Sunday 5th March 2023 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek, hide not your face from me.

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Weekly Collection:

We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £557.50, Loose plate £483.30, Direct Debits £55.00, Buildng Fund came to £222.50 loose plate £202.30.

MASSES for SUNDAY:

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RECENTLY DECEASED: AMBROSE REID.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Albert Sealy, Dominic Kearney, Elizabeth Fitzsimons, Paul Owens, Nora O'Neill, Patrick Connor, Ursela Larkin, Bernard Lennon, Anna McCartan, Maire Bell, Willie Rice, Charles Mulhall, Michael McKinney,

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 make 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 is climbing the Mountain to discover who Jesus really is!

Lent is like climbing up a steep mountain; it's difficult, requiring much energy, and self-sacrifice; but like reaching the summit, especially when the sky is clear, the breeze is calm, and the view below wonderful, we realise that it has been worth all the effort we put in of prayer, fasting and works of mercy. We celebrate this season to allow our hearts to be made purer and to achieve a greater resolve to love God and others... Help us Lord to continue well in the Lenten works we have undertaken so that we can come to discover who you really are and celebrate Easter with enthusiasm and joy.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

12th-17th July 2023: Application forms and appeal for Nurses: Applications forms available online at: <u>Lourdes@downandconnor.org</u>

PRO-LIFE RALLY –

Be a voice for unborn babies at the Rally for Life in Belfast on Saturday 11th March 2023 gathering in Custom House Square at 2pm A special Mass for Life will be offered in St Patrick's Church, Donegall Street at 12.30pm. Buses to the Rally leaving from various locations. For further information please contact Precious Life on:

07592280522 /02890278484 / email info@preciouslife.com

Fr Trymos, in an email he wrote to Parishioners during the week, expressed thanks for his holiday:

'I had a great experience of the Irish hospitality during my visit there. You went out of your way to make me comfortable. It was great to meet you and get to know you. I really enjoyed my time with you!'

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.