Sunday 4th February 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

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Weekly Collection: We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £435.00, Loose plate £484.00, Direct Debits £55.00. Building Fund £229.00, Loose plate £195.00.

MASSES for SUNDAY:

ARDGLASS 5.00pm Vigil Saturday

11.30am Sunday

DUNSFORD 10.00am Sunday

WEEKDAY SERVICES:

ARDGLASS: Mass: Mon 11am. Tues, Wed. & Fri. 10am

DUNSFORD: Thurs.10.00am Novena Mass.

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

Recently Deceased: Jimmy Heatley:

Anniversaries: Very Rev. Patrick White, Very Rev. Thomas Lynch, Gerry & Sally O'Shea, , Matthew Fleming, Maria O'Neill, Marie Sharvin, Betty McKenna, Cahal Bryce, Lily Hanna, James Gleeson, Annie Woods, Mary(Molly) Armstrong, Miriam McAlea, May Smyth, James Hamill.

ANNIVERSARIES 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 are not in a position to 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Baptisms are on first Sunday of every Month in Ardglass and the third Sunday of the month in Dunsford. For further details, please phone the parish on Monday mornings.

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

Appointment of Bishop Alan McGuckian

On Friday 2nd February, Pope Francis appointed Bishop Alan McGuckian as the new Bishop of our Diocese of Down and Connor. We offer him sincerest congratulations and assure him of our prayers shepherding the People of God in the challenges that lie ahead

Safeguarding Sunday 4th February 2024

Bishop Donal McKeown as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese has issued a Pastoral Letter. He reminds us that Safeguarding Sunday provides us with an opportunity to highlight the fact that Safeguarding is not just one task among many in the life of our Church. Rather, it is a vital ministry that touches all aspects of parish life. Today is also an opportunity to recommit ourselves to maintaining and fostering a culture of Safeguarding in our parishes.

The fact that the Diocese has been found to be in full compliance with the Safeguarding Standards of the National Board, is due in no small measure to the professionalism of the Safeguarding staff and the immense generosity of our safeguarding committee. We sincerely thank them for their continued commitment to creating a safe and welcoming environment for our young people in our Parish.

Conversations on Faith and Life Tobar Mhuire Crossgar

We continue our series of conversations on life, faith and hope. On Tuesday 13th February we host Duncan Morrow from Ulster University, and on Thursday 22nd February we welcome Naomi Long MLA. Sessions begin at 7pm. All welcome. Voluntary donation but registration is required to secure a seat. Tel: 02844830242 – email: secretary@tobarmhuire.com

St Bernadette of Lourdes 6pm Sunday 4th February

Morgan Sharpe is coming up from Dublin to give a presentation on the life of St Bernardette. It will include the Rosary and a blessing with the First-Class relic of the Saint.

A biblical walk through the Mass (by Edward Siri)

Why we say what we say and do what we do during the Mass.

A series of video presentations followed by discussions for 4 Mondays beginning on Monday 19th February Meeting Room Ardglass All are welcome.

Childrens Mass next Saturday 10th Feb 5pm Vigil

Prep meeting for those who wish to participate this Monday 6.30pm Meeting Room Ardglass. For those who cannot attend, and still want their children involved, phone Mairead 07714248309