

SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick

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Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass

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*To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; at none who hope in you be put to shame.*

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**Weekly Collection:** We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £468.50 Loose plate £630.00, Building Fund £230.50, Loose plate £175.00, Direct Debits £110.00.

**MASSES for SUNDAY and WEEK DAYS:**

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

DUNSFORD  
10.00am Sunday.  
7.30pm Thurs. Novena Mass.

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

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** David Hannity, Brian Lennon, James McHugh, Joan Emrikson, John McGreevey, Gerry Curran, Anna Cultra, Richard Rice, Paddy Smyth, Charles Duddy, Anna Denvir, John Mullan, Gerard Rooney, Thomas McDaid, Ursula Gilchrist, Daniel Duffy, Tim Magennis, Michael Barra Kearney, Jack Cultra, Maureen McKernan, Anna Prior, Maura Teggart, Harry Brown.

**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.

ST NICHOLAS' SCHOOL CAROL SINGING TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 5pm in ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL CAROL SINGING THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 6pm in ST MARY'S CHURCH.

**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**

**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 Gods word and prepare to welcome Jesus into our hearts this Christmas Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 will be holding their Open Night on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025.** Principal’s address: 7pm sharp. All Year 6 and 7 pupils with their parents/carers are welcome to visit the school.

### **Recharges Young Adult Group - Advent Retreat**

Ages 18-35? Join us this Adveny to prepare well for Christmas but also for the future. Take some time to ask yourself: Where are you in life? Where are you going? Have you found your vocation? How can you live your vocation out more faithfully? **Saturday 13th December, 10am-6pm St Colmcille’s Church, Belfast.** Free Event - Register via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/quo-vadis-a-retreat-by-recharge-tickets-1758337688359>

**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](mailto: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](mailto:john.fogarty@stellamarismail.org) | 07986723015. Hugh Ramsay: [hugh.ramsay@stellamarismail.org](mailto: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 [tolourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:tolourdes@downandconnor.org). Details of the Youth Team applications will be circulated in February as usual.