

SUNDAY 10th MAY 2026
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick
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Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

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WEEKLY COLLECTION: We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £802.00 Loose plate £587.50, Monthly Collection £751.50 Loose plate £365.00, Direct Debits £110.00.

MASSES:

ARDGLASS

5.00pm Vigil Saturday

11.30am Sunday.

10.00am Monday & Wednesday

7.30pm Tuesday, Novena Mass to Saint Carlo Acutis,
with Blessing of St Carlo Acutis Relic

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: Very Rev Bernard McNamee, Very Rev K McMullan, Little Sister Asia of Jesus, Harry Green, Catherine O'Hare, John Bunyon, Lily Teggart, Petrica O'Connor, Susan McConvey, Hugh John O'Connor, Bernadette Braniff, Robert Fitzsimons, James Bonnor, Vincent Branif, 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 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 7th 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

Growing in baptismal identity means stepping forward to serve, to support, to lead, and to build up the Body of Christ. When this happens, a parish becomes not just a place where we attend Mass, but a family in which each member has a purpose and contributes to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus. Our parishes need to be places where parishioners can live out their baptismal calling in various ministries. We are not merely recipients of ministry but active agents. When we realise this, we begin to take ownership of our own formation and develop a sense of co-responsibility for the Church's mission.

Altar Flowers: Our thanks to the members of our Altar Society who keep our Church sanctuaries so beautifully decorated with flowers. Donations are gratefully received towards the cost of these flowers. The donation box in St Nicholas' is at the entrance to the Saint Carlo Acutis shrine. The donation box in St Mary's is placed every Sunday on the table where you get the Missalettes.

St Patrick's Choral Society proudly presents Anything Goes - a dazzling, toe-tapping musical packed with comedy, charm, and show-stopping numbers. **12th-16th May.** The Great Hall, Downshire Estate. Opening night tickets **£15**. All other performances £18. All aboard for the musical event of the year! This is going to be one unforgettable voyage, so be sure to grab your seats early — they won't last long. Book now: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-patricks-choral-society>. Or phone **07855775634** to book tickets

1-day Retreat, Tobar Mhuire: Please join us for our 1-day Retreat, Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre, Crossgar on **Saturday 6th June from 10.00am - 4:00pm**. Let Go, Let God “Surrender to Jesus”. It will be guided by Fr John Verghese, who is one of The Passionist Priests. Registration/ Tea/ Coffee & Biscuits at **9:40am**. Tea/Coffee/Biscuits during morning, break, lunch. 3 Themed Sessions. Group Discussions & Time for Individual Reflection. **£30 Stipend.**

Saint Patricks Way: Walk in the footsteps of our Patron Saint on Saint Patrick's Way Pilgrim Walk in Downpatrick with guides Martina Purdy and Elaine Kelly on **Sat 6 June and 8 August**, and Mairead Sweeney on **Sat 4 July**, begin at Saint Patricks Centre with the fabulous 180° IMAX film of St Patrick, price includes entrance fees, internal bus transfers, pilgrimage lunch at the famous Saul Barn, plus a stamped Camino passport and a 6 mile pilgrimage walk finishing at Saint Patrick's grave. Come and Be Amazed! **(Duration 9am-approx 3pm, all for just £55)** To book ring **02844 619000** or go to website www.saintpatrickcentre.com

Cemetery Sunday: 7th June, Ardglass at 3.00pm and Dunsford at 5pm

Three-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg

led by Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ and Jim Deeds.

Date: 19th - 21st June 2026. The bus will depart from St Patrick's Church Donegall Street. **Cost £100.** Places are limited early booking advised. To book contact Claire on 028 90690920 or email: pathwaytothefuture@downandconnor.org