

SUNDAY 30th MARCH 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass

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Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

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Weekly Collection: We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £421.00. Loose plate £618.00, Direct Debits £55.00, Parish Building Fund £210.00, Loose Plate £225.00.

MASSES for SUNDAY:

ARDGLASS

5.00pm Vigil Saturday

11.30am Sunday.

DUNSFORD

10.00am Sunday.

WEEKDAY SERVICES:

ARDGLASS Mass: Mon, Tues. 10am- Wed . 9.30am

DUNSFORD 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.

PARISH 1 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: 1ST July to book a seat phone 07895098189.

ANNIVERSARIES: Aodhan Gillan, Elizabeth Kearney, Nora Convery, Jan Canavan, Frank Crawford, Brian Smyth, Ella & Deirdre Fitzgerald, Theresa Laverty, Jack Magee, William Braniff, Edmund Curran, Hugh Kearns, Sean Burke, Matt Murphy, Kit O'Sullivan, Mamie Smyth, Jim Pullen.

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

ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY: Takes place 7th June, to book a seat on the bus Phone Sean McAlea 07504041526.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training Course to take place on **Tuesday 1st April at 1:30pm** at St Patrick's Place, Downpatrick. Those interested in attending please contact Karen on 07803270100.

Eucharistic Adoration: Calling ALL ADORERS of the Blessed Sacrament in DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESE. National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 6th April (weekend of 5th Sunday of Lent). Full Bus details on www.eucharisticadoration.ie

Parish Children's Mass The next children's Mass is at 5pm in St Nicholas's Church Ardglass on Saturday 12th April. For participation, please contact Fr. Mc Closkey 02844841208 or Mairead 07714248309. Short meeting to organise participants on Monday 7th April 6:30pm in St Nicholas's Church Ardglass.

The Passion Story: "A Work of Infinite Love" (Saturday, 12 April from 9:30 am - 4 pm) A Day of Prayer and Reflection with Fr Aidan Troy CP Fr Aidan will lead us in a day of prayer and reflection as we enter into Holy Week, where we are invited to immerse ourselves in this story of hope and unconditional love. To book a place(s) or for further details, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am - 5 pm) - 028 28276455/28272196 or email drumalis@btconnect.com
Further information also available on Drumalis website: <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

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.

Easter Pilgrimage to Medjugorje for 7 nights from Saturday the 19th April to Saturday the 26th April. Pilgrimage includes; return flights from Dublin to Dubrovnik Bus transfers Half board accommodation. Local guide for the week. Extra excursions of surrounding areas such as the Kravica Waterfalls and Mostar with it's world famous bridge, these are optional and will incur a small fee. Limited number of places available. For further information please contact Jerome Lynch on [07739092399](tel:07739092399).

Youth Event at Lough Derg Are you involved, or keen to become involved in Church Music in your Parish, School, University etc.? We invite you to join us for 'Sing for Joy!' - A Day of Music and Ministry. Saturday 26th April 2025 at Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal. Boat departs at 9:30am. In the prayerful setting of Lough Derg, this day will provide space for the power of music to nourish our spirit and allow us to give praise to God through the beauty of sound, song, and silence. There will be various inputs as well as time to pray, connect with others and explore this Sacred place. The day will conclude with the Celebration of the Eucharist at 5pm (open to the public). This day is open to young people aged 18-35 and is free to attend (supported by the Knights of St Columbanus). Registration is essential via <https://bit.ly/SingforJoy>
For further information please contact info@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk <mailto:info@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk> +447759496677.

Truth Recovery Independent Panel The Truth Recovery Independent Panel has been appointed by the Executive Office to carry out an independent investigation. This programme is a recommendation from the Truth, Acknowledgement and Accountability Report, which investigated the operations of Mother and Baby Home Institutions. Magdalene Laundries and Workhouses in Northern Ireland. If you or a family member have been affected by a Mother and Baby Home Institution, Magdalene Laundry, or Workhouse, the Truth and Recovery programme would like to hear from you.

Please get in touch.

Phone: 028 9052 0263 (Open Monday – Friday 11am - 12pm and 3pm - 4pm or leave a voicemail on our secure answering service any time outside of these hours).

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