

Sunday 6th March 2022
1st Sunday of Lent Year C
Weekdays Cycle 11

PARISH OF DUNSFORD & ARDGLASS

“When he calls on me; I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days”



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Weekly Collection:

We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise collection which came to £670...Building Fund £398 Collections this week: Offertory Promise
Second Collection Monthly Stipend

MASSES for SUNDAY:

ARDGLASS	6.30pm Vigil		
	11.30am		
DUNSFORD	10.00am		
	<u>CONFESSIONS:</u>	6.00pm	Ardglass Saturday

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

ARDGLASS	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10.00am
DUNSFORD	Thursday & Saturday 10.00am

'No Greater Love'

...A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion

During Lent we will be making a virtual pilgrimage from the Garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary... These sessions have been filmed in the Holy Land and shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death... They will help you to experience a deeper understanding of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for us

Wednesdays after 10am Mass in the meeting room at the back of the Church beginning next Wednesday 9th March.

Recently Deceased

ANNIVERSARIES: William Gill; James Sharvin; Mary Milligan; Sarah Fitzsimons; Ben Smyth; Sarah McCormick; Kathleen O'Hare; Susan Teggart; Maura Linton; Anne Smyth; Barney Maguire; Kathleen O Cane; Cissie McCartan; Catherine McCartan; Catherine Connor; Ella Fitzgerald; Harry Hanna; Mary Wickhan; Brendan Hanna Margaret Waters Maureen Brennan; Mary Lawlor; Philomena Cleland

ADORATION: All parishioners are welcome to call in and spend time in adoration any time between 11.00 am and 11.00 pm on Tuesdays in Ardglass and on Thursdays Dunsford.

Congratulations to Patrick Keown, a son of the Parish ordained a Permanent Deacon by Bishop Treanor on Saturday 19th February

Forthcoming Synods in Ireland and in Universal Church

The entire Catholic Church is called to take part in the upcoming Synod of Bishops (October 2023). This Synod is entitled: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission."

Pope Francis has called the entire People of God to journey together. This Synod is not just another meeting with written reports. This Synod is a process of journeying together by listening, talking, praying, discerning and making decisions together for the purpose of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis is asking each local diocese to gather – clergy, religious and laity together- to listen to each other. The goal of our journeying together is to listen and learn with each other, and to grow closer to the Lord and His Church.

Parish Participation

Pope Francis wants to hear from the whole Church about what is happening in local parishes. He and the bishops would like to know what individuals think we should all be doing to help make our parishes better. The way he has proposed doing this is a synodal process. Synod means "journeying together" and it involves listening to the Holy Spirit and to each other to discern the path we are called to walk together. By the end of this journeying together process it is hoped to capture everyone's answers to the basic question: **What is the Holy Spirit saying to our Church today.**

In order to ensure the voices of our parishioners are included in the Synod we will be issuing 2 questions to all parishioners and all replies will be collated and returned to the Diocese to be included in the Diocesan response.

Next weekend we will be issuing postcards for you to write your replies on; this can be done in the Church or you may take it home with you to complete at home. Either way a box will be provided in the porch of each Church for your completed postcards.

The questions we are posing are:

1. The love of God is for everyone – do you think everyone is welcomed and supported in the Church today? If not who do you think is left out?
2. As the Holy Spirit helped the Apostles to go out and spread the Good News after the Ascension; what steps do you think He is calling us to take today to spread the Good News?

Please above all pray to the Holy Spirit for the success of these Synods

The Special Prayer for the Synod is available in each of our Churches

All bulletin notices can be either placed in the bulletin box in the porch of St Nicholas Church or preferably emailed to the office email address marked “bulletin”. Notices must be in by Wednesday.

Trócaire: Don't forget to collect a Trócaire Box as you leave the Church today.

Lenten Masses: Mon, Tues, & Friday Ardglass 10.00am Thursday Dunsford 10.00am. Please check the front of the bulletin each week for any additional Masses Eg there may be one on a Saturday morning in Dunsford, which is the case this Saturday.

Baptism Times:

Baptisms take place in:

- Ardglass: 1st Sunday of each month
- Dunsford 3rd Sunday of each month

To arrange a Baptism please phone the parish office preferably on Monday mornings to make a booking Godparents must be committed Catholics. Only two are permitted: A Godfather and a Godmother.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Bookings are now open for 2022 Pilgrimage. Five nights (13-18 July) £685pps. Forms available from St Nicholas' Church Sacristy after Masses or for further information contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office (028) 90770162 or email lourdes@downandconnor.org

DIOCESAN VOCATION WEEKEND “There are very few men who realise what God would make of them if they abandoned themselves entirely to his hands.” (St. Ignatius of Loyola) Join us at the Vocations Weekend in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, from Friday 11 – Sunday 13 March 2022. You are invited to take this opportunity to carve some time out of your busy schedule, in order to listen to what God might be saying to you and what He might be calling you to. It may be that He is calling you to serve as a priest in His Church. If you wish to attend this weekend or would like further information contact: Fr. Kevin McGuckien Tel: 02890614567; Email: vocations@downandconnor.org