

Sunday 12^h March 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

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WEEKLY COLLECTION:

We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £1012.50, Loose plate £483.300, Direct Debits £55.00. Monthly collection came to £863.50, Loose plate £305.00.

MASSES for SUNDAY:

ARDGLASS 6.30pm Vigil Saturday
 11.30am Sunday

DUNSFORD 10.00am Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES

ARDGLASS Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10.00 am

ST. PATRICK'S DAY Friday - Ardglass 10.00am

DUNSFORD: Thursday 10.00 am. Vigil of ST, PATRICK'S DAY 7.30pm

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Patsy Burke, Phillip Fitzsimons, Marie McGarry, Betty Burke, FrancisKearney, Mary Milligan, Noel Wilkinson, Margurerite Murray, Rosaleen Bryce, Mary Irvine, Ben Smyth, Sarah Fitzsimons, Anne Ross, Sarah McCormick, Susan Teggart.

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.

THE SAMARTIAN WOMAN AT THE WELL

Today's Gospel sees Jesus sitting down at the well with the Samaritan woman. In order to enter into her life, Jesus breaks all boundaries both religious and cultural. He knows all about her already. He loves her in her brokenness and he offers her a whole new way of living her life. Isn't this what he is doing for each especially during this season of Lent? Let's allow him to sit by our sides, loving us but nevertheless gently leading us from sin and our present way of living to a whole new way of living our lives.

St Patrick's Day, 17th March, is a Holy Day of Obligation

Masses: Vigil in Dunsford Thursday 16th March At 7.30pm
Friday morning 17th March at 10.00am in Ardglass

CONTINUING THE LEGACY of SAINT PATRICK

St Patrick tells us in his Confessions, that he rose as many as one hundred times before dawn to pray,

a group of Christians will gather at 5:45 am at his grave on Saint Patrick's morning. We will pray The Our Father/ The Lord's Prayer one hundred times for peace and unity in Christ among our peoples.

Everyone welcome. Please spread the word among friends from different Christian denominations.

Turkey / Syria earthquake:

We all have seen the tragic pictures of the recent earthquakes in the Middle East. Some have been asking about a collection. So far we have not heard of any planned collection.

If parishioners wish to give something they can do so by putting a cheque or cash into an envelope marking it 'Turkey / Syria' and leaving it in the grey boxes in the church –Thank you, as always, for your great generosity.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 12th-17th July 2023: Application forms available online at:
Lourdes@downandconnor.org

Trocaire Boxes are available at the back of each Church Please take one for your home Whatever you save through abstinence from alcohol, chocolate, etc, can be given to Trocaire to help those who fast all the time without choice.