

Sunday 23rd July 2023

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass

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*See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good..*

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**Weekly Collection:** We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £406.00. Loose plate £377.00, Direct Debits £55.00. Diocesan Services £233.50, Loose plate £171.50.

**MASSES for SUNDAY:**

**ARDGLASS**                      5.00pm Vigil Saturday  
   11.30am Sunday

**DUNSFORD**                      10.00am Sunday.

**WEEKDAY MASSES:**

**ARDGLASS:**                      Mon, Tues, Wed 10am.

**DUNSFORD:**                      Thursday 10.00am

**CONFESSIONS:**                      Sat 4.30- 4.55pm (or upon request)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Father John Fitzpatrick, Daniel McDaniel, Ella McDaniel, Margaret (Madge) Smyth, Mary Magee, Frank Burke, George Mutton, Thomas Teggart, Arthur Breen, Sarah McEvoy, Willie Curran (Sailor), Patrick Magee, Liam McVeigh, Johnny Rooney. Eithne Smyth

**ANNIVERSARY MASS BOOKING:** 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.

**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.

**ADORATION:** **ARDGLASS TUESDAY 11am to 11pm,**  
**DUNSFORD THURSDAY 11am to 11pm.**

## **What is RCIA?**

RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a process to introduce the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church to individuals who wish to learn more about Catholicism, including the opportunity, if they wish, to become Catholic through the Sacraments of Initiation.

RCIA is a time of teaching, formation and conversion to come to know, love and develop a relationship with God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

## **How do I sign up for RCIA?**

The first step is to request a registration form by emailing [rcia@downandconnor.org](mailto:rcia@downandconnor.org).

## **When and where does RCIA meet together?**

We meet Thursday nights from **6.30 - 8.00 pm at St Mary's Hall, Chapel Lane, Belfast BT1 1HH** from October to May. The start date for the programme is **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023**.

## **What is the format of the sessions?**

The sessions begin with prayer, followed by teaching, question and answer and small group discussion.

## **What is the cost for attending RCIA?**

There is a nominal fee of £1 per week to cover basic consumables such as refreshments. The vast bulk of the resources are provided by the diocese at no charge.

## **May I bring my spouse/fiancé to the sessions?**

Yes, you may. We encourage your spouse/fiancé to attend the sessions with you.

## **If I have been baptized in another church, do I need to be baptised again?**

In most cases, you do not need to be baptised again. The Catholic Church requires that you were baptised with water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We will need a copy of your baptismal certificate or other proof of baptism from the church where you were baptised. Proof of baptism may include a letter from the church, a copy of the membership record indicating that you were baptised, etc.

## **I was told I need a sponsor who is a baptised and confirmed Catholic, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church. What if I don't know anyone who could do that?**

Don't worry about it. We have people who volunteer to fulfil the sponsor role.