

SUNDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick

Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass

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O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

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Weekly Collection: We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £653.00 Loose plate £562.50, Monthly Collection £628.00 Loose plate £300.00, Direct Debits £110.00.

MASSES for SUNDAY and WEEKDAYS:

ARDGLASS

5.00pm Vigil Saturday

11.30am Sunday.

7.30pm Tuesday Novena Mass to Saint Carlo Acutis,
with blessing of St Carlo Acutis Relic.

DUNSFORD

10.00am Sunday.

No other mass this week

CONFESSIONS:

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

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Very Rev Patrick White, Fr. Harry Casey (S.M.A) Arthur Overend, Michael Harrison, Dick & Kate Fitzpatrick, May Smyth, Patsy Burke, Kathleen Crumley, Godfrey Curran, Patrick McCormick, James McAlea, Terry Duffy, Cathal Bryce, Elizabeth Rooney, Sean Smyth, Phylis Gillis, Madeline Beattie, George Milligan, Jean Kearney, Rosaleen Murphy, Thersa Milligan, Marie Sharvin, Catherine Pierce, Annie Smyth.

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

“Go therefore and make disciples ...” Matthew 28:19. Are you being called to serve? Can you give a few hours each week to help our young people? Please join our parish catechists – no experience necessary. **For more information please contact Meave Gilchrist, Chair, PPC, 07742820018**

Accord (NI) and Couples for Christ (NI/Ireland) are having a St. Valentine’s Thanksgiving Eucharistic Celebration with the Blessing of Rings for Engaged Couples and the Renewal of Marriage Vows for Milestone Celebrants. The main celebrant is Auxiliary Bishop Michael Router, Archdiocese of Armagh, and concelebrants Fr. Conor Mcgrath (Parish Priest), Fr. Manuelito Milo, (Administrator of St. Malachy’s Church, Coleraine), and Fr. Eddie Creamer, (Clonard Monastery). **This will take place on Saturday 14th February 2026 in St. Colmcille’s Church, Upper Newtownards Belfast BT14 3JB, at 2pm, followed by a meal in Stormont Hotel.**

In Ireland, a **Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse** is marked each year on the Friday immediately following Ash Wednesday. This year it will be marked across Ireland on **Friday 20th February 2026** This day is not only for victims and survivors who have been so severely injured inside our Church, but also for the families and communities affected by the pain and grief of their loved ones. **Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ will celebrate Mass in St Peter’s Cathedral on Friday 20th February 2026 at 6:00pm.**

All Parishes - Families of Parishes in the diocese are invited to organise their own service or moment of prayer for survivors and victims of abuse on **Friday 20th February**. Resources for the celebration of Mass, prayer services and reflection are available at [Diocese of Down and Connor Safeguarding Office- Resources](#). Bishop Alan also asks that the **Prayers of the Faithful during Masses over the weekend of 21st and 22nd February** should include and reflect this time of prayer at the beginning of Lent for survivors and victims and their journey of human and spiritual recovery.

Divine Mercy Conference Saturday 28th February 2026. The bus will leave St Paul’s Church, Falls Road at 7.30am Returning approx. 10.45/11.00pm. Yes, a long day but well worth it. Travel cost is £25 (bus price only) which must be paid when booking your seat. Failure to get 30 people the bus would have to be cancelled. Travel confirmation, 1 week before departure. Unfortunately, no refund can be given in cases of sickness etc. **Conference tickets** to be bought individually at the venue £35 or Euros. **Bring enough food for lunch and dinner** – there are tea and coffee stations where hot drinks and snacks can be purchased. **Telephone Tina McCrory – 07523824350 to book a seat on the bus.**

Discernment Retreat for Diocesan Priesthood 6th–8th March 2026

1. For young men who are open to the question: “Is God calling me to be a priest?”
2. A chance to step away from the noise and busyness of everyday life.
3. Time for prayer, silence, and honest conversation.
4. No pressure to decide anything — just space to listen and reflect.

For more information, contact Fr Conor McGrath C.mcgrath@downandconor.org

Spiritual Exercises: 5 Day Silent Ignatian Retreat for Men, led Benedictine monks from St. Joseph Abbey, in France. Starts **Thursday 30th April (3pm)**. Benburb Priory, Co. Tyrone. €450 (all meals & single room included). Daily Mass - Ordinary Form (Latin & ad orientem). Discover the strength that only comes when you stop running and let God speak. Book at: <https://soutenir.clairval.com/retreat-benburb-priory>.