

SUNDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2025

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick
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How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honor. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

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Weekly Collection: We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £542.00 loose plate £555.50, Bishops Commission £276.50 Loose plate £190.00, Direct Debits £110.00.

MASSES for SUNDAY and WEEKDAYS:

ARDGLASS 5.00pm Vigil Saturday
11.30am Sunday.
7.00pm Friday

***NB. NO MASS ON MON, TUES OR WED**

DUNSFORD 10.00am Sunday.

***NB. NO MASS THURS.**

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

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: GEARLDINE DOHERTY McMULLAN.

ANNIVERSARIES: Jo McEvoy, Uaneen Fitzsimons, Elizabeth McGrath, Brendan McVickers, Maurice Burns, Philomena Lennon, Patrica Ross, Bernard Feenan, Irene Thompson, Clarie Hayes, Jim Ewins, Suzanna Bryce, Jack McEvoy, Brian McCabe, Annie McEvoy, Seamus Reid, David Hannity.

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, 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 on the FIRST Sunday of each month at 7pm in the room at the back of the Chapel in Ardglass.

Hello to everyone from Tucson, Arizona

Since beginning my sabbatical, I have had some health issues to face with a condition in my back that has been affecting my mobility. I have consulted with a specialist here who has advised me to return home for medical treatment. So, my sabbatical has come to an early end, and I will be returning home soon. It continues to be my hope to return to the Parish as planned at the beginning of Lent.

My thanks to Father Vincent McKay for all his hard work in my absence. Please pray for me and be assured of my prayer for you. Fr Gerry

Down & Connor Diocesan Fatima 2026: Led by: Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ. Pilgrimage Directors: Canon Sean Gilmore, Fr Martin Graham Adm, Fr Gerry McCloskey PP. **29th MAY 2026**, 7 nights, £850 per person sharing, (**£100 off per person if paid in full by 3rd NOV 2025**). **Direct return flights from Belfast to Porto, 7 nights** Hotel Avenida, Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day, Full religious programme, Guided tour of Sanctuary & Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary, Visits to Aljustrel & Valinhos, Optional: Travel insurance & Single supplement (Limited Places). For information please contact: **JOE CATNEY 07776425631**

Sensory-Friendly Mass Invitation: **St Colmcille's Parish Belfast** warmly invites you to our monthly Sensory Mass on **Saturday, 29th November at 12:00 noon**. This short service is designed for neurodivergent young people and adults as well as those with dementia or sensory sensitivities, and their families. We would love to see you there. **St Nicholas** will meet everyone with some gifts, at the refreshments after Mass, in the Parish Centre!

Advent Retreat: The run up to Christmas can be a busy time, we invite you to come away for a few hours to immerse in God's word and prepare to welcome Jesus into our hearts this Christmas, Saturday 6th December. Speaker Fr Darren Brennan. St Pauls Church Falls Road Belfast BT12 6AB. Beginning with Mass at 10.00 am – Finishing 4.00pm. Please bring a packed lunch, tea/coffee will be provided. Hosted by Down and Connor Charismatic Renewal. For further details contact Collette on 07791078453

'St. Colmcille's High School, Crossgar, Open Night on Thursday 11th December 2025. Principal's address: 7pm sharp. All Year 6 and 7 pupils with their parents/carers are welcome to visit the school.

Discernment Group: For Young Women (18-40yrs) who are discerning a Vocation to Religious/Consecrated Life, from **10am - 4pm**, monthly meetings are held in **Charleville Retreat Centre, Cork, Sept 2025 - May 2026**. The day includes prayer, talks, Holy Mass, Adoration and a chance to meet and chat with religious sisters of different communities. If you are interested in attending, please email womendiscern@corkandross.org.

Join the inaugural Stella Maris Lourdes Pilgrimage: Mon 25 – Sat 30 May 2026. We warmly welcome serving or retired seafarers, fishers and their family members or carers to spend six grace-filled days of prayer, healing, and fellowship in the beautiful sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes.

This pilgrimage will be fully funded (including travel, accommodation, and meals). To register your interest, or request further information please contact: Dcn. John Fogarty: john.fogarty@stellamarismail.org | 07986723015. Hugh Ramsay: hugh.ramsay@stellamarismail.org | 07432654032

Down & Connor Lourdes Pilgrimage 9th - 14th July 2026: We are seeking doctors, registered nurses and volunteers to care for pilgrims who need medical, nursing, personal care or assistance to make their pilgrimage to Lourdes possible. New members are welcome for our medical, nursing, brancardier (adult male helpers) and handmaiden (adult female helpers) teams. For more information, please email your contact details [to lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org). Details of the Youth Team applications will be circulated in February as usual.