

SUNDAY 9th MARCH 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass

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When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

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Weekly Collection: We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £703.50. Loose plate £582.00, Direct Debits £55.00 Monthly Collection £757.50, Loose plate £450.00.

MASSES for SUNDAY:

ARDGLASS 5.00pm Vigil Saturday
11.30am Sunday.

DUNSFORD 10.00am Sunday.

ARDGLASS: Mon, Tues, Wed. Mass 10.00

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.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Betty Burke, Marguerite Murray (nee Cahir) Rosaleen Bryce, Francis Kearney, Mary McAlea, Anne Ross, Cyrena Kearney, Frank Smyth, Sarah Fitzsimons, James Sharvin, Kathleen O'Hare, Rita Rice, Mary Milligan, Ben Smyth, Susan Teggart, Susan McCormick.

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.

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 (028) 9077 0162 or email lourdes@downandconnor.org Youth Team (9-16th July): applications now open (see website for details)".

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 18th of March at 7.30pm in St Colmcille’s Church, Ballyhackamore. All welcome!

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.

Organ Recitals in the Portico, Portaferry

The Portico of Ards is delighted to present two outstanding organ recitals: **Peter Stevens** from Westminster Cathedral where he is Assistant Director of Music: Sunday, 16th March at 3pm. **Olivier Latry** from Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris where he is Titular Organist: Sunday, 1st June at 3pm. This is a rare opportunity, not to be missed, to hear two world class organists perform locally in the magnificent acoustic of Portico. Both artists bring exceptional talent and international acclaim to these wonderful, intimate recitals. Tickets available www.porticoards.com.

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.

Easter Pilgrimage to Medjugorje:

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).

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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