

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Family of Parishes of Downpatrick Area

Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass

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O people of Sion, behold the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

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Weekly Collection: We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £642.00, Loose plate £559.50, Direct Debits £55.00, Monthly Collections £583.50, Loose plate Collection £350.00.

MASSES for SUNDAY:

ARDGLASS 5.00pm Vigil Saturday
 11.30am Sunday

DUNSFORD 10.00am Sunday

WEEKDAY SERVICES:

ARDGLASS:

Feast of the Immaculate Conception:

Monday 9th December: 10am

(NOT a Holy Day of Obligation) While there is no obligation to attend, Bishop Alan encourages those who can to celebrate this Feast.

Friday 10am Mass

NB. There are no Masses on Tuesday or Wednesday.

DUNSFORD:

Thurs 7.30pm Novena Mass.

CONFESSIONS:

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

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

Anniversaries: Very Rev. Patrick McAlea, Rose Markey, Martha Curran, Ursula Cultra, David McKay, Thomas Kearney, Michael Harland, Noel Gilchrist, Michael Fitzpatrick, Raymond Keown, Jo Woods, Noel Fitzpatrick, Bernadette Forward, Paddy & Peg Megraw, Danny McCreanor.

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. If you send a letter, please be patient and please include your phone number. If you want it done and dusted quickly go to the sacristy after Mass.

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 morning.

Masses this week: Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Monday 9th December. Apologies but after further clarification, the Bishops Office have now informed us that because the date has been transferred it is **NOT** a Holy Day of Obligation: while there is no obligation to attend Mass, Bishop Alan continues to encourage all those who can to gather in celebration of this feast. [Mass in Ardglass on Monday at 10am.](#) (Please note that as a result of this, there is now no evening Mass in St Joseph's Killough.)

“Children's Mass Arts + Craft Group” After last week's great success, we are having two more weeks of Arts and Craft sessions in order to decorate the two churches for Christmas, in Ballyhornan Family Centre from 6.30-7.30pm **Monday 9th Dec and 16^h Dec.** Parents along with their children are most welcome to attend.

Community Carol Service: Sunday 15th December 5pm St Nicholas' Church Ardglass.

Confession for Christmas:

A Penitential Service with the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place in St Patrick's Church, Downpatrick on Sunday 8th December at 5.00pm. Local priests will be available for Confession. Our own Parish Penitential Service will be on **Tuesday 17th December in St Nicholas' Church at 7.30pm.**

Advent Reflections:

If you are interested in meditating on the Sunday Gospels of Advent, please text Mairead on 07714248309. This will be held on Tuesday mornings after 10 o'clock Mass, in the Meeting Room of St Nicholas Church.

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT - 22nd December 7.30pm. Back by popular demand join International soprano Margaret Keys and Classical Brit award winner Fr Eugene for an unforgettable Christmas concert by candlelight in **St Malachy's Church Castlewellan.** Accompanied by Scala Strings orchestra, Ulster Orchestra Musicians, St Malachy's High School Choir and local Musicians "The Hylands" this promises to be a magical evening of Christmas music that will be sure to put you in the Christmas spirit. Performing Christmas Classics and festive favourites including Holy Night, White Christmas, walking in the Air and many more book now to avoid disappointment. **Tickets are £20 and can be booked online at eventbrite.ie, at Parish Office (02843778259) or the Post Office in Castlewellan.**

Trócaire School Volunteers

Are you a retired teacher or someone who has experience presenting to groups of school children? Do you have a passion for making this world a better place, especially for the most vulnerable? Trócaire is looking for volunteers to support our 2025 Lent Appeal in the Down & Connor Diocese. If you think you have the right skills and experience and will be available to help during school hours over Lent, then we would love to hear from you. Full training and ongoing support will be provided. For more information, please call Naomi Purnell on [028 9080 8033](tel:0289080833) or email naomi.purnell@trocaire.org.