

**SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2025**

**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass

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*The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom: he saved me because he delighted in me.*

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**Weekly Collection:** We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £389.00.  
Loose plate £660.50, Direct Debits £55.00,  
Building Fund Collection £190.50, Loose plate £210.00.

**MASSES for SUNDAY:**

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

**DUNSFORD**                      **10.00am Sunday.**

**WEEKDAY SERVICES:**

**ARDGLASS:**                      **Mass Mon, Tues, Wed. & Ashes 10.00am.**  
**Wednesday Day of Fast and Abstinence**

**DUNSFORD:**                      **Wed. Mass & Ashes 7.00pm**  
**Thurs.10.00am. Novena Mass.**

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

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Marie Bell, Ambrose Reid, Margaret Smyth, George McGrath, Phillip Fitzsimons, Patsy Burke, Terry Fitzsimons, Mary Fitzsimons, Marie McGarry, James Hamill, John Fitzsimons, Mary McQuoid, Breige Toman, Dermot Hennessey, Noel Wilkinson, Charles Mulhall, Willie Rice.

**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.

### **Temperance Sunday 2 March 2025**

Pope Francis has invited us this Lent to “journey in hope together”. A short-term pledge is available via [www.pioneerassociation.org](http://www.pioneerassociation.org) for parishioners who wish to become a “pilgrim of hope” for people who are living under the shadow of addiction.

### **Recharge Young Adult Group.**

Recharge is a young adult group based in Down and Connor for those aged 18 to 35. The group meet twice monthly on the first and third Tuesday of each month to “recharge” the spiritual batteries through Adoration, intellectual formation and social gatherings. We will be meeting on Tuesday the 4th and 18th of March at 7.30pm in St Colmcille’s Church, Ballyhackamore. All welcome!

### **Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 **8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March** should reflect this time of prayer for victims and survivors and their journey of human and spiritual recovery.

### **Diocesan Vocations Retreat 2025**

"Hope" – A Retreat for Those Discerning the Priesthood. Are you considering the call to the priesthood? Join us for a Vocation to the Priesthood Retreat from 7<sup>th</sup>–9<sup>th</sup> March at Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne. This year’s theme, “Priests as Men of Hope,” invites us to reflect on the joy and strength that come from trusting in God’s plan. To book a place or for more information, contact the Vocations Director: Fr Conor McGrath at [c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org](mailto:c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org).

### **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).

**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 7:30**. Dana will also share stories of her life and faith journey, and perform the songs which brought her around the world including her Eurovision hit, *All Kinds of Everything*. Tickets are £20 and can be obtained from Eventbrite. More information from The Saint Patrick Centre 02844 619000.

### **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.

### **Sound of music**

St Patrick's choral society presents 'The Sound Of Music' Great Hall Downpatrick. On the 25th-29th March 2025. Tickets available online from ticket source or phone 07855775634.

### **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](http://www.downandconnor.org/lourdes) for more information or call the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162 or email [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org) Youth Team (9-16th July): applications now open (see website for details)".