

SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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*Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.*

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**WEEKLY COLLECTION:** We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £460.00 Loose plate £675.00, Monthly Collection £573.50 Loose plate £310.50, Direct Debits £110.00.

**MASSES:**

ARDGLASS  
5.00pm Vigil Saturday  
11.30am Sunday  
10.00am Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

DUNSFORD  
10.00am Sunday.  
10.00am Thursday, Novena Mass.

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

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Gerard Keown, Evelyn Holmes, Rosemary Sealey, Mary Fitzsimons, Eddie Fitzsimmons, Martin Lundy, Phenie Loughlin, Miriam Orr, Elsie & Mamie Mills, Paddy Carolan, William Hanna, Alan McKnight, Julie Beattie, Richard Fitzpatrick, Vivieannie Helm, Josephine Reid, Pauline Smyth, Kathleen Gilchrist, Susan Feenan, Francis Smyh, Bill Ross, James McCormick, Winifred Sharvin, Theresa Hanna.

**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 cannot 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, the third Sunday of the month in Dunsford. For further details, please phone the parish on Monday morning.

**DUNSFORD & ARDGLASS: Annual pilgrimage to Knock Shrine** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July, Phone Mary 07895098189

**ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY:** To Book a seat on bus phone Sean McAlea 07504041526

## **'Baptised and Sent' Lenten Pastoral Letter from Bishop Alan McGuckian**

Those who feel marginalised must encounter Christ's love. Many in our midst long to feel included but fear their life situations place them on the margins—whether due to relationships, family circumstances, past experiences, or aspects of their identity. Following the example of Christ who reached out to the marginalised, no one should encounter harsh judgements in our communities.

**"THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO NARNIA" ST JOHN'S PARISH HALL BELFAST, SUNDAY 19TH APRIL AT 7PM.** Many of you will be familiar with the Narnia stories by C. S. Lewis — a writer who had a remarkable gift for expressing Christian faith through imagination and story. In creating the character of Aslan the lion, Lewis offers a powerful picture of Christ that continues to speak to readers of all ages. As Lewis once wrote: "Some day you will be old enough to start reading fairy tales again." This one-hour presentation brings together live music and dramatised readings from those stories. It offers children and adults a gentle way to reflect on themes of goodness, sacrifice, courage, and faith. It is suitable for children of primary school age and upwards, and is designed to be both engaging and thought-provoking. In a time when it can be difficult to open up conversations about faith, this provides a natural and imaginative way to do so together as a family. Admission is free. Everyone is most welcome.

**Diocese of Down & Connor:** Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ will celebrate Mass to mark the First Anniversary of the death of Pope Francis on **Tuesday 21st April in St Peter's Cathedral at 7pm.** All Are Welcome

**Catholic Mothers Ireland- An Evening of Peace, Encouragement & Faith For Women and Mothers:** Join Catherine DiNuzzio for a gentle, faith-filled evening offering hope and practical guidance for navigating anxiety with the peace of Christ. **Wed 22nd April 7.30pm St Peter's Lurgan. Co. Armagh**

**'Hope, Pray & Dont Worry' - Padre Pio:** Celebration of Mass and Blessing with the HOLY RELIC of Saint Padre Pio On **Thursday 23rd\* April at 7pm** in St Matthew's Church, Belfast

**Human Life IE - PROSTRATE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD** Hosted by Patrick McCrystal, Executive Director of Human Life International (Ireland), **Saturday 25th April at 7pm** at the Drummond Hotel, Limavady, Co Derry BT49 9HP, an evening of Encouragement, Proclamation, Repentance, Seeking God's mercy for our Nation and Prayer for Healing. ALL WELCOME!

**Precious Life** invites young people to a Pro-Life Apologetics Day on **Saturday, 25 April from 2:00-4:00pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Chapel Lane, Belfast.** This session will help equip youth to respond confidently and compassionately to pro-life questions. Free pizza will be provided afterwards. For more info, contact 07956 451655.

**ENCOUNTER WEEKEND DONEGAL, Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. 6.00pm - 10.30pm Friday 5th June. 9.00am - 10.30pm. Saturday 6th June.** Expect to experience the presence of God through the celebration of the Sacraments, Spirit-led worship, inspiring talks, healing service, and fellowship. Come and be refreshed and empowered by the Holy Spirit and learn from the Saints how to live the lifestyle God intended you to live. Keynote Speakers: Patrick Reis: co-founder and Executive Director of Encounter Ministries USA & Fr. Patrick Gonyeau who serves with the U.S. Province of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in Ohio. For more info, email [donegal@encounterschool.org](mailto:donegal@encounterschool.org) Bookings at <https://encounterschoolofministrydoneg.regfox.com/encounter-conference-donegal>.

**1-day Retreat, Tobar Mhuire:** Please join us for our 1-day Retreat, Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre on **Saturday 6th June from 10.00am - 4:00pm.** Let Go, Let God "Surrender To Jesus". Look out for more information to follow in the next few weeks.