

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Pastoral Community of Downpatrick Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass**

*Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.*

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**Weekly Collection:** We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £528.00 plate £308.60, Direct Debits £55.00 Monthly £558.00, Loose plate £323.40.

**MASSES for SUNDAY:**

**ARDGLASS**                      **6.30pm Vigil Saturday**  
**11.30am Sunday**

**DUNSFORD**                      **10.00am Sunday**

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**ARDGLASS**                      **Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10.00 am**

**DUNSFORD:**                      **Thursday 10.00 am**

**CONFESSIONS:**                      **Sat: 6.00-6.25pm (or upon request)**

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Fr. H. Casey, Colette Robinson, Theresa Milligan, James McAlea, Cahal Bryce, Jean Kearney, Kathleen Ewins, Willie John Cahir, Cissy Cross, Mary Shannon, Donald McCrissican, Sarah Rooney, Olive Mutton, Agnes Kearney, James Curran, Davis Ferris.

**Sacrament of Baptism:**

Baptisms are on first Sunday of every Month in Ardglass and the third Sunday of the month in Dunsford.

For further details, please phone the parish on Monday mornings.

**Anniversary Mass Bookings:**

The best way to book these is in person in either Sacristy after any of the Masses. Please do not phone the parish to make bookings as we are not in a position to deal with them by phone.

## **Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.**

Why not begin now to think about what you might do for Lent? Each of us has attachments to food, to alcohol, to sweets, to TV and various forms of electronic media. God is calling us to be free of them. So why not, as you take an honest look at your life, prayerfully consider what needs to change in order to be free? God is calling you to a whole new way of living your life...in order to embrace this, ask Him to show what you need to do. Lent is the perfect time to effect healthy change and renew your life.

**Diocesan Directories** are now available in either Sacristy priced £5.00

**'ALTARATION'** is the answer every Catholic parent has been waiting for when a teen asks,

### **"Why do I have to go to Mass"?**

This series is captivating the hearts and minds of a new generation of Catholics.

Featuring young Catholic parents/presenters that speak to the hearts and minds of young adults in a language they can truly understand.

This unique opportunity **includes powerful videos** where one will come to see the Mass in a totally new way.

We encourage all parents to register for this series with a particular emphasis on parents that have a child/children preparing for the Sacraments this coming year.

**Five-week Lenten programme commencing Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Sun evenings, 5 - 6.30pm.**

In: Sacred Heart Centre, Saintfield Parish

Tea/Coffee & refreshments served.

Please note that you can come along and listen with no obligation to talk.

Participants must register for the series as we need to have names/numbers in advance.

Email/Phone to register your place:

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## **Down & Connor Youth Team 2023**

Applications are now being accepted for our Diocesan Youth Team trip to Lourdes in July 2023. Cost is £690 per person sharing, which includes return flights, transportation, full board accommodation, and insurance. Date: 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

All applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 24 from July 2023. Limited Spaces available. For more information, please contact [Lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:Lourdes@downandconnor.org)