

Sunday 21st April 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass

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*The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.*

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**Weekly Collection:** We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £555.50, Loose plate £627.50, Direct Debits £55.00.

**MASSES for SUNDAY:**

**ARDGLASS** 5.00pm Vigil Saturday  
11.30am Sunday

**DUNSFORD** 10.00am Sunday

**WEEKDAY MASSES:**

**ARDGLASS:** No Mass Monday (due to Funeral Mass in Dunsford)  
Tuesday 12 Noon Funeral Mass of Una Milligan RIP  
Wed. 10.00am Friday 9.00am

**DUNSFORD:** Monday 2.00pm Funeral Mass of Vivienne Helm RIP  
Thurs. 7.30pm Novena Mass.

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

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

**Anniversaries:** Pauline Smyth, Julie Beattie, Joan Fitzsimons, Gerard Feenan, Kathleen Porter, Paddy Carolan, Mary Fitzsimons, Susan Hanna, Thomas Curran, Elsie & Mamie Mills, Bill Ross, Phenie Loughlin, William Laverty. Frank & Sophie Crawford, Richard Fitzpatrick, Mary Reid..

**Cemetery Sunday Dunsford date change:**

Please note the new date and time! Both cemetery Sundays will now be on the same day **June 2<sup>nd</sup>** Ardglass beginning at **3pm** and Dunsford beginning at **5pm**. Please let your family members know.

**Legion of Mary Rosary Rally Knock Shrine:** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June , further details contact Sean McAlea Mobile 07504041526, Bus £25.00.

**Visit of Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis:** Just three weeks to go before this wonderful event! So far, 250 schoolchildren from local schools have booked to attend the opening Mass. Printed flyers are now available in both churches giving the full programme of the visit. If anyone needs a pdf electronic copy of the flyer to pass on to their friends just ask Fr McCloskey or Mairead Gilchrist and we'll gladly forward this on to you. The programme is also available for viewing in the notice section on the parish website. Our next Volunteers meeting is this Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 8.15pm in the back room of St Nicholas' Church.

Please keep the success of this event in your prayers.

**Reflection Day at SMA Dromantine:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am – 5.00pm **Forgiveness: the journey from hurt to healing, freedom, peace and happiness.** Led by Fr. Des Corrigan SMA. Cost (incl. lunch) £38 Tel 02830821964 email: [admin@dromantineconference.com](mailto:admin@dromantineconference.com)

**Enrichment programme for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.:** Beginning on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 7-8:30pm** online via zoom and finishing on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June** in person in Old Dunsford School **10:00am – 3:30pm.** **Neighbouring parishes will join us for this day, Numbers will be limited. Early booking is advisable. The programme will be delivered by Fr Paul Byrne and Aisling Steen. To book please email Aisling: [a.steen@downandconnor.org](mailto:a.steen@downandconnor.org)**

**Defibrillator and CPR training:** The Parish has recently purchased a defibrillator which has just been erected in the porch of the Community Centre. We are very grateful to 'Fortior Insight Ltd' for their generosity in sponsoring a ' **Training Session on Performing CPR and use of the Defib.**

Most of the 12 places for this have already been taken up. For further info, please phone Christine Prior on 07763 248506. For those not going to this Thursday's training, another possibility is to attend an '**Awareness information Session**' that will be given by the installer of this Monday evening 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. It is important that we raise awareness of the location and what to do in the event of a cardiac emergency.

### **Down and Connor Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 2024 Led by Bishop Alan McGuckian S.J.**

Spiritual Directors Fr G McCloskey, Fr M Graham, Canon S Gilmore  
20 Aug 2024. 7 Nights £799 per person sharing direct return flights from Dublin to Lisbon afternoon flights.

20KG bags included. Return airport transfers in Fatima. 7 Nights Hotel Avenida. Full board: breakfast, lunch & dinner.

For further information please contact: Joe Catney 07776 425 631/02890714001

**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 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.