

Sunday 29th January 2023

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

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Weekly Collection: We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £502.50, Loose plate £323.50, Direct Debits £55.00. Building Collection £213.00 Loose plate £151.00.

MASSES for SUNDAY:

ARDGLASS 6.30pm Vigil Saturday
 11.30am Sunday

DUNSFORD 10.00am Sunday

Weekday Masses

ARDGLASS Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10.00 am
 First Friday 9.30am (NB change of time)

Please note there are no first Saturday devotions this month

DUNSFORD: Thursday 10.00 am

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Rev. Thomas Lynch, Rev. Vincent Boyle, Maureen Rice, Dan McAlea, Paula Henry (Curran), Dan McAlea, Henry Fitzsimons, Dick & Kate Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Wright, Lily Hanna, Margaret Smyth, Betty McKenna, James Hanna.

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.

Safeguarding of children, young people and adults in the Diocese and in our Parish

The Diocese of Down and Connor has chosen this weekend to highlight the work undertaken by every Parish in promoting a safe environment for all children, young people and adults who take part in Parish activities. The Diocese has effective structures in place to respond to this task. This work in our Parish is undertaken by the Parish Safeguarding Committee. The Committee has been in existence for over 15 years. We thank them for all their dedicated work The Committee is responsible for:

- Carrying out an annual audit of all parish activities.
- Raising awareness of what safeguarding involves at parish level.
- Offering information and advice to individuals, volunteers and group leaders who are involved with parish groups.
- Arrange training for them as necessary.
- Making sure all children, young people and adults are looked after safely and that they are protected from harm or any form of abuse.
- Publicising contact details of all the relevant statutory and Diocesan safeguarding personnel. These can be found on the notice boards in our two churches.
- Making sure that the Parish complies with legislation regarding the processing of safeguarding information and its safe retention and disposal.

The promotion of a culture of safeguarding remains a priority for the Church, the Diocese, and for our Parish.

St Brigid's Day: Two ways of celebrating

St Brigid is calling! Come and learn all about Ireland's patroness, and how to make the iconic St Brigid's cross! The Saint Patrick Centre in partnership with Brigid Watson, of Sustainable Journeys Ireland, is hosting a Legacy of St Brigid Experience on February 1st and February 4th in Downpatrick Refreshments, and exhibition IMAX film are included. Ticket information is available at the Saint Patrick Centre 02844 619000 or book online <https://sustainablejourneysireland.com>

St Brigid's Day Lecture: Wednesday 1st February at 7.30pm **Venue:** St Bride's Parish Centre (38 Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast) **Guest Speaker:** Michael Kelly (Editor of The Irish Catholic) **Theme:** "When the Son of Man comes will he find faith on earth?—the future of Irish Catholicism" *All Welcome!*