

Sunday 29th October 2023

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick      Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass  
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*Lets the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice: turn to the Lord and his strength: constantly seek his face.*

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**Weekly Collection:** We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £540.00, Loose plate £517.00, Direct Debits £55.00. World Missions £293.00 Loose Plate £370.00

**MASSES for SUNDAY:**

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

**DUNSFORD**                      10.00am    Sunday

**WEEKDAY MASSES:**

**ARDGLASS:**                      10.00am MASSES; Mon, Tues & Wed, All Saints, (Holy Day Obligation) and Friday

**DUNSFORD:**                      All Saints Day: Vigil Mass 7.30pm Oct 31<sup>st</sup> Holy Day of Obligation  
   All Souls Day: Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am (not a holy day of obligation)

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** May Quinn, Oliver Lavery, Annie Fitzsimons, James Rooney, Clifford Connor, Lisa Prior, Edward Carr, Colette Bryce, Sarah McVickers, Lily Devlin, Margaret Magorrian.

**ANNIVERSARIES 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.

**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 mornings.

### *How can we help the Holy Souls?*

A plenary indulgence applicable to the Holy Souls can be gained from 12 noon on All Saints Day and throughout All Souls Day for those who confess attend Mass, receive Holy Communion, and pray for the Holy Souls and the Holy Father and an Our Father and Apostles Creed. The same indulgence can be received each day by the faithful who visit a graveyard between November 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> with the usual conditions applying.

We can pray for them in other ways too: By ensuring they are remembered in Masses during November. To do this, you are invited to fill in the names of your beloved dead in the **November Dead lists** available at the back of our Churches. Please return them to the grey safe boxes in the porches of either Church. We can also make sacrifice by taking a

**Pledge for November** Many people offer spiritual support to a relation who is struggling because of alcohol or an addiction problem. Parishioners who wish to take a short-term Pioneer pledge during the month of the Holy Souls are invited to visit [www.pioneers.ie/pray](http://www.pioneers.ie/pray)

### **Annual Mass for Deceased Parishioners:**

The date for this Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. Bereaved families ought to have received an invitation letter this week. All are welcome to attend.

**Vigil Choir** We practice every Monday evening at 7.30pm in St Nicholas' Church. Please come along and bring a friend with you! Anyone who can play a musical instrument is most welcome!

### **Pathways to the Future**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, the Feast of St Malachy, Principal Patron of the Diocese, has been designated as a special day of prayer for the mission of the Church in Down and Connor in advance of the release of Bishop McKeown's Pastoral Letter on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November, which will outline the direction our Diocese is taking, as we embark upon our new 'Families of Parishes' initiative.

### **Prayer for Those who Mourn:**

**Gentle God,**

**You love all of us.**

**Wipe away the tears of those who are sad.**

**And help all of us to remember Jesus who died and rose from the dead.**

**May we live forever with Jesus and be happy forever.**

**Amen**