

**SUNDAY 31st AUGUST 2025**

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick

Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass

Father Gerard McCloskey PP.

Tel: 02844841208

*Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who cry to you.*

E-mail: [office@dunsfordandardglassparish.com](mailto:office@dunsfordandardglassparish.com)

Parish website address: [www.dunsfordandardglassparish.com](http://www.dunsfordandardglassparish.com).

**Weekly Collection:** We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £552.00 Loose plate £608.00, Building Fund Collection £228.00 Loose plate £154.00, Direct Debits £110.00.

**MASSES for SUNDAY and WEEK DAYS:**

**ARDGLASS**

**5.00pm Vigil Saturday**

**11.30am Sunday**

**10.00am Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday**

**DUNSFORD**

**10.00am Sunday.**

**7.30pm Thursday, Novena Mass.**

**CONFESSIONS:**

**4.30 - 4.55pm (or upon request) Saturday, Ardglass**

**ADORATION: ARDGLASS TUESDAY 11am to 11pm,**

**DUNSFORD THURSDAY 11am to 11pm.**

**RECENTLY DECEASED: MARY TRIMBLE .**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Gerard Casey, Ella McDaniel, Vera Rooney, Agatha Kearns, Irene Connolly, Eileen Condon, Patrica Fitzpatrick, Tom Wills, Colin Caldwell, Cessie Curran, Bernadette Trainor, Paddy Gordon, Maria Whyte, William Laverty, Eileen O'Hare, Mary Jane Cahir, Ronnie Murphy, Bunny Varcoe.

**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**.

### **Sacramental Enrolment Service**

Children and parents of P3, P4 and P7 are asked to attend an Enrolment Service for 1st Penance, 1st Communion and Confirmation. St Nicholas P.S service will be held on **Wednesday 10th September at 7:30pm in St Nicholas' Church, Ardglass and St Mary's P.S service will be held on Thursday 11th September at 7:30pm in St Mary's Church, Dunsford.**

**Quiet Day Retreat in Lough Derg** - Come by yourself, and rest for a while -

**Friday 12th September.** Admission €40 includes refreshments and lunch. Advance booking essential. CONTACT by email. [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) / Tel. 0(0353) 719861518

[www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org), Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 PC60. **There is still time to collect your Lough Derg Pilgrim Passport Stamp [www.pilgrimpassport.ie](http://www.pilgrimpassport.ie)**

**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) / <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) <<mailto:op.evangelisation@gmail.com>> <<mailto:Sean@CatholicMinute.co.uk>> for more information.

Come to Belfast and join " **To Walk the Cross Eucharistic Procession** \* starting at **Saint Michael's Church, Finaghy Sunday the 14th of September at 4.30.** Processing with Jesus to Saint Peter's Cathedral, starting with Holy Mass at 6.00 pm followed by Benediction and Anointing of the sick, unite your cross with the cross of Christ and unite your Heart to his Eucharistic Heartbeat. For further information please visit [walkthecross.ie](http://walkthecross.ie)

**A Prayer for Peace in the Middle East:** Christ, Prince of Peace, hear our prayer and lament, for our suffering sisters and brothers. Our hearts are heavy as we witness lives torn apart, as we see the faces of frightened children and hear the pleas of those without water or food. We pray for the dead and the grieving, for the injured and the afraid. We pray for courage and perseverance, for those working for healing and to bring aid. We pray for world leaders, that they may strive for a just and lasting peace. God of new beginnings, in your ways are compassion and hope. Open our hearts to dialogue and understanding. Lead us all to answer your call to become peacemakers today, and all the days of our life. Amen

### **Why Sunday Matters: Sunday Mass makes us Missionaries**

The Sunday Mass is not only a time for worship but also for mission. Having listened to God's word and received the gift of Christ's Body and Blood, we are sent to live out our faith in the world as missionaries; sent to share the love of Christ with others. As we participate in the Sunday Mass, we receive not only spiritual nourishment but also the strength to live out our Christian mission in daily life.

How does your participation in Sunday Mass inspire you to live out your mission as a follower of Christ? As the late Pope Francis reminded us, 'We do not go to

Mass in order to give something to God, but to receive what we truly need from Him. In this spirit, we are called to approach the Eucharist not out of obligation, but with a deep desire for spiritual transformation. This is why attending Mass on Sundays is so vital - it nurtures and nourishes our faith and prepares us for the mission to which we are called. We invite you to reflect on how your participation in Sunday Mass helps you to live as a missionary disciple, bringing the hope and joy of the Gospel to those around you, and to the world at large.