

SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick

Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass

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*O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.*

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**Weekly Collection:** We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £431.00 Loose plate £581.50, Direct Debits £110.00.

**MASSES for SUNDAY and WEEK DAYS:**

**ARDGLASS**

5.00pm Vigil Saturday

11.30am Sunday.

11.00am *Monday The Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Requiem mass for*

*Marie Lenaghan*

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

10.00am *Wednesday*

**DUNSFORD**

10.00am Sunday.

7.30pm *Monday Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

**CONFESSIONS:**

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

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** CARMEL REID, RITA McCONVEY, MARIE LENAGHAN.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Very Rev. Patrick McAlea, Thomas Kearney, Rose Markey, Martha Curran, Ursula Cultra, David McKay, Bernadette Forward, Susan Magee, Frankie Connolly, Danny McCreanor, Frank McBride, Michael Harland, Noel Gilchrist, Michael Fitzpatrick, Raymond Keown, Joseph Woods, Noel Fitzpatrick.

**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.

**Tuesday's Child** - Following Yonder Star Christmas Appeal helping children exhausted by war, famine and extreme hardship in: Gaza, Syria, Ukraine, Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya, India, Pakistan, Brazil, Tanzania. All donations received go to catholic missionaries and diocesan priests caring for children. Visit [www.tuesdayschild.ie](http://www.tuesdayschild.ie)

**'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 Advent 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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>

**Bambinelli** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December: Gaudete Sunday is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent. Gaudete means rejoice. and on this feast day we rejoice because we are almost at Christmas, the day when we celebrate the coming of Jesus into the world, the greatest gift we have ever been given. To mark the feast, our parish will join with parishes around the world in celebrating the tradition of Bambinelli Sunday. We invite each family in the parish to bring the figure of Jesus from their family crib to the Masses on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> of December, where they will be blessed. A suggestion is, following the blessing, take your "bambinelli" home and place it in a gift box, wrap it, and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift your family opens on Christmas Day, when together you place your Baby Jesus figure in the crib, and have a home blessing of the Nativity for your whole family.

**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.