

SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2025
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass
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Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

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Weekly Collection: We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £405.50. Loose plate £614.50, Direct Debits £55.00,

MASSES for SUNDAY:

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

DUNSFORD **10.00am Sunday.**

WEEKDAY SERVICES:

ARDGLASS: **Mon, Tues, & Wed. 10.00am. (Wed Funeral Mass)**

DUNSFORD: **Thurs. 9am Novena Mass.**

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

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

RECENTLY DECEASED Michael Connolly.

ANNIVERSARIES: Colette Ross Robinson, David Ferris, Kathleen Degans, Kathleen Reilly, Joseph Walsh, Olive May Mutton, Mary Shannon, Margaret Gilchrist, Maura Murray, Michael Holmes, Lily Thompson, Madeline Collins, Betty Dorrian, Harry Degans, Leo Laverty, Kathleen Ewins.

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

Parish Children's Mass

The next children's Mass is at 5pm in St Nicholas's Church Ardglass on Saturday 22nd February. For participation, please contact Fr. Mc Closkey 02844841208 or Mairead 07714248309. Short meeting to organise participants on Monday 17th February 6:30pm in St Nicholas's Church.

Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse - March 7th 2025

Pope Francis has invited Bishops around the world to establish a special day of prayer in the Church year to support the journey of human and spiritual recovery. This day is not only for victims and survivors who have been so severely injured, either inside or outside our Church, but also for the families and communities affected by grief for their loved ones. Within Down and Connor to mark this important event mass will be celebrated on

Friday 7th March in Saint Patrick's Church, Donegall Street, Belfast at 1:00pm

to pray for and remember victims and survivors of abuse within our Church. At this mass the Candle of Atonement will be lit. You are invited to attend this important Diocesan event. If you cannot attend in person, you are more than welcome to join virtually, via webcam at St Patrick's Church Services Webcam. In addition, all parishes are invited to organise their own service or moment of prayer and include a prayer for victims.

Prayers of the Faith during Masses over the weekend of **8th and 9th March** should reflect this time of prayer for victims and survivors and their journey of human and spiritual recovery.

A RADICAL WELCOME:

Intercultural living & the future of religious life. Saturday, 08 March 2025 from 9.30am - 4.30pm (registration 9.00am), £43 / €50 (inclusive of lunch & tea/coffee breaks).

Sharing Christ Course in Lent Promotion

Sharing Christ - A seven-week mission that will train parishioners in our Community of Parishes to share Jesus Christ with others and invite them to be part of the Church. The mission will run on six Tuesday nights in Lent (starting 4 March) with a retreat day on Sat 12 April. Venue - Parochial House Downpatrick, Time: 7.15 pm.

To register or for further information call Mary on 028 4461 2084. See your parish bulletin and social media platforms for further details.

Down & Connor Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025:

Celebrating the Jubilee Year and our 40th Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage:

9/10 – 15th/16th July. 5 & 7 Night options available.

Please visit www.downandconnor.org/lourdes for more information

or call the Pilgrimage Office on 02890770162

or email lourdes@downandconnor.org

Youth Team (9-16th July): applications now open (see website for details)"

Fully Escorted Pilgrimage:

SHRINES OF ITALY PILGRIMAGE SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO, LORETO, ASSISI and CASCIA 17th – 24th September 2025,

7 Nights flying from Dublin to Bari. Including visits to the Tombs of Blessed Carlo Acutis, St Francis, St Clare and St Pio.

Visit the first Eucharistic Miracle of the Catholic Church in Lanciano and the Holy House of Nazareth in Loreto, plus much more.

Comprehensive Travel insurance is EXTRA.

COST £1,229 PER PERSON SHARING. SEATS ARE LIMITED

Single room supplement is £350.00 EXTRA. Spiritual Director: Fr Ciaran Dallat, £300.00 deposit secures a seat!

For further details contact: Jean Reynolds 07729402311 or

email: jeanreynolds@hotmail.co.uk.

Singer-songwriter Dana

will sing Our Lady of Knock, and her new songs for St Patrick (Light The Fire) and St Brigid at a special evening at The Saint Patrick Centre, Downpatrick, on Friday March 14 at 7.30pm. Dana will also share stories of her life and faith journey.

Tickets are £20 and can be obtained from Eventbrite.

More information from The Saint Patrick Centre 02844 619000