Sunday 28th April 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Pastoral Community of Downpatrick Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass Father Gerard McCloskey PP. Tel: 02844841208

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

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Weekly Collection: We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £430.50, Loose plate £834.50, Direct Debits £55.00.

MASSES for SUNDAY:

ARDGLASS	5.00pm	Vigil Saturday
	11.30am	Sunday

DUNSFORD 10.00am Sunday

WEEKDAY SERVICES:

ARDGLASS:	Mass: Mon, Tues, Wed. & Fri, 10.00am.
	First Saturday Devotion To Our Lady of Fatima begins
	9.15am, Mass 10.00am.

DUNSFORD: Thurs. 10.00am Novena Mass.

Recently Deceased: Una Milligan; Vivienne Helm

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

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

Anniversaries: Stella Connolly, Thomas Prior, Tony & Kathleen Gilchrist, Winnie Beattie, Frank Zych, Hugh O'Connor, Pat Magee, Monica McCormick, Billy Avington, Brian McNulty, Patrick Hegarty, Molly O'Hanlon, Aidan Fitzpatrick, Damian Mahon, Dan McHenry, Margaret Fitzsimons,

John Gracey, Ursula Rice, Robert Ross, Joe McIlmail, Kathleen Quinn, Megan McCallion

Cemetery Sunday Dunsford date change:

Please note the new date and time!

Both cemetery Sundays will now be on the same day June 2nd

Ardglass beginning at **3pm** and

Dunsford beginning at **5pm**.

Please let your family members know.

Visit of Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis: Interest in the visit is now really taking off. There was a lot of positive reaction to a promotion show I did on Radio Maria Ireland last Thursday, morning April 25.th If you are interested in listening to it you can use this link<u>https://www.radiomaria.ie/chatechesis-fr-eamonn-mccarthy/</u>) We have to be ready for a large number of people coming especially on the evening of Monday 13th May. They need to be both welcomed and managed safely, especially on the evening of Monday 13th We need to be organised. To this end I am asking for an extra meeting of the stewards this Monday 29th April at 8.00pm in the back room of the Church.

Congratulations to our 40 P.7's from both schools who made their confirmation on Friday last in Ardglass. Thanks to their teachers, sponsors, parents, catechists and all have played a part in their formation.

Congratulations to our first Parish Funeral Lay Minister, John Murray.

John successfully completed his Lay Funeral Ministry training and was commissioned on Thursday evening by Bishop Alan McGuckian in Belfast. John will be giving much-needed help to Fr Gerry to organise funerals, pray in the homes of the deceased, and assist with prayers at the graveside or crematorium.

Forgiveness: the journey from hurt to healing, freedom, peace and happiness.

Led by Fr. Des Corrigan SMA. Saturday 4th May 9.30am – 5.00pm Cost (incl. lunch) £38 Tel 02830821964 email: <u>admin@dromantineconference.com</u>

Enrichment programme for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Beginning on **Thursday 13th June 7-8:30pm** online via zoom and finishing on **Saturday 15th 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: <u>a.steen@downandconnor.org</u>

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

Annual Parish Census: A count of all those attending Masses this weekend is being carried out. Please, if you have not already done so, register your attendance.