

Sunday 20th August 2023

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass
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Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

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Weekly Collection: We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £753.00. Loose plate £586.00. Direct Debits £55.00.

MASSES for Sunday and Weekdays:

ARDGLASS 5.00pm Vigil Saturday
11.30am Sunday

DUNSFORD 10.00am Sunday

ARDGLASS: No Mass Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
Mass Friday 10.00am

DUNSFORD: Thursday Novena Mass 10.00am

CONFESSIONS Sat: 4.30-4.45pm (or upon request)

ANNIVERSARIES: Sean McEvoy, Irene Smith, Alan Dorrington, Donald O'Hare, Stephen Reid, Mary Fitzsimons, Rosina & George Connor, Rita Collins.

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.

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.

LEGION OF MARY PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: Sunday 24th September £20 secures seat
Contact Sean McAlea 07504041526.

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

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible.

The Bible is at the heart of our faith and our relationship with God. Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but many people find it hard to even begin.

Why not begin with the Living Church office to learn how to read the bible, understand it and so experience its life changing power? Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible is an 8-week programme. Course participants will receive a resource pack and gather online for a time of teaching, discussion, and prayerful reflection. The program will conclude with a Retreat Day. Venue: Holy Rosary Parish Centre, 503 Ormeau Road, Belfast BT7 3GR Date: Saturday 18th November 10:00am - 4:00 pm.

Beginning: **Monday 18th September for 8 weeks.** Online Via Zoom Facilitators: Aishling Steen & Fr Paul Byrne from the Living Church Office. For further information or to book your place please contact livingchurch@downandconnor.org or Tel: 028 90690920

Adoration takes place weekly in the Parish at:

Ardglass: Tuesdays 11.00am - 11.00pm

Dunsford: Thursdays 11.00am - 11.00pm

Would you consider a weekly commitment to watching one hour with the Lord? We are short of adorers. If you are interested, please speak to Christine Prior 07763248606, Sean McAlea 07504041526. The Blessed Sacrament cannot be left unattended

Deacon Dawid Aksenczuk will be ordained to the priesthood on Sunday 27th August 2023 at 3.00pm in St Peter's Cathedral. Please keep Dawid in your prayers during these final days of preparation.

Society for the Protection of unborn children invite you to an important meeting:

“WITHDRAW THE LAW” 7.30-9.00 pm: Tuesday 12th Sept Europa Hotel Belfast

Family life in Northern Ireland is under attack! The Relationships and Sexuality Education (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 force all post-primary schools in NI -regardless of the ethos- to teach girls they have a right to abortion and instruct them how to get one without the knowledge of their parents. These new laws need to be withdrawn. Please consider attending the meeting