

**SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2022**  
**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of LENT**  
**WEEKDAYS CYCLE 2**  
**PARISH OF DUNSFORD & ARDGLASS.**

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the Deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

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We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise collection which came to £415.00, Building Collection which came to £167.40. Special Collection to support humanitarian relief for those affected by the war in UKRAINE came to £4685.00: thank you for your great generosity Collection today weekly offertory Promise and Monthly collection.

**MASSES FOR SUNDAY**

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| <b>ARDGLASS</b>     | <b>6.30pm</b>  | <b>Vigil</b>                           |
|                     | <b>11.30am</b> |  |
| <b>DUNSFORD</b>     | <b>10.00am</b> |  |
| <b>CONFESSIONS:</b> | <b>6.00pm</b>  | <b>Saturday St. Nicholas' Ardglass</b> |

**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 08290714001/07776425631.

**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<sup>th</sup>, weekly attendance at **Sunday Mass** "will once again become essential expression of faith for all in our **Catholic 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.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Rev. John McAteer, Rev. Patrick McDowell, John McConvey, Elizabeth Taggart Tom Waters, Phyllis Smyth, Annie McVickers, Deirdre Fitzgerald, Amelia King, Tony Gilchrist, Florence Ross, Phil Wallace, Johnny Bryce, Paul Kearns, Barbara Zych, Simon Curran, Patrick Milligan, William Smyth, Gertrude Fitzsimons, Joseph McCarthy. Rosaleen McGrady.

**ADORATION:** All parishioners are welcome to call in and spend time in adoration any time between 11.00 am and 11.00 pm on Tuesdays in Ardglass and Thursdays in Dunsford.

### **Synodal Responses:**

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) met during the week to collate the responses received by 30 parishioners. These will be sent on to the Diocese for inclusion in the next stage of the Synod. The PPC would like to extend their sincere thanks to all of those who took the time to write.

### **Synodal Pathway Parish Listening Evening:**

The next part of our Synodal Pathway is to invite all Parishioners to gather together for a listening evening. This is in accordance with the deep desire of Pope Francis firstly in relation to our need for encounter. In this encounter, we are asked to respectfully listen to each other and thirdly to discern what the Holy Spirit is saying by way of our coming together.

Our listening event will take place on the **Monday of Holy Week 11<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm**. It will take place in the welcome space of St Nicholas' Church and depending on numbers will move into the main space of the Church if necessary. There will be facilitators present from the PPC to help us consider and reflect upon the following four questions:

1. When you think of your experience of Church, what brings joy?
2. When you think of your experience of Church, what brings sorrow?
3. When you think of your experience of Church, what brings hope?
4. When you think of your experience of Church, what brings fear or anxiety?

Please when you are out and about let as many parishioners as possible know they are welcome to attend this event.

### **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, (13<sup>th</sup> 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 8.00pm

### **Keeping Safe in Church:**

Please continue to follow the recommended Diocesan guidelines that we use hand gel, wear face-coverings and keep a healthy distance while coming to Mass. We do it not only to keep ourselves safe but the sake of those who continue to feel vulnerable at this time especially as Covid rates continue to rise.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to our Primary 3 pupils from both schools who have, and who are about to make their first confession. Please keep praying for all our children, their teachers and parents and all involved with their spiritual formation.