

SUNDAY 17th MAY 2026
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick
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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 £492.50 Loose plate £557.50, 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: Seamus O'Hare, Paddy Bell, Margaret Lennon, Brian Connolly, Eithne McCartan, John Moore, Freda Moore, Yvonne McMullan, Harry Bell, Billy Joe Murphy, Evelyn Murphy, Tom Burke, Jack Holmes, Nan Rice, Bernadette Kinney, Elizabeth Curran, Mary Ross, Daniel Fitzsimons.

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.

KNOCK SHRINE: Dunsford & Ardglass Annual pilgrimage. Wednesday 8th July, Phone Mary 07895098189. (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY AND DATE)

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

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

Across the Diocese, dedicated efforts are under way to form and build up Parish Pastoral Councils. These bodies are not simply organisational structures, they are places where clergy and lay faithful discern and work together in shared responsibility for the life and mission of the Church.

The Life of Fr Patrick Kelly: Co. Down Priest & member of French Resistance in WW2.

A talk by Padraig Coyle, Journalist and Broadcaster Ballynahinch Parish Centre - Monday coming, **18th May**, at **7.30pm**. A native of Dromara, Fr Kelly served in a French diocese and became immersed in the Resistance in Nazi-occupied France. Having been honoured by the France for his wartime heroism, he returned to his native Dromore Diocese, serving in various places including Dunmore in Ballynahinch Parish. Admission: £1. All warmly welcome

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: June 7th will be held in Ardglass at 3.00pm and in Dunsford at 5pm

Parish of Dunsford and Ardglass Three-day Healing Mission

St Nicholas Church, Ardglass

Wednesday 10" Thursday 11" Friday 12" June 7.30pm.

WEDNESDAY Day 1: Healing of Mind. Emotions and Memories: **Eucharistic Healing Service.**

THURSDAY Day 2: Healing of Soul. **Sacrament of Reconciliation.** Penitential Service with local priests in attendance.

FRIDAY Day 3: Healing of the Sick. Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. **Holy Mass.** Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick Blessing with the relic of St Carlo Acutis. Rededication of Families to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. ALL ARE WELCOME...BRING A FRIEND!

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:

pathwaystothefuture@downandconnor.org

Summer Singing Course: 6th-10th July, 5-day singing course for young people who want to improve their singing voice and musical skills. For young people aged 8-16. Session 1: 9am-12pm, Session 2: 1pm-4pm. Optional Session 3: 5pm-7pm. Each session includes a break with refreshments provided. No singing experience needed. Specialist vocal coaches. Sessions arranged by voice type. £50 for 5 day course. £25 optional extra for advanced singers studying GCSE and A level. For more information email cathedralmusic@downandconnor.org. EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT: Book by **30th May £30** for 5-day course.