

Sunday 27th March 2022

4th Sunday of Lent

Weekdays Cycle 2

PARISH OF DUNSFORD & ARDGLASS

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

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Weekly Collection:

We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise collection which came to £534.50 Needy Collection which came to £323.88. Sunday 27th Offertory Promise collection, Building Collection. **TODAY special church collection to support humanitarian relief for those affected by the war in UKRAINE**

MASSES for SUNDAY:

ARDGLASS 6.30pm Vigil

 11.30am

DUNSFORD 10.00am

CONFESSIONS: 6.00pm Saturday Ardglass

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

ARDGLASS Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10.00am.

DUNSFORD Thursday 10.00am.

'No Greater Love' A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion Continues in the meeting room Wednesday after 10.00am Mass.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 2022: Full board in hotel: 7 nights (8-15 September)

From £689 per person sharing. For further enquiries and bookings contact Joe Catney 02890714001/0776425631

Sunday Mass Obligation: After more than two years since the duty of Catholics to attend Mass on Sunday was temporarily lifted at the onset of the Covid 19 pandemic, the Irish Bishops have issued a statement that from **Easter Sunday**, April 17, weekly attendance at **Sunday Mass** "will once again become essential expression of faith for all in our **Church in Ireland**". They added that "as always, those whose health is vulnerable or who are unwell will not be under any obligation to attend **Mass**, and should keep themselves safe and pray at home until they are better".

SYNODAL LISTENING IN OUR PASTORAL COMMUNITY:

In order to journey together, Pope Francis wants every person to take their place at the heart of the Church and to hear every voice and the voice of the Holy Spirit. As we listen attentively to what the Holy Spirit is saying, we learn how to respond to where we are being lead in the mission of the Church. Our local parishes are encouraged to come together, pray together, and enter into a Spiritual Conversation about our Church at this time.

Bishop Treanor has encouraged each area of the Diocese to have a time of coming together as part of the Synod. We invite you to come along and to take part in the synod by listening and talking to one another in an authentic, meaningful, and welcoming way.

If you would like to take part in this synodal moment, then please feel welcome to join us on **30th March 7 – 9 pm in St Mary's High School, Ardglass Road, Downpatrick**. The session will be facilitated by Jim Deeds from the Living Church office and Karen Collins, a parishioner of Derriaghy Parish.

SYNOD RESPONSES:

Thank you for the response cards so far received.

Those of you who have yet to reply are asked to get your responses back by the deadline, **tomorrow** Monday 28th March. The Parish Pastoral Council is meeting this week to collate the answers and information received in order to pass it on for inclusion in the next stage of the Synodal Process.

Lenten Ecumenical Evening Prayer:

On the occasion of the visit of the Church of Ireland Bishop of Down and Dromore, the Right Reverend David McClay, to St Nicholas' Church of Ireland Kildare Street, on Wednesday evening of Holy Week, (13th April), parishioners have been invited to join with him and our Church of Ireland and Presbyterian brothers and sisters for a service of evening prayer at 7.30 or 8.00pm (time soon tbc)

Pope Francis speaking in reference to his Act of Consecration of Russia and Ukraine on March 25th, (Solemnity of the Annunciation) said the following:

“This Act of Consecration is meant to be a gesture of the universal Church, which in these dramatic moment lifts up to God, through his Mother and ours, the cry of pain of all those who suffer and implore an end to the violence, and to entrust the future of our human family to the Queen of Peace.”