

SUNDAY 11th MAY 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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 £472.50 Loose plate £678.50, Monthly Collection £589.00, Loose plate £420.00, Direct Debits £110.00.

MASSES for SUNDAY:

ARDGLASS 5.00pm Vigil Saturday
11.30am Sunday.

DUNSFORD 10.00am Sunday.

WEEKDAY SERVICES:

ARDGLASS: Mass: Mon & Tues, 10.00am.
Wed. Requiem Mass for Teresa Lynch at 1pm

DUNSFORD: Thurs.10.00am. Novena Mass.

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

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

PARISH 1 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE: 1ST July to book a seat phone 07895098189.

ANNIVERSARIES: Very Rev.Bernard McNamee, John Bunyon, Lily Teggart, Patrica O'Connor, Susan McConvey, Hugh O'Connor, Bernadette Braniff, Robert Fitzsimons, James Bonnar, Paddy Bell, Margaret Lennon, Brian & Agnes Connolly, Eithne McCartan, John Moore, Vera Fitzpatrick.

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.

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 morning

ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY: Takes place 7th June, to book a seat on the bus Phone Sean McAlea 07504041526.

CEMETERY SUNDAY: ARDGLASS 1ST JUNE at 3pm
DUNSFORD 1stJUNE at 5pm.

Parish Census 2025

The Annual Parish Census is on the weekend of **10th & 11th May 2025**. This will be our third year of collecting data and the information captured through the annual Census has proved to be very useful to the Diocese's ongoing planning work, the identification of pastoral priorities, and the monitoring of trends.

Organ Recitals in the Portico, Portaferry

The Portico of Ards is delighted to present two outstanding organ recitals: **Olivier Latry** from Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris where he is Titular Organist: Sunday, 1st June at 3pm. This is a rare opportunity, not to be missed, to hear two world class organists perform locally in the magnificent acoustic of Portico. Both artists bring exceptional talent and international acclaim to these wonderful, intimate recitals. Tickets available www.porticoards.com.

Readers Course

The one-day retreat for readers that was due to be held in February, has been rescheduled to Saturday 7th June 2025 in Tobar Mhuire. Please put this new date in your diary. If you had scheduled to attend on February 8th and CANNOT attend on June 7th, please let Downpatrick Parish Office know - tel 02844612084 or email downpatrick@downandconnor.org

Pathways to The Future Office

In this Jubilee Year of Hope join us on the 8th June to the Down and Connor Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine. Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ will celebrate the Eucharist at 3.00pm. The price £44 per person includes luxury coach and refreshments. Early booking is advised. Bus Departs at 7.30am, Living Church Office, 120 Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT14 6LA. To book contact Claire Tel: [028 90690920](tel:02890690920). Email: pathwaystothefuture@downandconnor.org

Our Parish Jubilee Mission

Will begin on Sunday 8th of June and continue each evening that week at 7.30pm, finishing on the Saturday morning 14th June at 11am. In the meantime, we need **volunteers** to help organize in three main areas: promotion, liturgy and hospitality. Please promote the Mission among your families and friends and especially our youth and pray for the success of it.

Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi

Last Places Remaining! Join the Alumni & Friends of the Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's for a Jubilee Year of Hope pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, from 25 August to 1 September 2025. Enjoy 4* hotel accommodation, private coach travel, guided visits to key religious and cultural sites, and selected meals —this promises to be the trip of a lifetime. Additions to the itinerary include a visit to Pope Francis' tomb in the Basilica of St Mary Major, and a General Audience with our newly elected Pope. With just four double/twin rooms left (and a waiting list for singles), don't miss this unforgettable opportunity. Whether you're a graduate, a parent, or simply a friend—we consider you part of the Chaplaincy family. For more information, contact Shannon Campbell at: catholicchaplaincy@qub.ac.uk

Dromantine Summer Camp 2024

Due to the unprecedented popularity of our camp this year, we're thrilled to announce an extra week of camp, running from 13th-18th July (before Boys Week 1). As we have significantly more girls on the waiting list than boys, this will be a week for girls.