

Sunday 11th February 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass
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Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

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Weekly Collection: We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £600.00, Loose plate £490.50, Direct Debits £55.00. Monthly Collection £624.50, Loose plate £320.00.

MASSES for SUNDAY:

ARDGLASS 5.00pm Vigil Saturday
 11.30am Sunday

DUNSFORD 10.00am Sunday

WEEKDAY SERVICES:

ARDGLASS: Mass: 10.00am Mon, Tues, Wed. & Fri.

DUNSFORD: Thurs.10.00am Novena Mass.

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

Anniversaries:

Fr. Harry Casey, Sean Smith, Terry Duffy, Annie Smyth, Madeline Beattie, Phylis Gilles, Sally Walker, Kathleen Degan, Hugh Curran, Kathleen Crumley, Donal McCrissian, Mary Shannon, James McAlea, Harry Degan, Elizabeth Rooney, George Milligan, Theresa Milligan.

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. 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 mornings.

ADORATION:

ARDGLASS TUESDAY 11am to 11pm,
DUNSFORD THURSDAY 11am to 11pm

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins this Wednesday, 14th February. We can use these next few days before Ash Wednesday to think about what we will 'do' or 'give up' this Lent. It would be great if we could then share them with family members and agree to encourage one another, especially when we feel like throwing in the towel. Let's ask the Holy Spirit to help us to persevere and if we fail, to begin again, during our forty days of spiritual pilgrimage to Easter!

There are two Masses for Ash Wednesday during which Ashes will be distributed: Ardglass at 10.00am and St Mary's Dunsford at 7.30pm

Days of Fasting and Abstinence in Lent

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence from eating meat for Catholics. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Those from age 14 onwards and are asked to abstain from meat.

Bishop Alan McGuckian

Please pray for our Bishop Elect as he says goodbye to the people of his present Diocese of Raphoe and prepares to begin his work here in Down and Connor next month.

Conversations on Faith and Life Tobar Mhuire Crossgar

We continue our series of conversations on life, faith and hope. On Tuesday 13th February we host Duncan Morrow from Ulster University, and on Thursday 22nd February we welcome Naomi Long MLA. Sessions begin at 7pm. All welcome. Voluntary donation but registration is required to secure a seat. Tel: 02844830242 – email: secretary@tobarmhuire.com

A biblical walk through the Mass (by Edward Siri)

Why we say what we say and do what we do during the Mass.

A series of video presentations followed by discussions for 4 Mondays beginning on Monday 19th February Meeting Room Ardglass All are welcome.

Day of prayer for victims and survivors of abuse

Bishop Donal McKeown will be the main celebrant of Mass at 1.00pm in St Patrick's Church, Donegall St, Belfast, to mark the annual day of prayer and atonement in Ireland for victims and survivors of abuse praying especially for their healing and the restoration of their trust in a Church which has failed them in so many ways.

Please bring a Trocaire Box home with you.