

**MINUTES OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
DUNSFORD AND ARDGLASS**

DATE: 31 March 2025

PRESENT:

Fr McCloskey (FrMcC) – President

Sean McAlea (SMcA) – Prayer leader

Meave Gilchrist (MG) – (Downpatrick Family of Parishes Forum {DFoPF} Rep) – Chairperson

Jeannette Hunter (JH), Barbara McConvey (BMcC), Bernie Wilkinson (BW).

AGENDA POINT	DETAILS:	ACTION BY:
1	Opening Prayer: The opening prayer was led by SMcA	
2	Apologies: Carmel Doherty	
3	Mission Statement: MG read the mission statement for reflection by the Council.	
4	Adoption of Minutes: The adoption of the minutes from the previous meeting, of 24 February 2025, was proposed by JH and seconded by S McA.	
5	Matters Arising:	
5.1	Eucharistic Ministers – clarification required as to the denomination of residents presenting for Holy Communion in the residential/nursing homes.	Fr McC
5.2	Parish Mission – Will take place from 9 – 14 June 2025. Title will be “Pilgrims of Hope”. Names for working group supplied to Fr McC. for follow-up action.	
5.3	Jubilee banners – now in place in each church.	
5.4	Dunsford lights – now working satisfactorily	
5.5	Weekday evening Mass – one in Dunsford each month on a date to be announced by Fr McC.	
5.6	Parish of Families Facebook Page– completed but suggestions were requested for the organisation of the Facebook posts for ease of searching.	CD
5.7	Readers Course – is arranged for 7 June 2025 in Tobar Mhuire.	

6	AOB	
6.1	PPC training is in progress at St Patrick's crypt. 3 possible new recruits for the PPC.	
6.2	Fr McC advised that there has been an email from Bishop Alan about Families of Parishes. The families of Parishes are now finalised, there are 23 in Belfast. We are in Down 3 and have 5 parishes in our family. There are also draft vicariates, based on the Families of Parishes.	
6.3	Turin Shroud – talk to be confirmed.	FrMcC
6.4	Fr advised that the relic of Carlos Acutis would be placed in a prepared shrine in the confessional within the next couple of weeks. The confessional will still be available for the Sacrament of Confession.	Fr McC
7	Date of Next Meeting: The date for the next meeting was agreed for Monday 12 May 2025 at 7pm in the meeting room.	
8	The closing prayer was led by SMcA	