

Sunday 5th November 2023

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass
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Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation.

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Weekly Collection: We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £558.00, Loose plate £593.00, Direct Debits £55.00. Building Fund Collection £182.00, Loose Plate £233.00.

MASSES for SUNDAY:

ARDGLASS 5.00pm Vigil Saturday
 11.30am Sunday

DUNSFORD 10.00am Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES:

ARDGLASS: Mass Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri. 10.00am

DUNSFORD: Mass Thurs. 10.00am Novena Mass.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Paddy O'Shea, Oonagh Fitzpatrick, Eileen Teggart, Rhona Milligan, Anna Teggart, Paddy Sharvin, Eiddie McAlea, Ursula Curran, Patrick & Ellen Degan, John Fitzsimons, Anne Cross, Lily Thompson, Elizabeth Gilchrist, Lily Teggart, Maureen Magee, John Louughlin, Elizabeth Curran, Christine Irvine, Margaret Kearney, Vincent & Nan McEvoy, Perpetual McAloon.

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.

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

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE:

This weekend sees the Launch of the long-awaited Pathways of the Future initiative. It comes in the form of a Pastoral Letter: 'Voices of Hope' by Apostolic Administrator, Bishop Donal McKeown.

- Bishop McKeown calls for all parishioners to 'be part of the conversation' about the future of the mission of the Church in Down and Connor.
- The announcement of the suggested Families of Parishes has now been made. It is proposed we will form a 'family of parishes' with Bright, Saul & Ballee, Kilclief and Downpatrick which will facilitate greater inter-parish collaboration on pastoral programmes, and initiatives, including the sourcing and training required for lay ministries and volunteers.

Parishioners who wish to attend the Diocesan launch of Pathways to the Future 'Families of Parishes' initiative in order to be part of the early conversations are most welcome to attend. Places are limited.

To register your interest please email the parish office wwwdunsfordandardglass@downandconnor.org by 10th November. You will then be given details of the venue. The meeting will take place on 16th November from 7-9pm.

There will be other opportunities for parishioners to have their voice heard beyond the meeting hosted by the Pathways to the Future team as parishes will be hosting their own local conversations. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the conversation and to pray and reflect on the role that they can play in their parish, using the gifts they received at their baptism. Parishioners are asked to pray for their parish and the Diocese, and for the guidance.

The Pastoral Letter and the New Family of Parishes areas are available on the parish website www.dunsfordandardglassparish.com

Bishop McKeown has also released a short video to accompany the release of his Pastoral Letter and the launch of conversations across the Diocese, which can be accessed primarily on the [Diocesan YouTube Channel](#), the [Pathways to the Future Website](#), the [Diocesan Website](#) and other diocesan social media.

CHILDREN'S MASS:

Our next Children's Mass will be Sat 11th Nov in Ardglass at 5pm.

The meeting of those children who wish to participate will be on Mon 6th @6.30 in the meeting room of St Nicholas' Church

Annual Mass for Deceased Parishioners:

The date for this is Tuesday 14th November at 7.30pm. Bereaved families will be receiving an invitation letter this week. All are welcome to attend.