

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

DATE: 27th April 2026

PRESENT: Fr McCloskey

Eileen Cahir (EC) – Prayer leader

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

Kate Helm (KH) – Secretary

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

AGENDA POINT	DETAILS:	ACTION BY:
1	Opening Prayer: The opening prayer was led by EC	
2	Apologies: Nil	
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 30 th Mar 26, was proposed by CD and seconded by BMcC.	
5	Matters Arising:	
5.1	MG advised there was nothing to report to the PPC regarding The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) into the Faith. MG is hopeful to have information to share at the next PPC.	MG
5.2	MG advised there was nothing to report to the PPC regarding The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) into the provision of a sensory friendly mass. MG is hopeful to have information to share at the next PPC.	MG
5.3	Fr McC confirmed the details for the upcoming Parish three day Healing Mission commencing at 7.30pm each evening as follows –	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wed 10th Jun – Mass for the Healing of Mind, Emotions and Memories - A Eucharist Healing Service. • Thur 11th Jun – Healing of the Soul – Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available for which several priests will be available to hare confessions on the night. • Fri 12th Jun (Feast of the Sacred Heart) – Healing of the Sick – incorporating a mass and rededication for families to the Sacred Heart of Jesus along with a blessing with the relic of St Carol Acutis. This will be followed by tea and baked goods. <p>Several tasks were given to PPC members to undertake in support to the delivery of a successful mission including having a shop, inviting the priests and deacon, advertising and projector equipment</p>	All
5.4	<p>The drive continues for the delivery of The Sycamore Programme aimed at those preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation.</p> <p>All PPC members are requested to think of ideas to encourage parental engagement, particularly parents from primary 4 through to primary 7 age group, on volunteering to assist in the delivery.</p>	All
6	AOB:	
6.1	Easter Gardens are to be taken down on Wednesday 29 th April in both churches.	
6.2	<p>Dates for Cemetery Sunday was re-confirmed, with details placed in the Bulletin in due course –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ardglass – Sunday 7th June 2026 at 3pm • Dunsford – Sunday 7th June 2026 at 5pm 	
6.6	Fr McC was delighted to confirm that the bishop has agreed to Fr McK remaining within our parish until the summer in support to Fr McC.	
7	<p>Date of Next Meeting:</p> <p>The date for the next meeting was agreed for -</p> <p>Monday 25th May at 7.30pm in the meeting room.</p>	
8	The closing prayer was led by EC.	