

**MINUTES OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
DUNSFORD AND ARDGLASS**

DATE: 6th October 2025

PRESENT:

Fr McKay (FrMcK) – President

Eileen Cahir (EC) – Prayer leader

Meave Gilchrist (MG) – (Downpatrick Downpatrick Family of Parishes Forum {DFoPF} Rep) – Chairperson

Kate Helm (KH) – Secretary

Carmel Doherty (CD), Barbara McConvey (BMcC), Marian McIlhone (BMcC)

AGENDA POINT	DETAILS:	ACTION BY:
1	Opening Prayer: The opening prayer was led by EC	
2	Apologies: None	
3	Mission Statement: MG read the mission statement for reflection by the Council.	
4	Adoption of Minutes: The adoption of the minutes from the previous meeting, of 25 Aug 2023, was proposed by BMcC and seconded by EC.	
5	Matters Arising:	
5.1	Fr Vicent McKay, who will be covering PP duties during Fr McCloskey's sabbatical, was welcomed and introduced to the Dunsford and Ardglass Parish Pastoral Council.	
5.2	Ministry of Consolation – The meeting for the parish representatives has yet to be convened. MG to continue to monitor the Parish email for communication to inform when the meeting which KH will attend.	MG
5.3	Fr McK will continue the Carlos Acutis Healing Mass and Blessing following Mass on the 2 nd Sunday of every month at 7.30pm.	
5.4	Arrangements for Christmas and New Year <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><u>MASSES for 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT</u> 5pm Vigil Ardglass Sat 20th (with confessions 4.30 -4.55)</p> <p><u>SUNDAY MORNING 21st</u> 10am Dunsford 11.30am Ardglass Masses Ardglass Monday 22nd Tuesday 23rd Wednesday 24th 10am</p> </div>	

	<u>CHRISTMAS MASSES</u>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">CHRISTMAS EVE:</p> <p>6.00pm DUNSFORD 8.00pm ARDGLASS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHRISTMAS DAY:</p> <p>10.00am DUNSFORD 11.30am ARDGLASS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO Weekday Masses for Rest of Week: No Adoration in Dunsford on Christmas Day • Saturday Vigil Mass 27th Ardglass 5.00pm - Sunday 28th Masses as usual • No masses Monday 29th Tuesday 30th Wednesday 31st • Tuesday 30th Ardglass Adoration finishes at 4.00pm • Mass Dunsford Thursday 1st New Year's Day 11am • No Mass Friday 2nd January • Thursday 1st Dunsford Adoration finishes at 4.00pm • Masses for Epiphany (Holy Day of Obligation) Monday 5th 7.30pm Dunsford – Tuesday 6th Ardglass 10am 	
5.5	<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation Penitential Service – It is yet to be confirmed of the Family of Parishes can facilitate a Penitential Service whereupon the details will be promulgated accordingly.</p> <p>Dunsford and Ardglass will not be holding a Penitential Service this year.</p>	
5.6	<p>Annual Mass for the Deceased – 12 Nov 25 at 7.30pm in Ardglass. MG to ensure letters go out end of October and notice for the bulletin.</p>	
6	<p>AOB:</p>	
6.1	<p>Pathways Crossgar attended by BMcC and MG. Very worthwhile. MG is to request the slides for sharing.</p>	
6.2	<p>Fr Mck confirmed his weekly day off will be a Friday.</p>	
7	<p>Date of Next Meeting: The date for the next meeting was agreed for Monday 1 Dec at 7.30pm in the meeting room.</p>	
8	<p>The closing prayer – The closing prayer was led by EC</p>	