

SUNDAY 3rd MAY 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick

Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass

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O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

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WEEKLY COLLECTION: We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £438.00 Loose plate £598.00, Building Collection £249.00 Loose plate £240.00, 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: Jack Cross, Megan McCallion, Dan McHenry, Thomas Prior, Ursula Rice, Robert Ross, Carmel Murray, Joe McIlmail, Kathleen Whyllie, Seamus Burke, Mary McKendry, Carol Vaughan, Oliver Magee, Kathleen Quinn, Paddy Mooney, Clare Burne, Teesa Avington, Derck Reid, Stella Connolly,

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 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

Since most of us are baptised as infants, it is easy to miss the fact that each one of us is a missionary. With the eyes of faith we can see that the newly baptised baby already has a share in the New Life in Christ which will last forever. But the missionary vocation has to be learnt over time. The mission is different from individual to individual, shaped by our gifts, our circumstances, and the various stages of our lives but the call is extended to all and is constant.

Mary's Meals: A representative from Mary's Meals will speak at mass next weekend about their life-changing work of providing daily school meals to over 3 million children in some of the world's poorest countries of the world. Mary's Meals welcomes your prayers in support of their work and there will be prayer cards available after mass. If you would like to support them financially, there will be a bucket collection and a card machine available after mass. Further details about their work can also be found at marysmeals.org

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.

Standing in the Breach - Catholic Men's Retreat: A powerful half-day retreat for men centred on our call to holiness: "Be holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16). Join other men for a morning of straight-talking teaching, prayer, and real-life testimonies, led by Fr Andrew Black (Belfast). This is a call to step up, take responsibility, and live the faith with courage in today's world. **Saturday 9th May 2026 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM** Portglenone Monastery: Includes prayer, teaching, testimonies, and tea & coffee with time to connect. For more information or to attend: Thomas Carey - 07967 620435 sean@catholicminute.co.uk

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 | 07986723015. Hugh Ramsay: hugh.ramsay@stellamarismail.org | 07432654032

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: 7th June - Ardglass 3.00pm
Dunsford 5.00pm**

LOUGH DERG: Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ and Jim Deeds will lead the **Three-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg.** 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