

SUNDAY 5th JULY 2026

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick

Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass

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Weekly Collection: We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £490.00 Loose plate £620.00, Building Collection £292.00 Loose plate £170.00, Direct Debits £110.00.

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

MASSES:

ARDGLASS: 5.00pm Vigil Saturday
11.30am Sunday.
10.00am Monday & Friday

DUNSFORD: 10.00am Sunday.
10.00am Thursday Novena Mass.

CONFESSIONS: 4.30 - 4.55pm Saturday, Ardglass (or upon request)

ST CARLO ACUTIS MASS: 7.30PM TUESDAY 14TH JULY WITH BLESSING OF THE RELIC.

ADORATION: ARDGLASS TUESDAY 11am to 11pm,
DUNSFORD THURSDAY 11am to 11pm.

ANNIVERSARIES: Rev. James Skelly, Rev. P.J. O'Kelly, Elizabeth McAlea, Jimmy Rooney, Eileen Lennon, Mary Porter, Mary Anne Rooney, John Ross, Emily Gracey, Bernard Cahir, Margaret Curran, Catherine Bunyan, Isobel O'Hare, Roseen Walsh, Peggy Wallace, Mary Higgins, John Feenan.

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 are not in a position to 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.

GRANDPARENTS: MEET THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN THE MEETING ROOM OF ST NICHOLAS ARDGLASS

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE: WEDNESDAY 8th JULY,
FOR BOOKING PHONE MARY 07895098189

Official Road Closure - Sunday 12th July 2026: As part of the Kilclief Ben Dearg Coastal Run, an official health and wellbeing event promoting physical activity and community participation, there will be a temporary road closure on **Sunday 12th July from 9.30am until approximately 1.00pm**. The run will depart from Kilclief Ben Dearg GAA. Club Rooms, travel along the Shore Road to Ballyhornan Village, before returning to the club along the same route. As this coincides with Sunday Mass times, parishioners are kindly asked to plan their journey accordingly, as the road will remain closed until all participants have safely completed the event. We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and greatly appreciate the understanding and support of our local community as we host this event.

DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026 ASSOCIATE PILGRIMS: Those who are unable to travel to Lourdes are invited to join us in prayer during the days of our pilgrimage. We remember all our associate pilgrims in prayer each day of the pilgrimage and leave the names of all those enrolled at the feet of Our Lady at the Grotto of Massabielle. If you are able to make a donation to the pilgrimage it would be greatly appreciated. Lists and prayer cards are available in the porch and completed lists and donations may be left in the grey boxes in each chapel. Alternatively, you can join via the link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/wUgkxBLytZ>

PRAYER TO BE SAID DAILY DURING THE PILGRIMAGE

Immaculate Mary,
When you showed yourself to Bernadette,
You brought the warmth, light and beauty of your presence.
Guide us to your son, Jesus Christ, the source of true life.
Make us pilgrims, journeying with your Church, nourished by the prayer of life.
Together with Bernadette, we pray to you,
O Mary, may we begin to know the joy of the Kingdom of Heaven.
Glory to you, Virgin Mary,
Blessed servant of the Lord,
Mother of God,
Dwelling place of the Holy Spirit!
Amen.

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 **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

THE ANNUAL NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE. CELEBRATING THE 6TH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY. All are welcome. Sunday, 26th July 2026. Knock Shrine – chief celebrant Archbishop Eamon Martin. Commencing at 2.30pm with the anointing of the sick. A day of grace and blessing for the whole family as we honour grandparents and the elderly. Please join us. Visit our website for resources: www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

Abide in His Love Women's Conference. The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, 20–22 November 2026: Join women from across Ireland for a faith-filled weekend with inspiring speakers including Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan, Fr Mark Wharton, Fr Barry Braum, Fr Oisín Martin, the Dominican Sisters of Nashville, Bishop Fintan Gavin, and more. A conference not to be missed! Register now: <https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com/>