The Saint Patrick Centre in Downpatrick & St Patrick's Statue, Saul and the Roman Catholic and Church of Ireland Cathedrals in Armagh will be illuminated for the festival.

D Friday 11 March **ST PATRICK'S FESTIVAL CONFERENCE**

Down County Museum
9.15am - 4.00pm | £20 per person

The theme of this year's conference is Treasures of St Patrick: Precious reliquaries and reminders of Ireland's patron saint.

A Friday 11 March **TOMMY SMITH AND BRIAN KELLOCK** The Market Place Theatre | 8.00pm | £11

Jazz saxophonist Tommy Smith and pianist Brian Kellock team up to bring you a beautiful and imaginative duo, performing up tempo classics and sublime ballads.

D Saturday 12 March **GUIDED TOUR ALONG THE QUOILE** Downpatrick | 11.00am | £6 Booking through www.lecalepeninsula.com

A Saturday 12 March **CELEBRATE ST PATRICK: FESTIVAL CHORAL EVENT** St Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Armagh 8.00pm | Free Pre-booking essential through The Market Place Theatre

A reflective and celebratory event honouring St Patrick. This atmospheric and imaginative event will combine some of Ireland's greatest choirs with actors, singers and special guest artists to name but a few. Event to be filmed for future broadcast.

Saturday 12 March **CELEBRATE ST PATRICK: FESTIVAL CHORAL EVENT**

St Patrick's Roman Catholic
Cathedral, Armagh
8.00pm | Free



D Saturday 12 March **CELTIC SOUL** Down Arts Centre 8.00pm (bar from 7.00pm) £14/£12 concession

Celtic Soul return to celebrate one of the truly great singer/songwriters of all time; our own Van Morrison.

A Saturday 12 March **"THE YEAR OF THE HIKER" BY JOHN B KEANE** Presented by Ballymacnab Youth Drama Group. The Market Place Theatre 8.00pm | £10/£8 concession

This classic play tells the story of the "Hiker" who disappears and leaves his wife to fend for herself and bring up their three children in difficult times.



Sunday 13, Monday 14 & Tuesday 15 March

D Sunday 13 March

JIMMY'S TEN AND FAMILY FUN DAY

Ballydugan Road Industrial Estate &
St Patrick Square, Downpatrick
11.00am Run | £13/£15 for fun run
10.30am - 1.00pm | Family fun day | Free
Contact Joe Quinn +44 (0)79 3321 4894



D Sunday 13 March

ST PATRICK'S LANDING & FOOD BANQUET

Inch Abbey, Downpatrick
2.00pm - 5.00pm | FREE admission

The Re-enactment of St Patrick's landing
will take place at Inch Abbey, using the river
Quoile where you will have the opportunity
to purchase food from the medieval banquet.
FREE Park & Ride available from Down
Business Park from 1.00pm.

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Newry, Mourne and Down



A Sunday 13 March

ARMAGH PIPERS CLUB ANNUAL CONCERT

The Market Place Theatre | 3.00pm
Bookings via caitlin@armaghpipers.org/
+44 (0)28 3752 8188 or on the door

The Pipers Club present their annual concert,
celebrating their work. Three hundred
performers aged from 4 - 74 will fill the stage
with music and song, solo singers, groups
and instrumentalists.

D Monday 14 March

ST PATRICK AROUND THE WORLD - FESTIVAL LECTURE

The Saint Patrick Centre
7.30pm | FREE admission

The lecturer will be Dr Tim Campbell,
Director of The Saint Patrick Centre and well
known expert on the life of St Patrick.

A Monday 14 & Tuesday 15 March

FÉIS ARD MHACHA

The Market Place Theatre

Events ongoing throughout the day
A two day festival of Irish language
competition organised by Gael Linn.

D Tuesday 15 March

MONDAY'S CHILD BY BRENDAN MURRAY

Down Arts Centre
10.00am & 11.30am | £5 per child
Recommended for 4-7 year olds and families

Monday's Child tells the simple poetic story
of the unique bond between a little girl and
an old woman suffering memory loss.

A Tuesday 15 March

DIGGING UP YOUR ROOTS- FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Armagh City Library
1.30pm - 7.30 pm | FREE admission

Family history is one of the world's most
popular pastimes, with interest in this
subject growing all the time. Recent years
have seen a wide range of new resources
becoming available for those who wish to
dig more deeply into their own past. The
City Chapter, in partnership with Armagh>>

City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough
Council, will host a drop-in Family History
Fair, bringing together expert advice and
guidance along with practical help, for those
seeking to discover their local roots. With an
array of stalls offering help and information
and a range of expert talks on how and
where to take your research further, this will
be an occasion not to be missed, whether
you are just starting out or wishing to take
your family history to the next stage.

A Tuesday 15 March

AN EVENING WITH PATRICK

The Market Place Theatre | 8.00pm
FREE admission | **Pre-booking is essential**

Armagh Cathedrals Partnership invite you
to an Evening with Patrick at The Market
Place Theatre, Armagh. In addition to some
music, story, poetry and prayer, a guest
speaker will invite those present to reflect
on "Patrick and Ireland today". It promises to
be a very special evening as we celebrate the
St Patrick's Festival in Armagh. Admission on
the evening is free and light refreshments
will be served.

Sunday 13 March ST PATRICK'S LANDING & FOOD BANQUET

Inch Abbey, Downpatrick
2.00pm - 5.00pm | FREE admission





Wednesday 16 March

A D Wednesday 16 - Sunday 20 March
**SESSION TRAILS ACROSS ARMAGH
 AND DOWNPATRICK**
 Various times
 FREE admission

Featuring traditional music, family friendly sessions and other live music, there is entertainment across the area to suit everyone.

Please see www.saintpatrickscountry.com & www.armagh.co.uk for full details of the performance times and venues.

D Wednesday 16 March
**LIVE BROADCAST WITH
 FRANK MITCHELL ON U105**
 The Saint Patrick Centre
 9.00am - 12.00noon

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



A Wednesday 16 March
NIALL DE BURCA
 The Market Place Theatre
 11.00am - schools performance
 6.30pm - family performance
 FREE admission | **Pre-booking is essential**

Tales of ancient Ireland from Niall who has performed across the world and is renowned for his shows full of energy, wit and superb timing.

D Wednesday 16 March
REPTILE DISPLAY
 The Saint Patrick Centre
 1.00pm - 4.00pm | FREE admission

A Wednesday 16 March **ST PATRICK'S LECTURE**

The Market Place Theatre
 1.00pm | FREE admission
Pre-booking is essential

On the eve of St Patrick's Day the Primates of the two principal Churches in Ireland, Archbishop Richard Clarke and Archbishop Eamon Martin, will speak about what St Patrick means to them. In conversation with BBC journalist Tara Mills the two will discuss how St Patrick's words still resonate and have relevance for many of the challenges we face today.

D Wednesday 16 March
DOWN TO DINE FOOD TOUR
 Denvirs, Downpatrick
 6.00pm | £49.50 per person
 +44 (0)28 4461 2012 www.denvirs.com

This unique Food Tour starts the evening at Denvirs before moving to The Cuan, Strangford & Curran's Bar, Chapeltown for a three course meal. The cost includes tour guide, four courses and accompanying beverages and transportation to and from Denvirs.



D Wednesday 16 March
**BEOGA IN CONCERT
 MUSIC & DANCE SHOW**
 The Great Hall, Downpatrick
 7.30pm | £8 per adult, Under 12's FREE
 Contact Festival Office

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. They will be joined by renowned Irish Dancers Zoe Talbot, Nawal Elbadri, Callum Kelly, Colin Fleck including our home grown Co. Down based Celtic Storm who have toured the world in various shows.

A Wednesday 16 March
BRIAN FINNEGAN AND FRIENDS
 The Market Place Theatre
 9.00pm | £15

Brian Finnegan, flute and whistle player from Armagh was frontman with the group "Flook" for more than 13 years, touring the world and recording three highly acclaimed studio albums with the band.



Thursday 17 March
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CHURCH SERVICES

Wed 16 March
ST MALACHY'S CHURCH
7.30pm Vigil Mass

Thurs 17 March
ST MALACHY'S CHURCH
8.00am Mass
10.00am Mass

ST PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC
CATHEDRAL SERVICES
9.00am (Mass in Irish)
11.00am Mass

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH OF IRELAND
CATHEDRAL
10.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Sung Eucharist

ST PATRICK'S DAY CONCERT
Armagh City Centre
12.30pm - 4.00pm | FREE admission

Crowds gathering in Armagh city centre will be entertained by a full programme of music including the extremely popular "The Nooks". The music will stop while the procession passes and will then continue on into the afternoon as the city celebrates. Your MC for the afternoon will be broadcaster Lynette Fay.

ST PATRICK'S CARNIVAL
PROCESSION

Departs from the Palace Demesne
1.30pm | FREE admission

Celebrate St Patrick in Armagh with a spectacular display of colour, music, dance and entertainment for all to enjoy. The theme for this year's procession is Feasts and Wild Beasts so expect the fun, the furry and the fantastical as the procession makes its way through the city centre. The procession route is from the Palace Demesne, to Monaghan Road, Irish Street, Ogle Street, Thomas Street, Market Street, and English Street, onto Cathedral Road and past the Shambles Market before finishing at the grounds of Cathedral Road Recreation Centre.

ST PATRICK'S FAMILY FUN DAY
The Shambles Yard
2.30pm - 5.00pm | FREE admission

St Patrick's Day Celebrations continue with a family fun afternoon in the Shambles Yard. Let your creativity flow in the wild beasts craft corner and learn the art of puppeteering. Be entertained by the talent on the community stage or take part in family activities pitting your wits against the last man standing.

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Thursday 17 March

ST PATRICK'S DAY ARMAGH

DISCOVERING THE STARS AT ARMAGH - A TALK HOSTED BY ARMAGH OBSERVATORY

The Market Place Theatre
11.15am | FREE admission
Pre-booking is essential

An engaging and enlightening talk hosted by Armagh Observatory focussing on recent developments in astronomy, at an introductory level suitable for all.

GUIDED TOUR OF ARMAGH OBSERVATORY

Armagh Observatory
2.30pm | FREE admission
Pre-booking is essential
through Armagh Visitor Information Centre

A guided tour of the main Observatory building, the Human Orrery, and an explanation of the new multi-speaker outdoor sound installation "around North" by award-winning composer Robert Jarvis.

ST PATRICK'S TEA PARTY

Synod Hall, St Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Armagh
3.00pm - 7.00pm | FREE admission

A special tea party to celebrate St Patrick in the lovely surroundings of this unique hall. Enjoy a special afternoon tea as well as a feast of Irish traditional music and song.

'FROM PAGAN TO ST PATRICK'

Navan Centre & Fort
6.00pm | Adults £12 Children £5
(suitable for 8years +)
Pre-booking is essential



Armagh Theatre Group, a community drama group based in Abbey Lane Theatre, Armagh, will perform a family friendly show, which takes a fun and light hearted approach to the tales of St Patrick. Audience participation is encouraged, but not compulsory, so come along and find out about the 'not really true' stories surrounding Ireland's patron saint. The evening starts with music and traditional stew and finishes with a procession to light beacons near the Navan Fort, chasing 'the snakes' out of Ireland.

**...light beacons near the
Navan Fort and chase 'the
snakes' out of Ireland!!!**





Thursday 17 March

ST PATRICK'S DAY DOWNPATRICK

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION, WITH GEORGE NEWELL

St Patrick's Church Of Ireland, Saul
8.00am - 8.45am

Buses to Saul Church will depart from The Mall approaching Down Cathedral.
9.00am service starts

MASS IN IRISH

Followed by Blessing of the Shamrock
St Patrick's Church, Downpatrick | 9.00am

ST PATRICK'S DAY WALK

Castle Ward, Strangford
Registration starts at 9.30am, closes at 10.30am, Walk starts at 10.45am
FREE admission | Contact Festival Office

PILGRIMAGE PRAYER WALK FROM SAUL TO DOWN CATHEDRAL

St Patrick's Church of Ireland, Saul | 10.00am

MASS IN ENGLISH

St Patrick's Church, Downpatrick | 10.30am

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

ST PATRICK'S FAMILY DAY

Down Arts Centre | 10.00am - 5.00pm
FREE admission

Come and enjoy circus performers, artists and storytellers, arts and crafts, clay pot throwing demonstrations, hand and drum carding and spinning.

ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Down County Museum
10.00am - 6.00pm | FREE admission

ARTISAN FOOD MARKET

St Patrick Square
10.00am - 6.00pm

The market will offer excellent food produce of local provenance in a traditional style market place so why not ensure you visit and enjoy a tasty treat.



ST PATRICK'S DAY FREE PARK AND 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.

CROSS COMMUNITY SERVICE

Down Cathedral | 11.45am

The preacher at this service will be Bishop Harold Miller. The theme will be walking in the steps of St Patrick.

FESTIVAL FUN

St Patrick Square | Starting at 12.00noon
FREE admission

Full of activities for the whole family. Enjoy face painting, stilt walkers and balloon modelling.

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ST PATRICK'S DAY DOWNPATRICK

U105 ROAD SHOW

St Patrick Square
12.00noon - 5.00pm



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.

LAYING OF WREATH ON ST PATRICK'S GRAVE

Down Cathedral | 1.15pm

HISTORICAL COACH TOUR - LIFE AND TIMES OF ST PATRICK

Departs from Down County Museum
1.30pm - 4.30pm (approx)
£3.50, purchased from the Festival Office

Historical Coach Tour led by local historian Albert Colmer 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 St, Downpatrick | 2.00pm | £1

A series of races for primary school children, while awaiting the arrival of the Carnival Parade.
Contact Joe Quinn +44 (0)79 3321 4894

VINTAGE VEHICLE CAVALCADE

2.15pm | Contact Eugene Morgan
+44 (0)78 0387 5754
Departing from the old Council Depot on the Strangford Road and travelling to Down Leisure Centre.



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BRIAN FINNEGAN & FRIENDS - OPEN AIR CONCERT

St Patrick Square | 2.15pm & 3.45pm | Free

Brian Finnegan, frontman with the group "Flook" for more than 13 years will be joined by John McSherry on pipes, Donal O'Connor & Niall Murphy on fiddles, John Jo Kelly on bodhran & Paul Meehan on guitar.

ST PATRICK'S DAY CROSS COMMUNITY CARNIVAL PARADE

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

This year's theme will be 'Feasts & Wild Beasts'. The parade will assemble on the Ardglass Road at 1.00pm and depart at 2.30pm for the town centre where it will arrive at approximately 2.50pm.

The parade route follows Ardglass Road, Edward Street, John Street, Irish Street and Market Street.

Face painting available at Knocknashinna Playpark from 1.30pm - 4.00pm

DUKE SPECIAL - PIANO & PAGES TOUR

Down Arts Centre
8.00pm (bar from 7.00pm) | £15

Duke Special presents a magical show exploring forgotten old dusty manuscripts along with songs from his most recent and well-received album, Look Out Machines!, along with many of his usual live favourites.



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ST PATRICK'S DAY NEWRY CITY

Image: ST PATRICK'S DAY CROSS COMMUNITY CARNIVAL PARADE

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**Friday 11 to
Saturday 19 March**

ST PATRICK'S FESTIVAL EVENTS NEWRY CITY



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CULLEN'S FUN FAIR

St Christopher Park, Newry

Saturday 12 March

RITH 2016 RELAY RUN

2.00pm

A relay run to promote the Irish language in an athletic, lively and different manner. If you are interested in taking part or buying a kilometre please contact: eolas@rith.ie or visit: www.rith.ie

Wednesday 16 March

AN EVENING OF MUSIC WITH VIOLEEN TRIO

Newry & Mourne Museum
7.30pm | £3

Pre-booking is essential +44 (0)28 3031 3178

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ARTS AND CRAFTS WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN

Newry & Mourne Museum
10.00am - 11.30am | £1.50 per child, must be accompanied by a parent/guardian

Pre-booking is essential +44 (0)28 3031 3178

SEAN HOLLYWOOD ARTS CENTRE

Entertainment includes traditional music by 'Sonas Harp Ensemble' and Henry McDonald and Friends. Free Children's arts & crafts workshops, entertainment. Food being served all day in Courtney's Restaurant.

ST PATRICK'S DAY - VARIETY MARKET

John Mitchell Place | 9.00am - 5.00pm
Entertainment from 11.00am: Warrenpoint Comhaltas / Traditional Street Céili with Raymond Carroll Fear a 'Ti and Long Note Céili Band / Face Painting, Cartoon Characters, Food Stalls & much more.

CROSS COMMUNITY CARNIVAL PARADE THEME - FEASTS AND WILD BEASTS

12.00noon
Departing from the Quays Shopping and Leisure Centre, Albert Basin, Newry

MUSICAL AFTERNOON

Newry & Mourne Museum
1.00pm - 3.00pm | £3

An afternoon with traditional and not so traditional music and a bowl of stew.
Pre-booking is essential +44 (0)28 3031 3178

OPEN AIR CONCERT

Events Space, Hill Street, Newry
1.30pm - 5.00pm
With compere Gene Fitzpatrick, enjoy Declan Nerney and his band and The Housem8's.

FESTIVAL FUN

Hill Street | 1.30pm - 5.00 pm

Enjoy free children's on-street entertainment, street trading and charity stalls during St Patrick's day.



Friday 18 March

D Friday 18 March

GUIDED DOWNPATRICK WALKING TOUR

Downpatrick | 2.00pm | £6
Booking through www.lecalepeninsula.com

D Friday 18 March

FAMILY DRIVE IN MOVIE - MINIONS

Downpatrick Racecourse | 7.30pm
(Please arrive 1 hr prior to movie start time)
FREE admission | **Pre-booking is essential**



A Friday 18 March CELTIC SPIRIT

The Market Place Theatre
8.00pm | £20.00

Join Karl McGuckin (baritone), Liam Lawton, Andrea Begley (winner of BBC's The Voice 2014) and a musical ensemble including the choir of St Catherine's College, Armagh under the musical direction of Mark Cahill for a night of traditional and spiritual music in celebration of St Patrick. Come and hear the haunting melodies of St Patrick's heartland resonate in this truly unique performance. Liam Lawton is a platinum selling liturgical composer and singer of international renown. His music is now implicit in all Catholic services and has been played all over the world. Karl McGuckin is now heralded as one of Ireland's leading male classical crossover artists. With a background in opera and musical theatre, Karl recently sold out the Cathedral in Armagh with his Candelight Christmas Concert and can be found on tour with Celtic Tenors. Andrea Begley rose to international prominence following her meteoric success on BBC's The Voice. Having now sung in some of the biggest stages the British Isles has to offer, Andrea will fit in beautifully to our concert.



Friday 18 March & Saturday 19 March

D Friday 18 March **THE VIRGIN FATHER** **BY JIMMY MCALEAVEY**

Down Arts Centre
8.00pm (bar from 7.00pm)
£12/£10 concession | Guidance for 14+ years

Mary has disappeared; Joe is being hunted down. He urgently needs to understand what has happened to his family if he is to save himself....

A Friday 18 March **SONGS FROM THE HEART- A CELEBRATION OF FEMALE SINGER-SONGWRITERS**

The Market Place Theatre | 8.00pm | £10

An evening of wonderful original songs acoustic instruments and exquisite vocals, with three of Northern Ireland's foremost female songwriters - Mandy Bingham, Janet Henry and Edelle McMahon.

A Friday 18 March **FESTIVAL CLUB WITH MUSIC FROM CONNLA**

The Market Place Bar & Bistro
10.30pm until late | FREE admission

A D Saturday 19 March **FOLLOWING IN THE SPIRITUAL FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT PATRICK**

The bus departs Downpatrick at 9.15am for the arrival at the Navan Centre at 10.45am to join Armagh patrons to commence the pilgrimage walk. Following visits of the Armagh sites, all patrons will depart for Downpatrick at 12.30pm to complete the trail. Armagh patrons will depart Downpatrick at 8.00pm.>>

£12.50 per person, including refreshments, under 12's free with an accompanying adult
Please wear suitable clothing and footwear
**Pre-booking is essential through either
Visitor Information Centre**

An opportunity to follow in the spiritual footsteps of St Patrick commencing at Navan Centre & Fort, through Armagh City to Slieve Patrick. Saul and Downpatrick. This journey will also include a screening of the film "Footsteps of Patrick," and a night of traditional music with Cathal Hayden, Donal Murphy and Seamie O'Dowd.

Saturday 19 March **BUSKING COMPETITIONS IN ARMAGH AND DOWNPATRICK**

A Armagh City Centre

11.00am - 4.00pm | FREE admission
(Under 16s 11.00am - 1.00pm
16+ 2.00pm - 4.00pm)

Musicians will gather to compete in Armagh City for St Patrick's busking competition with a prize fund of £2500 up for grabs. Contact Armagh Visitor Information Centre for information & registration forms.

D Downpatrick Town Centre

2.00pm - 4.00pm | FREE admission
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. Contact Downpatrick Visitor Information Centre for information & registration forms.

A Saturday 19 March **THE MERMAN'S TALE**

The Market Place Theatre
11.00am & 2.00pm | £6

Banyan Theatre Company's production of a traditional tale by W.B. Yeats, about Jack a fisherman who goes on a quest to find a merman. Admission includes free post-show activities.

Saturday 19 March **FOLLOWING IN THE SPIRITUAL FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT PATRICK**

Departs Downpatrick at 9.15am, arriving at the Navan Centre to begin the tour at 10.45am.
£12.50 per person



Saturday 19 March

MAKE IT LOCAL

D Saturday 19 March

'MAKE IT LOCAL' ARTISAN MARKET

Scotch Street, Downpatrick
11.00am - 4.00pm | FREE admission

Local producers, supporting the Newry, Mourne and Down 'Make it Local' campaign, are holding an Artisan Market offering a variety of locally produced products and crafts.

A Saturday 19 March

EARLY ARMAGH, ST PATRICK AND THE VIKINGS - A TALK BY GREER RAMSAY, CURATOR OF ARCHAEOLOGY AT NMNI

Armagh County Museum
12.00noon | FREE admission
Pre-booking is essential

Armagh was Patrick's chosen City and the most important religious centre in Ireland. This status and accompanying wealth made it a lucrative target for Viking attacks. This illustrated talk charts the rise of Armagh and explores some of the remarkable objects from this period.

D Saturday 19 March

IRISH DANCE WORKSHOPS

The Saint Patrick Centre
2.30pm-3.30pm | FREE admission
Suitable for all abilities

D Saturday 19 March

LAUNCH OF ST PATRICK FILM

The Saint Patrick Centre
6.00pm | FREE admission

A 30 minute film portraying the story of St Patrick and his links to the Christian heritage hubs of Armagh & Downpatrick.

A Saturday 19 March

GOSPEL MUSIC CELEBRATION

Armagh City Hotel
7.00pm | £15 per person available from www.harmonyrecords.co.uk
Lorraine 07968276448 or Faith Mission Bookshops in Armagh, Portadown or Lurgan.

The 10th Annual Gospel Music Celebration features the USA's Freedom Quartet and includes groups Revelation, Pathway and Justified and many others.

A Saturday 19 March

PATRICK'S SHAMROCK SUPPER

Navan Centre & Fort
7.30pm | Adults £20/Children £10 (suitable for 12 years +)
Pre-booking is essential

When Patrick arrived in Ireland as a slave his life and diet were transformed. Gone were the comforts of life as a Roman Briton, replaced instead by the life of a humble shepherd. The lands became his larder and he ate a simple diet, foraging food and developing into the man we know and revere today. This evening you will get to dine like Patrick and enjoy a recreation of how Patrick persuaded Darragh to provide the land in Armagh to build his first church.

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Saturday 19 March

A Saturday 19 March **THE ULSTER ORCHESTRA**

St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral
7.30pm | £15.00
Tickets through The Market Place Theatre

St Patrick was regarded as both a visionary and a man of the earth; working as a shepherd on the lower slopes of Slemish but he also experienced a vision on the mountain's summit. In this special concert, The Ulster Orchestra makes a very welcome return to Armagh, under the baton of Robert Houlihan and with two special guest soloists with music specially chosen to celebrate the relationship between the high and low of the spiritual and the earthly as reflected in our human experience. The programme includes Handel - Overture: Il pastor fido, Haydn - Symphony No.83 La Poule, Bach - Sheep may safely graze, Handel - Organ Concerto in F, HWV295 The Cuckoo and the nightingale, Hovhaness - Alleluia and fugue Mozart - Exsultate jubilate, Haydn - Symphony No.30 Alleluia



D Saturday 19 March **AN EVENING OF TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC WITH CATHAL HAYDEN, DONAL MURPHY AND SEAMIE O'DOWD.**

The Saint Patrick Centre
7.30pm | £5 per adult

Three of the biggest names in Traditional Irish Music circles. A night not to be missed!!

A Saturday 19 March **MOYA BRENNAN**

The Market Place Theatre
8.00pm | £22.50

Moya Brennan rose to prominence with Clannad, with a pioneering approach to traditional music and their sound has become the benchmark for the Celtic music genre. Clannad, with their pioneering approach to traditional music garnered them 15 million record sales worldwide and a string of awards, including a Grammy in 1998. Her live solo shows are with all the musicality and power of Clannad but with added, heart-warming intimacy and will be a rich and moving experience.

A Saturday 19 March **THE NUALAS - GLITTERBOMB TOUR**

The Market Place Theatre
8.30pm | £17.50

Ireland's favourite all lady musical comedy sensations The Nualas are jetting in for one night only, with brilliant new songs, red hot new chat, blistering new shoes - they will leave you helpless with laughter and delirious with pleasure!



Saturday 19 March **THE ULSTER ORCHESTRA**

St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral, Armagh
7.30pm | £15.00





Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 March

A Saturday 19 March **FESTIVAL CLUB - PRANCING PONY**

The Market Place Bar & Bistro
10.30pm until late | FREE admission
3 former members of local group Castlestreet
provide a mix of rock pop and folk standards
alongside a few original songs

A Sunday 20 March **ARCHAEOLOGY AT THE NAVAN CENTRE & FORT** 11.00am -3.00pm (FREE drop in)

Make your own Viking, dress an Egyptian
figure, try your hand at making a T.Rex, rub
some coins, dig up bones in the sand pit and
finally, meet our very own Indiana Jones!

D Sunday 20 March **GUIDED TOUR - STRUELL WELLS MEMORY WALK** 11.00am | £15 (includes lunch) Booking via: www.lecalepeninsula.com

D Sunday 20 March **ULSTER NATIONAL RACE MEETING** Downpatrick Racecourse Gates open 12.00noon with first race at 2.10pm Adults £10 Children Under 14 free Hospitality options available

Feature race meeting of the year, attracts
large crowds, come and witness the best
of National hunt racing on your doorstep.
Sponsored by Toals Bookmakers.

For further information please visit
www.downpatrickracecourse.co.uk

A Sunday 20 March **CONNLA**

The Market Place Bar & Bistro
12.30pm | FREE admission
No booking necessary

Connla are an exciting new band with
strong traditional roots as well as influences
from across the globe. Their sensitive and
innovative arrangements of traditional and
modern folk songs and tunes have earned
them praise across the folk community.

A Sunday 20 March **WALK THE EMANIA WAY** Starting at The Market Place Theatre 12.30pm | FREE admission **Pre-booking is essential** through Armagh Visitor Information Centre by 12.00noon on 19 March *Please wear suitable clothing and footwear*

Experience walking part of the ancient road
to Emania. View the ancient St Patrick's
well and walk in the steps of Cuchulain and
the Red Branch Knights. Visit the old Callan
Bridge and step into the pedestrian refuges.
Listen to the historic tales which took place
on the Callan river, learn about the different
saints associated with Armagh and much
more. As part of this event the St Patrick's
film will be shown at the centre. Lunch
will be available at the Navan Centre at an
additional cost.
Dogs must be on leads.

**...walk in the steps of
Cuchulain and the Red
Branch Knights...**



Image: THE ARCO STRING QUARTET



Sunday 20 March

A Sunday 20 March **TUMBLE CIRCUS STAR MAN**

The Market Place Theatre | 2.00pm | £5

Star man follows the journey of one man and his life as a circus artist, dad and clown - an energetic mix of stand-up, slapstick, sequins and... cardboard!

A Sunday 20 March **THE ARCO STRING QUARTET**

Chapel at The Palace, Armagh
2.15pm | £5

Pre-booking is essential through
The Market Place Theatre

One of Ireland's leading professional string quartets, this recital will feature classical music as well as adaptation of some of Ireland's wonderful traditional and folk canon.

A Sunday 20 March **ORGAN RECITAL**

St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral
4.15pm | FREE admission no booking
necessary

A recital of organ music at St Patrick's Church
of Ireland Cathedral

A Sunday 20 March **FLANN'S YER ONLY MAN**

The Market Place Theatre
8.00pm | £10

An engaging and fascinating entertainment
based on the life and work of Flann O'Brien,
aka Myles na Gopaleen aka Brian O'Nolan
(1911-1966) widely regarded as Ireland's
finest satirist since Jonathan Swift.



Ready for 366 days of delicious celebration?

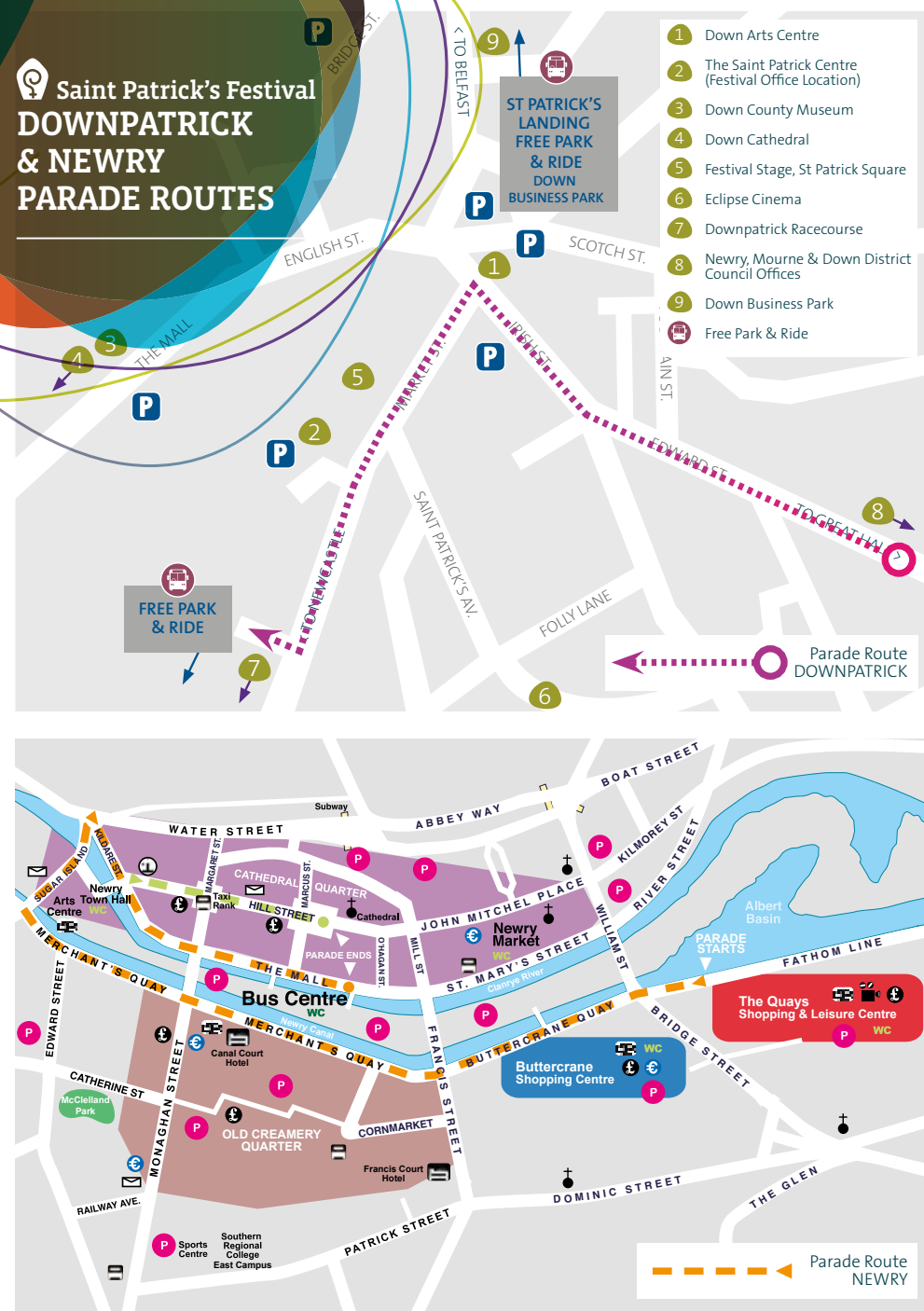
Northern Ireland's Year of Food and Drink 2016 is a celebration of everything that makes the produce from this place so good. The epic landscapes, time honoured traditions, people and producers that make our food heritage wonderfully unique. Pay a visit during the 366 days of celebration and discover all of the deliciousness for yourself. With goings-on galore, there's no better time to enjoy a true taste of Northern Ireland.



Saint Patrick's Festival ARMAGH PROCESSION ROUTE



Saint Patrick's Festival DOWNPATRICK & NEWRY PARADE ROUTES



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