

**SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass

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*You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.*

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**WEEKLY COLLECTION:** We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £564.00, Loose plate £613.00, Direct Debits £120.00.

**MASSES for SUNDAY and WEEK DAYS:**

**ARDGLASS**

**5.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass**

**11.30am Sunday Mass**

No Mass Monday

7.30pm Tues Novena Mass to St Carlo Acutis with Blessing of St Carlo Acutis relic.

10.00am Wednesday Mass

**DUNSFORD**

**10.00am Sunday.**

10.00am 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: FATHER GORDON McKINSTRY, JOHN BELL, SUSAN REID.**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Emily McElrath, Tommy Lundy, Patrick Rocks, Brendan Murray, Harry Magee, Harold Smyth, George Rice, Richard Killen, Peggy Slattery, Lisa McCann, Ambrose Kearney

**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 7.00pm, 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 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025. To book a seat phone Sean on 07504041526.

### **Fr Vincent McKay C.S.S.p.**

Next weekend we look forward to welcoming Fr Vincent McKay who is coming to serve in the parish during the time that Fr McCloskey will be on sabbatical. Fr Vincent is originally from the parish of Saintfield and was ordained for the Holy Ghost fathers (now known as the Spiritans) in 1995. He has worked in Brazil and in recent years has been back in Ireland working in the Dioceses of Dromore and Meath. We look forward to welcoming him here next weekend.

### **Saint Carlo Acutis**

This weekend sees the Canonisation of two. Saints, who are great role models for young people...Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati. We will especially celebrate Saint Carlo's Canonisation this Tuesday evening 9th September at 7.30 at our monthly. Novena Mass in his honour. A blessing with his relic will take place after the Mass. All are welcome.

### **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>>k<<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