

**SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2025**  
**ST PETER AND ST PAUL, APOSTLES**

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick  
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**These are the ones who, living in flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.**

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**Weekly Collection:** We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £548.00 Loose plate £510.00, Building Fund £273.00 Loose plate £194.00, 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 & Fri. 10.00am.**

**DUNSFORD:**                      **Thurs. 7.30pm. Novena Mass.**

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

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** May Bell, Sean Loughlin, Paddy Wilkinson, Gerard Markey, Vera Fitzpatrick, John & Jane McGreevy, Renee Scott, Robert Degans, Catherine Beattie, Josephine Sharvin, Jennifer Kearns, Maureen Teggart, Tom Maloney, Margaret Mullan, George Cahir, Winifred Thirkettle, Alphonsus Curran.

**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.

### **From the Parish Priest**

Most of you know by now that I'm celebrating 40 years of priesthood this year, the actual anniversary of which is on Monday July 7. I'd be delighted if parishioners could join with me that day / that evening as I celebrate a mass of Thanksgiving at 6:30 in the evening. Afterwards, we hope to have refreshments. I can't believe that it's 40 years and how time has moved so quickly... as part of my long years of continuous service, the Bishop has offered to grant me a sabbatical, something which last year, he has made available to Priests of the Diocese... simply to go away for a structured period of rest, renewal prayer and reflection - without the distraction and demands of day-to-day Parish ministry... so if all goes well, and the parish gets another Priest to cover me, and things are looking hopeful on that front, I'll be away from the middle of September until the beginning of February next year. I am happy to be offered it and look forward to coming back refreshed and renewed with all cylinders firing and raring to go... I will keep you posted...Fr Gerry McCloskey

**All-Ireland Rally for Life:** Takes place in **Dublin on Saturday 5th July**. Make a stand to protect Ireland's unborn babies. Coaches will be travelling from towns across Northern Ireland. To book seat contact 02890278484/ 07592280522 or email [info@preciouslife.com](mailto:info@preciouslife.com).

**Bus to Mass for Life and Rally for Life in Dublin - 5 July:** Mass for Life in St Saviour's Church, Dublin 12 noon, followed by Rosary procession to the Rally for Life. Also a visit to view the two bells of St Patrick, the Ardagh chalice and other treasures of the Church. Evening Mass at 5.30 pm (for 2nd Jubilee Yr daily indulgence). Bus leaves Belfast city centre at 9 a.m. also picking up in Sprucefield and Banbridge. Tickets £25, children free. To book contact Orla 07545 452362.

### **Dromantine Summer Camp 2025**

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.

### **Medjugorje Pilgrimage**

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje for 7 nights from **Wednesday 16th July to Wednesday 23rd July**. Pilgrimage includes...Flying direct from Dublin to Mostar which is only half an hour from Medjugorje, Bus transfers, Half board accommodation, Local guide for the week, Extra excursions of surrounding areas such as Kravica Waterfalls, a visit to the parish of St Anthony and also Surmanci "The Divine Mercy Chapel" these are optional and will incur a small fee. Priced at £595 per person sharing, insurance is £35 extra if needed. Contact Jerome Lynch on **07739092399**.

**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, 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](mailto:catholicchaplaincy@qub.ac.uk)

### **St Nicholas' Primary School, Ardglass Notice**

We are currently seeking persons who may be interested and are suitably experienced / skilled in working in a paid or voluntarily capacity in our school for September 2025. Roles available include Reading Assistants, Special Educational Needs Assistants and General Assistants. These roles may suit persons wishing to change career, have time after perhaps retirement or wish to work a few hours each week helping young children. Hours vary with a degree of flexibility available. Courses and training are available and qualifications are not initially required for some roles. If interested and seeking further information, please email Principal Mr Kevin Burns on [kburns395@c2kni.net](mailto:kburns395@c2kni.net) .