

SUNDAY 14th JUNE 2026

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick

Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass

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Weekly Collection: We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £1010.000 Loose plate £715.00, Monthly Collection £719.50 Loose plate £345.00, Direct Debits £110.00.

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour.

MASSES:

ARDGLASS: 5.00pm Vigil Saturday
11.30am Sunday.
7.30pm Monday
10.00am Tuesday & Wednesday

DUNSFORD: 10.00am Sunday.
10.00am Thursday Novena Mass.

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

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

3 DAY HEALING MISSION: Thanks are due to everyone who made our 'Mini-Mission' such a success: Those who came and those who helped to organise it. We also had around 350 people joining us online every evening. We give thanks to God for the many graces received.

ANNIVERSARIES: Very Rev Canon John Joseph Donnelly, Jimmy McAlea, Catherine Jane Hegarty, Pat McAlea, Mona McEvoy, Lala Smyth, Oliver Burke, Joe McCrissian, John O'Connor, Mary Rice, Damian Braniff, Eithne Vogt, Philomena Johnston, Dymphna McConvey, Rosanna O'Connor, Patrick O'Connor, Danny McCartan, Kieran McConvey, Mary (Joy) Flynn, Molly Rice.

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 cannot 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.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE: WEDNESDAY 8th JULY, FOR BOOKING PHONE MARY 07895098189.

Statement by Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ in Response to Attack on Stephen Ogilvie and Recent Social Disorder 11th June 2026.

My thoughts and prayers are firstly with Stephen Ogilvie, who sustained life-changing devastating injuries in a brutal and horrific attack on Monday evening. I also pray for his family and pay tribute to their appeal for calm as they support Stephen. The quick response of the local community and the statutory authorities coming to his assistance undoubtedly saved his life. Over recent days, the streets of Northern Ireland and beyond have been marred by riotous behaviour and social disorder targeting family homes and businesses of migrants. People who have lived among us for years as good neighbours, friends and co-workers are now living in terror, for themselves and for their children. So many newcomers make an outstanding contribution to our communities, including our parishes. They are our friends. As a community we must stand in solidarity with them. Coordinated acts of senseless violence and destruction seek only to heighten tension across the community and must be condemned. Shame on all those who have sought to mobilise, agitate, weaponise and politicise the fear and concerns of others over the last few days. All of us have a responsibility to de-escalate societal tension rather than stoke the flames of racism. As a society, we also have a responsibility to address the real and tangible community concerns regarding safety and accountability, fears that demand honest, respectful attention. However, the destruction on our streets and the attacks on homes will not resolve any underlying issues, and violence will have to give way to dialogue and engagement. Into this space of meaningful conversation, politicians, community leaders and statutory agencies need to listen and act. In appealing for calm, I also call for support for the police and for community leaders. As a society, we in Northern Ireland have journeyed too far on the road to reconciliation and paid too high a price in a legacy of suffering to risk retreating into conflict and racial oppression. I ask that in all our parishes this weekend we pray for healing and peace and that the sacred dignity of each human person be upheld by all.

Offertory Promise Envelopes, for those who use them regularly, are available in the corridor beside the sacristy in Ardglass. If you haven't been getting them up to now and would like to start using them, please let us know.

'Baptised and Sent' Lenten Pastoral Letter from Bishop Alan McGuckian: The primary setting of lay ministry is not only within parish walls but in family life, in workplaces, in public service, in schools, in local communities, in the world of culture, politics, and social care. The everyday commitments of lay faithful are not distractions from their vocation-they are the very place where their vocation unfolds.

Recharge: Join us at Recharge for a fun-filled Quiz Night in support of Mary's Meals on **Friday the 19th of June at 7.30pm in St Colmcille's Church Hall, Ballyhackamore!** Gather your friends, test your knowledge, and help provide life-changing school meals to children in some of the world's poorest communities. Every answer makes a difference-come along for a great evening and a great cause. £5 donation - sign up via eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/charity-quiz-tickets-1989987423954?aff=oddttdtcreator>

CLONARD SOLEMN NOVENA Wednesday 17th – Thursday 25th June 2026

Weekdays: 6:45am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm.

Saturday & Sunday: 6:45am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm.

Sacrament of the Sick Saturday, 20th June at 9:30am, 11:30am and 6:00pm

Procession in Thanksgiving to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

After the final 8:00pm Mass on Thursday, 25th June

LOUGH DERG: Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ and Jim Deeds will lead the **Three-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg**. Date: **19th - 21st June 2026**. The bus will depart from St Patrick's Church Donegall Street. Cost **£100**. Places are limited early booking advised. To book contact Claire on 028 90690920 or email: pathwaystothefuture@downandconnor.org