

SUNDAY 31st MAY 2026

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick

Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass

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*Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.*

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**Weekly Collection:** We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £423.50 Loose plate £540.50, Building Fund £212.50 Loose plate £173.50, 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:** TOMMY MCKINNEY , EMILY DEGANS

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Rose Gracey, Patrick Mahoney, Joseph Bell, Elizabeth Mooney, Leo Reynolds, Bill Galbraith, Lily O'Flynn, Elenor McGrath, Edward Kearney, Sarah Ann Teggart, Bernard Murray, Eamon Hanna, Jim Reid, Barney O'Hare, Margaret Johnston, Manus Wylie.

**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.

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

**ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE** WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JULY, FOR BOOKING 0789509818

**GRAVEYARDS:** THERE WILL BE A COLLECTION AT CEMETERY SUNDAY FOR THE UPKEEP OF BOTH GRAVEYARDS.

## **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!

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

It has been deeply encouraging to see many lay women and men stepping forward in ministry. Lay Funeral Ministry and the Ministry of Consolatio (formerly Bethany Ministry) embody the tenderness of Christ as they accompany the bereaved with dignity and care. Parish readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, musicians, youth ministers, catechists, baptismal preparation teams, and those involved in parish administration and safeguarding all contribute vital service. Groups like the Legion of Mary and St Vincent de Paul Society have worked amongst us with energy and creativity for decades. New forms of ministry are emerging as well, particularly in pastoral accompaniment and outreach to those on the margins. We must be attentive to the gifts already present in our communities and discerning about where the Holy Spirit is prompting new ministries to grow.

**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](http://www.saintpatrickcentre.com)

**Cemetery Sunday:** June 7<sup>th</sup>, Ardglass at 3.00pm and Dunsford at 5pm

**Sacred Heart Novena:** The Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will begin on **Thursday 4th June and continue until Friday 12th June.** Bishop Alan McGuckian wishes that this time of prayer will deepen our devotion to the Sacred Heart and draw us closer to the love of Christ.

**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: [pathwaystothefuture@downandconnor.org](mailto:pathwaystothefuture@downandconnor.org)

**Summer Singing Course:** **6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:cathedralmusic@downandconnor.org). **EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT:** Book by **30th May £30.**