

Sunday 12th May 2024

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass
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Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

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Weekly Collection: We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £624.50, Loose plate £649.50, Direct Debits £55.00. Monthly Collection £776.00, Loose plate £330.00.

MASSES for SUNDAY:

ARDGLASS 5.00pm Vigil Saturday
11.30am Sunday

DUNSFORD 10.00am Sunday
10.00am Tuesday

OTHER SERVICES:

ARDGLASS Mass: Mon & Fri, 10.00am. Wednesday 7.30pm

DUNSFORD: Thurs. 10.00am Novena Mass.

CONFESSIONS:

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

All day Monday Ardglass (during visit of relic)

Tuesday 11am -12pm Dunsford (during visit of relic)

ADORATION: ARDGLASS TUESDAY 3pm to 10pm, DUNSFORD THURSDAY 11am to 11pm

Anniversaries: Rev. Bernard McNamee, Hugh James Connor, Patrica O'Connor, Lily Teggart, John Moore, Vera Fitzpatrick, Eithne McCartan, Brian Connolly, Margaret Lennon, Paddy Bell, Robert Fitzsimons, Bernadette Braniff, Susan McConvey, Catherine O'Hare, James Bunyon, Stefan Zeit.

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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:

Everyone is welcome to come and to venerate the relic between 9.30am and 10pm this Monday in Ardglass and Tuesday in Dunsford between 9.00am and 12 Noon (Apart from Mass time) Confessions are available in each venue. We want to give our new Bishop, Bishop Alan McGuckian a good welcome so can I put special emphasis on coming to the 7.30pm Mass this Monday 13th, which he is celebrating. We have provided for extra seats to accommodate as many as we can.

Can we ask that those able-bodied and who live within walking distance of St Nicholas' Church, not to take their car. For those Parishioners who need to arrive by car, can they make arrangements to carshare and to find a parking space away from the church leaving themselves enough time to walk from their parking spot to the Church. E.g. using the public carparks down at the Marina or beside the play-park at Greenfield steps or to make their own. On the evening of Monday 13th from 5pm onwards, there will be the opportunity to park in the carpark of St Nicholas' Primary school and to avail of a **Down Community Shuttle Bus Service** up to the Church in time for the evening Mass. Covered seating will be available with loudspeakers under Gazebo's placed alongside the Church. There will be a **'drop-off point' in the Church grounds for disabled people** who, accompanied by loved-ones, will be given easier access to venerate the relic. There will be reserved seating for them along schools at both 10.00am Masses. Also disabled people will have reserved seating at the 7.30pm Mass **Thanks to all who have volunteered to help in any way. Stewards:** Are asked to be available for set-up today (Sunday 12th) at 4pm and tomorrow or Tuesday for their designated shifts. High Viz vests can be picked up in the back room of church or sacristy in Dunsford before beginning. **Please pray for the success of this event! Pray for good weather!**

Parish Conversations:

28th May Patrick's Place (crypt of St Patrick's Church DPK at 7.30pm

As we set out on a new journey of 'Families of Parishes' working together, you are invited to discuss how best we can sustain a vibrant and welcoming community, reaching out to young people and their families and listening to and responding to the real needs of parishioners.