

SUNDAY 3rd AUGUST 2025

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick
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O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

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Weekly Collection: We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £581.00 Loose plate £639.00, Building Fund Collection £239 .00 Loose plate £212.00, Direct Debits £110.00.

MASSES for SUNDAY and WEEK DAYS:

ARDGLASS 5.00pm Vigil Saturday
 11.30am Sunday.
 10.00am Mon, Tues, & Wed

DUNSFORD 10.00am Sunday.
 7.30pm Thurs Novena Mass

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

ADORATION: ARDGLASS TUESDAY 11am to 11pm,
 DUNSFORD THURSDAY 11am to 11pm.

RECENTLY DECEASED: MARTIN MILLIGAN

ANNIVERSARIES: Rita Jones, John McIlmurray, Anne Devine, Robert Fitzsimons, Kathleen Ross, John Teggart, Margaret Braniff, John McMullan, Angela Magill, Francis Murray, Michael Lynch.

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 morning.

GRANDPARENTS: There will be a meeting for all Grandparents, the FIRST Sunday of each month at 7pm in the room at the back of the Chapel in Ardglass.

The Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine: One day annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Sunday the 28th September 2025. To book a seat phone Sean on **07504041526**.

Blessed (soon to be Saint) Carlo Acutis Shrine: Our new Shrine to Blessed Carlo is now complete with the new chairs which have been added this week. Please take the time to go and visit it! Take time there to pray and reflect! Write a petition! Tell others who live outside the parish about the relic and also the novena that we have to him on the second Tuesday of every month with Mass at 7:30 pm

Hours of Prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood

All are warmly invited to St Colmcille's, Ballyhackamore on Thursday 22nd August, beginning with Mass at 9:30am, for a 24-hour vigil of prayer for vocations to the dioc priest hood. Come for any part of the day or night. Adoration, Confession, and refreshments avail throughout. Our Diocesan Seminarians will be present, and parish groups are encouraged to take. To sign up or for more info, contact Fr Conor McGrath at c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org

Men's Jubilee Camino

Men's hike - Sat Sept 13th 20kms, on greenway, from Dominican abbey (ruin) in Carlingford to Newry (St Catherine's) via Newry Cathedral (Jubilee Indulgence). Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Confessions & Fraternity. Registration & details on www.dominicans.ie/events /<<http://www.dominicans.ie/events>> . €70 (Lunch, dinner & bus), over 18's male event. Enquiries to op.evangelisation@gmail.com<<mailto:op.evangelisation@gmail.com>> STANDING IN THE BREACH – CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT - Why not come and join us on Saturday 9th August from 9.00am-1.00pm in Portglenone Monastery for this men's retreat. Come and listen to inspiring speakers including Brett Lockart QC, Kevin Heffron, Dr. Owen Gallagher & others. Includes Mass. Suggested Donation of £10 which includes tea/coffee & scones! All men are very welcome! Contact Thomas Carey on 07967620435 or Sean@CatholicMinute.co.uk<<mailto:Sean@CatholicMinute.co.uk>> for more information.

Your Voice Matters

SBNI Barnardo's NI- Consultations with children young people, parents and carers. Philip O Hara, the Director for Safeguarding for the Diocese of Down and Connor is also the Chairperson of the Interfaith Committee under the Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland (SBNI). As Chairperson of this Committee, Philip sits on the Board of SBNI. SBNI is a key statutory mechanism for agreeing how relevant partners will cooperate and work together and promote the welfare of children and young people in Northern Ireland and for ensuring the effectiveness of what they do. SBNI have engaged with Barnardo's NI to carry out a series of consultations with children young people, parents and carers. They will be seeking opinions and views on what SBNI should focus on its new Strategic Plan for 2026-2030. If you, or you know someone who might be interested in taking part in the consultation process, information on https://downandconnorsafeguarding.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Barnardos-x-SBNI-Consultation_Info.pdf

Upcoming Workshops with Fr Hugh Lagan SMA:

“Broken Open: Adversity, Resilience & Healing”

Dates: Friday 5 – Sunday 7 September 2025 - Explore how personal adversity can become a source of spiritual and emotional growth.

“When It Is Darkest: Understanding Suicide”

Date: Saturday 18 October 2025 - A compassionate and hopeful day exploring suicide, support, and Christian response.

“A Day at a Time: Strength & Comfort After Loss”

Dates: Friday 31 October – Sunday 2 November 2025 - A reflective and supportive retreat for those journeying through bereavement.

All workshops are held at Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre, Newry. **To Book:** email: admin@dromantineconference.com. Tel: +44 28 3082 1964 | ROI: [048 3082 1964](tel:04830821964). You can also find full on our website: www.dromantineconference.com