

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

DATE: 19 Jan 26

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 (MMcI), Eileen Cahir (EC)

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 1 Dec 25, was proposed by MMcI and seconded by BMcC	
5	Matters Arising:	
5.1	Diocese Retreat for Primary 7 children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will not be held this year. Other options available for our parish are being explored and will be reported to Fr McCloskey upon his return from sabbatical for final decision making. The dates for the Sacraments of Reconciliation – St Marys, Dunsford 26 Feb 26 St Nicholas, Ardglass 25 Feb 26	
5.2	The dates for the Sacrament of the Eucharist - St Marys, Dunsford 18 Apr 26 St Nicholas, Ardglass 25 Apr 26	

5.3	A request for Catechist for the Come Follow Me Programme will be advertised on the mass bulletin.	
6	AOB:	
6.1	Adoration – A review of winter timings was discussed specifically being forward the finish time to 9pm. It was agreed that this would be brought forward for discussion upon Fr McCloskey's return from his sabbatical.	
7	Date of Next Meeting: The date for the next meeting was agreed for Monday 2 nd March 2026 at 7.00pm in the meeting room.	
8	The closing prayer was led by EC	