

Sunday 10th December 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass
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To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

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Weekly Collection: We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £637.50, Loose plate £467.01, Direct Debits £55.00. Monthly Collection £615.50, loose plate £300.99.

MASSES for SUNDAY:

ARDGLASS 5.00pm Vigil Saturday
11.30am Sunday

DUNSFORD 10.00am Sunday

WEEKDAY SERVICES:

ARDGLASS: NB: No Mass: Mon, Tue, Wed.
Mass only on Friday in Ardglass and in Dunsford on Thur (See below)

DUNSFORD: Thurs.10.00am Novena Mass.

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Margaret Mulhall

ANNIVERSARIES: Frank McBride Ursula Cultra, David McKay, Bernadette Forward, Thomas Kearney, Mary Ross, Noel Gilchrist, Michael Fitzpatrick, Michael Harland, Raymond Keown, Joe Woods, Joe Ross, Noel Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Milligan, Vincent Feenan, Andy Maxwell

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 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

Bring your Baby Jesus Crib Figure to be blessed next Sunday!

The Advent tradition, "Bambinelli Sunday" was instituted by Pope Saint John Paul 11 during his papacy. The tradition follows that on the 3rd Sunday of Advent, children and adults bring their baby Jesus figure from their homes to the church to be blessed. All children and adults from our parish are invited to bring the Baby Jesus from their homes to be blessed at the Masses on the weekend of 16/17 th of December. Pope Francis also suggests that following the blessing the Baby Jesus is wrapped up and left as a present under the tree. Then on Christmas morning this is the 1st present to be unwrapped and the family all gather around whilst the baby Jesus is placed in the manger, saying a prayer of thanksgiving and welcome to the Son of God made man. This is the gift of Christ in the home and reminds us that *'Jesus is the reason for the Season'*

Community Carol Service next Sunday 17th December 3pm Marina Car Park Ardglass. Wrap up well!

"ARDGLASS AND DUNSFORD, CO DOWN - BIOGRAPHIES"

This recently published book is still locally available by phoning 07719670496

Fountain Foodbank Support

Milligan's Shop has reinstated a trolley where donations of food, toiletries, etc, can be left for collection. As we approach Christmas, requests for foodbank parcels are particularly high and only made possible by the generosity of the community.

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 and now extended to 22nd 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 07776 425 631/02890714001