

Sunday 19th February 2023

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

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Weekly Collection: We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £536.00 loose plate £435.50, Direct Debits £55.00.

MASSES for SUNDAY:

ARDGLASS 6.30pm Vigil Saturday
 11.30am Sunday

DUNSFORD 10.00am Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES

ARDGLASS Monday, Tuesday & Ash Wednesday 10.00 am

DUNSFORD: Ash Wednesday 7.30pm Thursday 10.00 am

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Robert Clyde,

ANNIVERSARIES: Danny Murphy, Alice Carolan, Maura Murray, Leo Lavery, Lily Thompson, Madeline Collins, Malachy Cultra, Marie McGarry, Loretta Curran, Mary O'Connor, Eilish Armstrong, Mary Hanna, Elizabeth Cross, Betty Dorrian, Peter Hanna, Eileen McVeigh, Kevin Hall, Kathleen Donnelly.

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 22nd February

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence.

Fasting pertains to those between 18 and 65 where they are asked to fast between meals eating one main meal and two smaller collations. Abstinence from meat is asked of those from 14 years old upwards.

Please take a Trocaire box home with you.

Why not 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 to renew your life. The Pioneer website www.pioneers.ie carries information for parishioners who wish to take the Lenten pledge.

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“Why do I have to go to Mass”?

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

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

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

-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: saintfield@down&connor.org : Tel - 02897 510237 noreen@thekerrs18.plus.com : Tel – 07910537398

Lourdes Pilgrimage: For further information see the notice section of the Parish Website.