

**SUNDAY 16th MARCH 2025**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass

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*Of you my heart has spoken: It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.*

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**Weekly Collection:** We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £888.50. Loose plate £682.50, Direct Debits £55.00.

**MASSES for SUNDAY:**

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

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

**WEEKDAY SERVICES:**

**ARDGLASS**                      **Mass: Mon. for St. Patrick's Day 10.00am**  
**Mass: Tues, Wed. 10.00am**

**DUNSFORD**                      **Sunday Mass: for St. Patrick's Day 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:** Margaret Gilchrist, Oliver Flanagan, Maura Linton, Ella Fitzgerald, Anne Smyth, Barney Maguire, Kathleen O'Kane, Cissie McCartan, Harry Hanna, Mary Wickham, Brendan Hanna, Margaret Waters, Maureen Brennan, Mary Lawlor, Philomena Cleland, Alf Marron, Dan Duffy.

**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 a Monday morning

**PARISH CHILDREN'S MASS:**

The next children's Mass is at 10am in St Mary's Dunsford on Sunday 16th March.

**Mass at Mass Rock on Slemish Mountain. St Patrick's Day 17 March 2025 at 3pm. Family Rosary at 2pm.** Mass Rock is 250m from Slemish carpark, up a gradual incline. Free shuttle buses to Slemish car park all day from Michelin Tyre Factory (free parking available at the factory). Make a family day of it – food vans and toilet facilities at Slemish carpark. Contact Owen 07525 166090.

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

### **Forthcoming Events at Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre, Larne**

**"See, I'm doing something new"** (Is 43:19) (Saturday, 22 March from 9:30 am - 4 pm) A Lenten renewing with Dr Grinne Dohert. In this day of input and quiet reflection, we will meditate on what is helping and what is blocking our embracing of God's love, and God's plans for each one of us.

**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, 9am-5pm) - 028 28276455/28272196 or email [drumalis@btconnect.com](mailto: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.

### **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 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).

### **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).

**Email:** [testimony@independentpanel.org.uk](mailto:testimony@independentpanel.org.uk) **Address:** Truth Recovery Independent Panel, 4th Floor, Equality House 7-9 Shaftesbury Square, Belfast, BT2 7DB.

**Website:** [www.independentpanel.truthrecoveryni.co.uk](http://www.independentpanel.truthrecoveryni.co.uk)

### **Down & Connor Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025:**

Celebrating the Jubilee Year and our 40th Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage: 9/10 to 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)".