

SUNDAY 8th JUNE 2025

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick

Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass

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The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, allelula.

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Weekly Collection: We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £698.00, Loose plate £642.00, Monthly Collection came to £639.00, Loose Plate £340.00, Direct Debits £110.00.

MASSES for SUNDAY:

ARDGLASS 5.00pm Vigil Saturday
11.30am Sunday.

DUNSFORD 10.00am Sunday.

WEEKDAY SERVICES:

ARDGLASS: Mass: Tues. 10am, Wed. 7.30pm, Blessing of Shrine & placing of Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis.
Thurs. Mass 7.30pm Eucharist Visit of Sacred Heart Crusade Statue blessed by Pope Francis 8th January 2025.

DUNSFORD: Monday 10am Requiem Mass Betty Connor.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE Friday 13th 7.30pm Reconciliation

RECENTLY DECEASED: MARGARET SHARVIN, BETTY O'CONNOR.

ADORATION: ARDGLASS TUESDAY 11am to 6pm, DUNSFORD THURSDAY 11am to 6pm.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Maureen O'Reilly, Elizabeth Prior, Jane Reynolds, Jim & Helga Kennedy, Peter Nolan, Kevin Kearney, Malachy Curran, Brigid Brown, Pauline O'Connor, Barney Fitzsimons, Harry Brown, Lala Smyth, Mona McEvoy, Lydia McKenna, Gerry Smyth, Connell McKeown.

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.

Our Parish Mission to mark the Jubilee Year begins this weekend Sunday 8th June, each weekday-evening until Friday at 7.30pm, finishing with Mass for the sick at 11.00am Saturday. Blessing of new Shrine and placing therein of the relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis on Wednesday evening 11th June.

Each evening focuses on a different Sacrament, as we retrace our Sacramental Journey. Our first evening, (Sunday), focuses on Baptism. Monday evening the theme is confirmation with our P6 children due to be confirmed next year, invited along with their parents and teachers to attend. Tuesday evening focuses on Marriage with an opportunity for married couples to renew their vows. Thursday evening focuses on the Eucharist; before the Mass we are delighted to welcome the Sacred Heart pilgrim statue at present going around Parishes in the Diocese. Friday evening is our opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with our penitential service with priests in attendance. Finally, our Closing Mass is one where we especially remember our sick giving them the opportunity to be anointed. Carers are invited to come and receive a blessing. After the Mass there will be an opportunity to receive a blessing from the relic of Carlo Acutis. We need stewards to help with the smooth running of this Mass, please keep the success of the Mission in your prayers and invite your family members and friends to attend.

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)

Down & Connor Diocesan Novena to The Sacred Heart June 19th to June 27th, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is with great joy as a diocese we celebrate the Novena to The Sacred Heart. This year we celebrate the 350th Anniversary of the apparitions of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. The Sacred Heart Novena invites you to nine days of prayer, cumulating in the celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart. These days offer a special opportunity to deepen your relationship with Jesus, to entrust your needs and intentions to His loving heart, a prayerful expression of our hope in this Jubilee Year.

The prayers will be available in a booklet you can pick up at Mass or read online; it will also include a piece of scripture and a reflection for each day for those who wish to go a little deeper. The images used in this year's Novena book are by students from our schools from across the diocese. Bishop Alan's hope is that this novena will be prayed either individually or together by parishes, groups, schools or families. Even young children can join in with the short prayers!

Veneration of the relics of St Margaret Mary Alogue and St Claude de la Colombière: Friday 20th June - The Relics of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque & Claude la Colombière visit St. Peter's Cathedral for **7.30pm** Mass (Led by Bishop Alan McGuckian & local clergy)

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/