

SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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*The merciful of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, 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.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** HELEN MAGEE

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Joan Fitzsimons, Damain Mahon, Mary Reid, William B Laverty, Susan Hanna, Jim Cahir, Frank Gilchrist, Brian McNulty, Hugh O'Connor, Jean Wilson, Patrick McVeigh, Monica McCormick, Frank Zych, Michael McKenna, Pat Magee, John McKay, Billy Avington, Day Smyth, Patrick Joseph Hegarty, Rita McEvoy, Kathleen Porter, John & Eileen Murphy, James Skiffington, Molly O'Hanlon, Aidan 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 and the third Sunday of the month in Dunsford.  
For further details, please phone the parish on Monday morning.

**KNOCK SHRINE:** Dunsford & Ardglass Annual pilgrimage 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**

The Church remains faithful to the teachings entrusted by God. Yet we are also called to walk alongside one another with compassion, modelling the ministry of Jesus himself. He calls us all to high standards from which we often fall short. We are "wounded healers" supporting one another as we struggle to heed Christ's call-recognising it as a gift even when demanding.

Many are waiting for the parish to extend a hand of welcome. We must reflect carefully on how to reach out more effectively. At the same time, belonging is always a two-way grace. Each of us is invited to take a step towards our parish family and ask: Where might I contribute? How can I play my part? A vibrant parish grows when all its members discover and offer the gifts God has placed within them. Yet here is a challenging truth we must face: many of us belong to the Church in a sacramental way, but have never made a conscious, personal decision to follow Jesus Christ as his disciples. We have been baptised, received First Communion, been confirmed-but somewhere along the way, we may have missed the essential first step: a personal encounter with Jesus and a deliberate choice to entrust our lives to him. Each one of us is called to be an intentional disciple.

**Milltown Cemetery** - Blessing of the Graves at Milltown Cemetery will take place on **Sunday 10th May at 3:00 pm.**

**Join the inaugural Stella Maris Lourdes Pilgrimage: Mon 25 – Sat 30 May 2026.** We warmly welcome serving or retired seafarers, fishers and their family members or carers to spend six grace-filled days of prayer, healing, and fellowship in the beautiful sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes. **This pilgrimage will be fully funded (including travel, accommodation, and meals).** To register your interest, or request further information please contact: Dcn. John Fogarty: [john.fogarty@stellamarismail.org](mailto:john.fogarty@stellamarismail.org) | 07986723015. Hugh Ramsay: [hugh.ramsay@stellamarismail.org](mailto:hugh.ramsay@stellamarismail.org) | 07432654032

**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.

Husband and Wife, Eamonn and Tina have organised a 1-day retreat at Tobar Mhuire, Crossgar on **June 6th.** It will be guided by Fr John Verghese, who is one of The Passionist Priests here.

### **CEMETERY SUNDAY:**

Ardglass Cemetery Sunday will take place on Sunday 7th June at 3.00pm.

Dunsford Cemetery Sunday will take place the same day on Sunday 7th June at 5.00pm