

SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2026
TWENTY-FIFTH 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 £587.00 loose plate £668.00, Direct Debits £140.00.

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

MASSES:

ARDGLASS:

5.00pm Vigil Saturday

11.30am Sunday.

10.00am Monday, 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 10pm

DUNSFORD THURSDAY 11am to 10pm.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Brian Reid

ANNIVERSARIES: Johnny Rooney, Tony Graham, George Thirkettle, Brian Magee, Rosemary Cunningham, Francis Fitzsimons, Winnie Bryce, Ann Moynahan, Margaret Dignam, Geraldine Connor, Richard Connolly, John Galbraith, James Starkey, John Gilchrist, Nail Laverty, Allan Feenan, Vera Marron, Anna Curran, Margaret Laverty, Richard & Winifred Langley.

SACRAMENTAL ENROLMENT SERVICE: St Mary's Primary School service is on Wednesday 23rd September at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, Dunsford. They will soon be receiving a letter with an enrolment form, which they are asked to complete and bring with them to the service.

An Economy of Enough - Report Launch

As part of the Season of Creation, Join the Dots Together is launching a report on its Earth Day Conference, **An Economy of Enough**. The launch will take place on: **Thursday 24 September, 7.30pm in Windsor Hub, 22 Lower Windsor Avenue, Belfast**. The report will be launched by Kristian Noll of the London School of Economics and will explore how we can move towards an economy based on sufficiency, solidarity and sustainability, highlighting the important role that faith communities can play in turning vision into action. All are welcome. Further information from Juanita Majury, info@jointhedotstogether.org

Legion of Mary Annual Trip to Knock: will take place on Sunday 27th September

The cost is £30 per person, making the usual stops for breaks. Pick up points are at the following Churches: **Newcastle - (back of the Church) 6.15am, Castlewellan - 6.30am, Downpatrick -6.45am, Crossgar - 7am and Saintfield - 7.15am**. For booking and further information, please contact Sean McAlea 07504 041526.

Thinking about becoming Catholic or want to deepen your understanding of the faith?

The Diocesan RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a journey of faith, formation, and community for adults who wish to explore the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. It is open to those who are not baptised, those baptised in another Christian tradition, or Catholics who wish to reconnect with their faith. **The 2025-2026 programme begins on Wednesday 1st October and runs weekly from 6.30-8.00 pm at St Mary's Hall, Chapel Lane, Belfast. To register or find out more, please email rcia@downandconnor.org.**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Down and Connor Diocese is renewing and developing its Diocesan Adoration Lay Committee in order to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes throughout the diocese. You are welcome to attend an Information Meeting at ONE of these venues:

Thu 1s Oct The Parish Centre, Ballymena 2, Broughshane Rd, BT43 7DX at 8pm.

Fri 2nd Oct St Patrick's Centre, Downpatrick Market St, BT30 6LZ, at 8pm.

Registration from 7.30pm.

Catholic Mothers Ireland

Are holding their Ulster Retreat Day on **Saturday, 3rd Oct, from 10am-6pm at Benburb Priory, Co Tyrone**. We are delighted to have a 1st Class relic of St Francis of Assisi with us on the day and available for individual blessings during this special Franciscan Jubilee year. Take the opportunity to step away from the busyness of life and enter into a space of prayer, peace, and spiritual renewal. We are blessed to be joined by inspiring speakers: Jim Deeds, Fr Barry Matthews, Fr Gerry Campbell and Helen Stewart. Each will share uplifting reflections to guide us deeper into faith, hope, and the loving presence of Christ. Bring a friend, come as you are, and let this day be a gift for your soul. We can't wait to welcome you! Booking now open: Retreats — Catholic Mothers

Ireland <https://www.catholicmothers.ie/retreats>. God bless!

Loughshore Parishes Music Ministry is delighted to invite singers and musicians from across the Diocese of Down and Connor to a **Day of Song and Prayer with Ian Callanan**.

This music workshop promises to be an uplifting opportunity to discover and learn new liturgical music, pray through music, and enjoy time with others involved in parish music ministry. **On Saturday 10th October at St James' Church Hall, 452-456 Shore Rd, Whiteabbey, Newtownabbey, BT37 0AA**. If you have any questions, or would like to register, please contact the parish office by email at loughshore@downandconnor.org or call 02890370845.