

Sunday 19th November 2023

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass
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The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

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Weekly Collection: We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £470. 00, Loose plate £585.00, Direct Debits £55.00.

MASSES for SUNDAY:

ARDGLASS 5.00pm Vigil Saturday
11.30am Sunday

DUNSFORD 10.00am Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES:

ARDGLASS: 10am Mass: Mon, Tue, Wed. & Fri.

DUNSFORD: Thurs.10.00am Novena Mass.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Hugh Cross, Sarah Gracey, Billy Cope, Colette McGrath, Fiona Boyd, Patrick Crangle, Philomena Lennon, Bernard Feenan, Irene Thompson, Patrica Ross.

ANNIVERSARIES 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 every 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:

Today's Gospel

A talent was a huge sum of money, thought to equate to the pay for 15 to 20 years' of work. The Master in today's Gospel reading has, therefore, placed great trust in his servants, giving them stewardship of such vast riches.

God, Our Father, has placed the same trust in each one of us. At our baptism, He gave each one of us a unique set of gifts and charisms, "each in proportion to [our] ability". We received this lifetime of riches to equip us to continue God's work on earth, to build His Kingdom, to scatter on His behalf and to yield fruit for His harvest.

Our lives as baptized Catholics are lives of service and mission, in our homes, our schools, our workplaces, and our parishes. We are called to use the baptismal gifts we have received, the talents we have been trusted to grow, in the service of God, the people we encounter in our daily lives, and the communities within which we live, work and study.

Our faith is not passive or individual to us. Our faith is active and to be shared and grown. God is calling each one of us to renew His Church in Down and Connor using the talents He has entrusted us with.

How will you use yours?

To find out more go to www.pathwaystothefuture.org

You are cordially invited to a Book Launch and Signing Event:

For the recently published

Ardglass and Dunsford, County Down - Biographies by Kevin Crangle.

This will take place in Ardglass Community Centre on **25 November, 12 noon to 4 PM**. The book contains much information on the past clerics, vocations and numerous occupants of the parish.

Down and Connor Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 2024

Spiritual Directors Fr G McCloskey, Fr M Graham, Canon S Gilmore

20 Aug 2024. 7 Nights £799 per person sharing (£100 off per person if paid in full by 1st December 2023) direct return flights from Dublin to Lisbon: afternoon flights.

20KG bags included. Return airport transfers in Fatima. 7 Nights Hotel Avenida. Full board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day. Guided tour of the Sanctuary & Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary. Optional: Travel Insurance & Single Supplement.

For further information please contact: Joe Catney 0776 425 631