Sunday 19th March 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

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WEEKLY COLLECTION:

We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £437.00, Loose plate £456.00, Direct Debits £55.00.

MASSES for SUNDAY:

ARDGLASS 6.30pm Vigil Saturday

11.30am Sunday

DUNSFORD 10.00am Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES

ARDGLASS: Monday Wednesday Friday Saturday: 10am

Tuesday 7.30am

DUNSFORD: Thursday 10.00 am

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Theresa Fitzpatrick

ANNIVERSARIES:

Father Anthony Meaney, Sister Therese O'Neill, Margaret Gilchrist, Anne Smyth, Ella Fitzgerald, Harry Hanna, Alf Marron, Daniel Duffy, Jennifer Connor, George Milligan, Maureen Kearney, Margaret Waters, Sarah Mooney, Mary McCartan.

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. All contact details are on our website.

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 Man Born Blind

Today marks our midway point through the Season of Lent. Our Gospel this Sunday tells the story of a man, blind from birth, being healed by Jesus who not only gives him back his physical sight but invites him to faith. Do you believe in the Son of Man? Jesus asked him...Sir, the man replied, tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.... Jesus replied, 'you are looking at him, he is speaking to you.' The man replied, 'Lord I believe!' Are our eyes and hearts open to the real and abiding presence of Jesus in our lives? He is looking at us! He is speaking to us!

Lord, open my eyes! Lord that I may see! Lord, open my eyes and heal the blindness in me!

<u>REFLECTION ON THE LIFE OF MARY:</u> St Nicholas Church Meeting Room 10.30 Wednesday 22nd March after Mass, this week will focus on the Visitation of Our Lady. All welcome!

SACRISTAN VACANCY:

A vacancy has arisen for a Sacristan_within Saul & Ballee Parish based at St Patrick's Church, Saul, Downpatrick, BT30 7JG.

For more information, please go to: http://www.downandconnor.org clicking on the tab: JOB VACANCIES Application packs can also be obtained from Saul Parish Office. Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Thursday 30th March 2023.

LEGION OF MARY MORNING STAR VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT:

Catholic men and women wanted to join The Legion of Mary, to help with the mission of the Legion to care for the spiritual and temporal needs of vulnerable and homeless men living in Morning Star House, Divis Street, Belfast. For more information, please call 07596128437 after 5pm any day.

DIOCESAN VOCATION RETREAT:

For young men interested in the Priesthood. 21-23 April @ Drumalis Retreat House Larne directed by Fr Stephen Langridge.

For more information, Please contact Fr Conor McGrath Diocesan Vocations Director 028 90654157 or Fr Gerry McCloskey

LEGION OF MARY ACIES CEREMONY:

Saturday 25th March Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord - St Nicholas Church Ardglass @ 10am Mass. All auxiliary members and past members of the Legion are welcome to attend