# Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Pastoral Community of Downpatrick Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass

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Blest be God the Father, and the Holy Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

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**WEEKLY COLLECTION:** We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £526.50. Loose plate £568.00, Direct Debits £55.00. Building Collection £191.50 Loose plate £234.00.

#### **MASSES for SUNDAY:**

ARDGLASS 6.30pm Vigil Saturday

11.30am Sunday

DUNSFORD 10.00am Sunday

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** 

ARDGLASS: Mass Monday 10.00 am, No Mass Tuesday & Wednesday.

(Adoration Tuesday as usual 11am -11pm)

DUNSFORD: Thursday Mass 7.30pm. (Adoration as usual 11am-11pm)

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Bradley Gilman RIP.

**ANNIVERSARIES**: Les Wills, Bernard Curran, Aidan McGarry, Cassie Curran, Patsy Bryce, Leo Reynolds, Lily O'Flynn, Manus Wylie, Eileen Milligan, Mary Ellen Fitzpatrick, Malachy Curran, Elizabeth Prior, Jane Reynolds, Jim & Helga Kennedy, Daniel McKown, George Connor.

**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 This Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> 3pm. Dunsford: Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup> 3pm Collections will be taken up at each to defray the annual runnings costs of graveyards

**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.

#### **NEW VIGIL MASS TIME IN ARDGLASS:**

Please note that from Saturday 1st July our new Vigil Mass time will be 5.00pm.

OFFERTORY PROMISE ENVELOPES: Now available in porches of Church for those who normally use them. Please pick them up or get someone to pick them up for you.

TOBAR MHUIRE RETREAT CENTRE: Tuesday 6 June - Fr Aidan Troy CP (former parish priest in Holy Cross, Ardoyne) and advocate on issues around suicide at 7pm

## **Notice from PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE**

Last weekend Bishop Donal McKeown issued a Pastoral Letter about the possibilities and challenge facing the Church in Down & Connor in the immediate years ahead. His letter made us sit upparticularly when he talked about Parishes working together and the difficult decisions regarding Priests having to work in more than one parish as priestly numbers fall.

But that's not the whole story by any means! We believe in the Good News of Jesus Christ, and there is always good news in the Church. In the pastoral letter a vision is set out of a Church which faces up to the profound changes we're living through, to go out and make new disciples, and which welcomes everyone into relationship with God. This is a courageous vision that will require us to look at how we are structured as a church. The Pathways to the Future Committee are developing ideas on how we can collaborate across our parishes as Families of Parishes.

In 'families of parishes', we will see a new range of ministries develop in which lay people will play a crucial role. If we want to pass on the faith to the next generation, to see our congregations grow again, to see Catholics making a real difference in the community and to nourish new vocations to religious life, we have to do things differently - and we all have a part to play! On Trinity Sunday, may the Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless us as we take the first steps on our pathway to the future.



To find out more we encourage you to read Bishop Donal McKeown's Pastoral Letter available on

www.downandconnor.org or www.pathwaystothefuture.org

Mass Tally Results from 20/21 May: Vigil 6.30pm 101; 10am 92; 11.30am 116.