Sunday 25th February 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass Father *G*erard McCloskey PP. Tel: 02844841208

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. 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 £520.00, Loose plate £433.00, Direct Debits £55.00. Sick and Retired Priests £324.00, Loose Plate £300.00.

MASSES for SUNDAY:

ARDGLASS 5.00pm Vigil Saturday

11.30am Sunday

DUNSFORD 10.00am Sunday

WEKDAY SERVICES:

ARDGLASS: Mass: Mon, Tues, Wed. & Fri. 10am

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: Very Rev. Canon Patrick McGarry, Paddy Moore, Michael Rice, Kathleen Bennett (Curran), Johnny McEvoy, James Maxwell, Albert Sealey, Dominic Kearney.

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 7.30pm Meeting Room Ardglass All are welcome.

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS WEEKEND

Have you ever considered the possibility that God is calling you to the priesthood? A retreat will take place in Drumalis Retreat Centre, from Friday 8th – Sunday 10th March 2024. For further info: Fr Conor c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org or 02890654157.

The Focolare Spring Gathering will take place from 4th-7th April in Dungarvan, Co. Waterford. This annual all-Ireland event is a chance for all the family to spend a few days of reflection, relaxation and recreation, to refocus on lifestyle choices and to enjoy the opportunity to reset our spiritual compass. Come along and enjoy the company and craic!

Info from Gerard at +353 86 2243631 or focolare.ireland@focolare.org

The Legion of Mary presents Matt Fradd, an American-based Catholic speaker who hosts the well-known Podcast *Pints with Aquinas*. He will give 2 talks on Saturday 23 March 2024 at 7pm in Titanic Hotel Belfast. Tickets can be purchased at universe.com/MattFraddBelfast

Calling all 18- 30 year olds!

Do you want to explore your faith with other like-minded young people in a beautiful and reflective location? Join us for a Retreat for Young Adults at Lough Derg, Pettigo County Donegal on Saturday 27th April 2024 from 10am to 4pm. Refreshments and Lunch provided. This Retreat is organised by The Knights of St Columbanus Omagh and is free of charge.

To Register please visit tiny.cc/loughderg

Or Email: info@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk

Down & Connor Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024:

10 – 15th/17th July. 5 & 7 Night options available. Please visit <u>www.downandconnor.org/lourdes</u> for more information or call the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162 or email <u>lourdes@downandconnor.org</u> Youth Team (10-17th July): applications now open.

Down and Connor Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 2024

Spiritual Directors Fr G McCloskey, Fr M Graham, Canon S Gilmore 20 Aug 2024. 7 Nights £799 per person sharing direct return flights from Dublin to Lisbon afternoon flights. 20KG bags included. Return airport transfers in Fatima. 7 Nights Hotel Avenida. Full board: breakfast, lunch & dinner. For further information please contact: Joe Catney 07776 425 631/02890714001

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 mornings