

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass  
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*Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.*

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**Weekly Collection:** We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £471.50. Loose plate £589.55, Direct Debits £55.00. Cathedral Collection £216.50, Loose plate £179.45.

**MASSES for SUNDAY and weekdays:**

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

**DUNSFORD** 10.00am Sunday

**ARDGLASS:** Mass Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri. 10.00am  
First Saturday Devotion 9.15 Mass 10am

**DUNSFORD:** Mass Thurs 10.00am, Novena Mass.

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Sr. Gretta O'Reilly, Gerry Casey,  
27 Paddy McGinley, Bernadette Finnegan, Barney Ross, Billy McMullan, Paddy Gordon,  
Cassie Curran, Ella McDaniel, Tom Wills, Frank  
Donnelly, James Teggart, Vera Rooney, Sarah Mary Feenan, Bernadette Trainor.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:livingchurch@downandconnor.org) or Tel: 028 90690920

**We pray for Deacon Dawid Aksenczuk**, who will be ordained to the priesthood on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 3.00pm in St Peter's Cathedral Belfast.

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

**“WITHDRAW THE LAW” 7.30-9.00 pm: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Sign of Peace:** In reintroducing it, we would like to stress that the safest way to make it, in the present circumstances is to wave or nod to the person beside you.

**Come and join us!** We need Volunteers for a new Vigil Mass choir. Can you sing or play a musical instrument. Please let us know!