Sunday14th May 2023 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

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WEEKLY COLLECTION: We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £450.00. Loose plate £604.00, Direct Debits £55.00. Monthly collection £505.50. Loose plate £246.50.

MASSES for SUNDAY:

ARDGLASS 6.30pm Vigil Saturday

11.30am Sunday

DUNSFORD 10.00am Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES:

ARDGLASS: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10.00.am

DUNSFORD: Thursday 10am.

CONFESSIONS Sat: 6.00-6.25pm (or upon request)

RECENTLY DECEASED: Liam Curran Jr.

ANNIVERSARIES: Rev Bernard McNamee, Harry Green, Catherine O'Hare, John Bunyon, Lily Teggart, Patrica O'Connor, Susan McConvey, Danny Holland, Norman Holland, Hugh Connor, Bernadette Braniff, Robert Fitzsimons, Vera Fitzpatrick, Alan Vogt, Harry Bell.

CEMETERY SUNDAYS:

Ardglass June 4th 3pm

Dunsford June 18th 3pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Baptisms are on first Sunday of every Month in Ardglass and the third Sunday of the month in Dunsford. For further details, please phone the parish on Monday mornings.

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.

TROCAIRE BOXES:

Please return them ASAP so that we can make our return to Trocaire.

OFFERTORY PROMISE ENVELOPES:

Now available for those who normally use them.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

Congratulations to our Primary 4 classes from St Nicholas and St Mary's Primary Schools who did so well at their First Holy Communion Mass these last two Saturdays. They did themselves, their families, their school and this Parish proud. Please continue to pray for them.

Holy Ghost Missions' Appeal came to £514.60. Many thanks for your generosity.

TOBAR MHUIRE RETREAT CENTRE:

You are invited to a conversation that will take place in with Rev Harold Good, Baronness Nuala O'Loan and Fr Aidan Troy CP. this Monday 15th May at 7pm (Voluntary donation)

PILGRIMAGES:

All Ireland Rosary Rally, (Day Pilgrimage), Saturday 3 June. The Legion of Mary is running a bus...Very few seats left! For more details phone Sean McAlea 07504041526

Down &Connor Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 12-17 July For more info phone 02890770162 or visit www.downandconnor.org/lourdes

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE:

With smaller congregations and fewer priests, we have to find new ways to ensure that the mission of the Church can be carried out in the future.

For this reason, our Diocese is undertaking a major programme of change called "Pathways to the Future". It will look at the priorities and structures of the Church to see how we can best serve our 86 parishes and other ministries over the next twenty years.

A steering team of lay people and clergy has been preparing for this work in recent months and representatives of every parish have taken part in initial conversations. In the coming months we find out more.

One important task is to collect accurate information and for that reason a census of Mass attendance across the diocese will be taken up next week. This is a time of rebuilding and renewal as we set out this pathway let us pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us on our journey.