

SUNDAY 1st JUNE 2025

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 £647.50 Loose plate £540.50, Building Fund Collection came to £190.00, Loose Plate £308.00, 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, & Wed 10.00am.

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: Maria Sharvin, Aidan McGarry, Daniel Fitzsimons, Patsy Bryce, Rose Gracey, Joseph Bell, Elizabeth Mooney, Leo Reynolds, Bill Galbraith, Elenor McGrath, Sarah Anne Teggart, Jim Reid.

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

CEMETERY SUNDAY: ARDGLASS 1st JUNE AT 3pm , DUNSFORD 1stJUNE at 5pm.

Parish Mission June 8th June 14th

Preparations continue for our Mission to mark our Jubilee Year of Hope. Invitation flyers are in the process of being delivered throughout the Parish. Please help to promote the mission by inviting your neighbours and friends. At the **Closing Mass of our Mission** the Sacrament of the Sick will be offered to those who are sick as well as to those who are housebound. Carers are also asked to come and receive a special blessing. At the end of the Mass, a blessing with the relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis will be available. We need volunteers to help to steward this Mass. We also would be very grateful for any baking that parishioners can do for a cup of tea after this Mass in the hall. Please keep the success of the Mission in your prayers

Saul Sunday: Sunday 1st June - Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine to St Patrick and **Reception of Sacred Heart Pilgrim Statue (blessed by Pope Francis in Jan of this year)** will take place on Slieve Patrick at the Mass @3pm led by Bishop Alan McGuckian. On Monday 2nd June, Pilgrims are invited to gather at 5.00 in St Patrick's Church Saul & process the Pilgrim Statue to St Patrick's Church Downpatrick for 7.30 Mass. A prayerful evening stroll of 2.5 miles (Led by local clergy)? The Pilgrim Statue will travel throughout the diocese and will arrive in our Parish during the mission on Thursday 12th of June.

DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESAN SACRED HEART NOVENA:

Thursday 19th June to Fri 27th June - Daily Mass and Novena from St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast (Led by Bishop Alan McGuckian and local clergy)

Veneration of the relics of St Margaret Mary Alouque and St Claude de la Colombière:

Friday 20th June - The Relics of St. Margaret Mary Alouque & Claude la Colombière visit St. Peter's Cathedral for 7.30pm Mass (Led by Bishop Alan McGuckian & local clergy)

Summer Singing Course, 7-11 July 2025

5-day singing course for young people who want to improve their singing voice and musical skills. For young people aged 8-18 Venue: St Paul's Parish Centre, Belfast End of week showcase: St Peter's Cathedral. Optional extra sessions for singers studying GSCE and A Level Music performance. £75 for 5-day course. Scholarships available on request. For more information or to apply, please contact cathedralmusic@downandconnor.org

St Patrick's Way Pilgrimage: In this **Jubilee Year of Hope**, come on an authentic ST PATRICK'S WAY pilgrimage experience in Downpatrick **on 7 June, or 5 July or 9 August**, led by pilgrim guides Martina Purdy and Elaine Kelly. Visit The Saint Patrick Centre & see the fabulous IMAX film, receive your pilgrim passport on a 6 mile walk with guides to Inch Abbey, Saul Church & St Patrick's grave. Pilgrim Lunch @ Saul Barn and bus transfers included £50 pp. (9am-3pm approx) More info contact the Centre 028 4461 9000 or www.saintpatrickcentre.com/experiences/