# Sunday 21st May 2023 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

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**WEEKLY COLLECTION:** We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £647.00. Loose plate £393.00, Direct Debits £55.00.

# **MASSES for SUNDAY:**

ARDGLASS 6.30pm Vigil Saturday

11.30am Sunday

DUNSFORD 10.00am Sunday

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** 

ARDGLASS: No Mass Monday to Wednesday, Mass Friday 10am

(Adoration Tuesday as usual 11am -11pm)

DUNSFORD: Thursday No Mass (Adoration as usual 11am-11pm)

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Raymond Burke RIP

**ANNIVERSARIES**: Tom Burke, Elizabeth Curran, Mary Ross, Daniel Fitzsimons, Earnest Forward, Isabel Higgins, Patrick McVeigh, Evelyn Murphy, Sarah Curran, Eithne McCartan, Yvonne McMullan, Nan Rice, Beradette Kinney, Marie Lou Mullan, Vincent Braniff.

**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.

# **CEMETERY SUNDAY:**

Ardglass: Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 3pm Dunsford: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 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.

#### PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE - NEW VIGIL MASS TIME

This weekend, at all Masses throughout the Diocese, a census of Mass attendance is being carried out, all with the intention of ensuring the mission of the Church into the future. We need to 'tailor our cloth,' developing even more, the good collaboration between clergy and lay-faithful as well as working more in tandem with neighbouring parishes. The Parish of Bright has recently lost its Sunday 12 Noon Mass. This enables Fr Peter to make himself available on Sunday mornings after his first Mass to cover Masses in parishes nearby including our own.

We in this parish were asked to drop a Mass, but because of fairly good numbers, we have got a reprieve (for how long we can't be sure). However our Parish's Mass times and the Parish of Bright Mass times were clashing. Neither priest, up until now, could cover the other in the event of one being absent. To this end, our Parish Pastoral Council met this week to look at better and more effective Mass schedules, ones that won't clash, as far as possible with neighbouring parishes.

As result, in Ardglass our Vigil Mass time will change from Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July to the new time of 5.00pm.

This will undoubtedly not be the only change; others will inevitably happen as priests are being called to spread themselves thinner. Thank you, in anticipation, for your understanding and cooperation and please pray, as we set out on this pathway, that the Holy Spirit will guide us on our journey.

#### **TROCAIRE BOXES:**

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

# **OFFERTORY PROMISE ENVELOPES:**

Now available in porches of Church for those who normally use them.

# **Holy Ghost Missions' Appeal:**

Final total £1054. Many thanks for your generosity.

# **TOBAR MHUIRE RETREAT CENTRE:**

Tuesday 30th May - Baroness Nuala O'Loan

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Fr Aidan Troy CP (former parish priest in Holy Cross, Ardoyne) and advocate on issues around suicide at 7pm (Voluntary donation)

# **PILGRIMAGE:**

All Ireland Rosary Rally, (Day Pilgrimage), Saturday 3 June. Very few seats left! For more details phone Sean McAlea 07504041526