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Weekly Collection: We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £471..50, Loose plate £556.00, Direct Debits £55.00. Building Fund £183.50, Loose plate £ 125.00.

Masses for Sunday-Ardglass- 5:00pm Vigil Saturday/ 11:30am Sunday Dunsford- 10:00am Sunday

Confessions

Weekday Masses

Ardglass: Monday & Friday7.30pm Tues &Wed 10am Dunsford- Thursday 10:00am Novena Mass Saturday Ardglass: 4:30-4:55pm (or upon request)

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Mullan Anna Cultra.

Anniversaries: Anna Prior, David Hannity, Brian Lennon, James McHugh, Joan Emrikson, Richard Rice John McGreevey, Richard Rice, Charles Duddy, Thomas McDaid, Ursula Gilchrist, Daniel Duffy, Michael Barra Kearney, Mary Alice McKernan, Maura Teggart, Harry Brown, Gerard Rooney, Ann Cross.

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.

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 morning.

Community Carol Service: Sunday 15th December 5pm St Nicholas' Church Ardglass.

Children's Mass Art + Craft In order to decorate to two churches for the next children's mass + Christmas. We are holding three weeks of Art and Craft sessions in Ballyhornan Family Centre. Starting, Monday 2nd Dec at 6pm-7pm, following dates 9th Dec and 16th Dec.

Parish Children's Mass The next children's Mass is at 5pm in St Nicholas Church on Saturday **7th of December.** Meeting for those interested in participating at 6:30pm in the meeting room on Tuesday **3rd of December.** If unable to make a meeting text Mairead on 07714248309.

Advent Reflections

If you are interested in meditating on the Sunday Gospels of Advent, please text Mairead on 07714248309. This will be held on Tuesday mornings after 10 O'clock Mass, in the Meeting Room of St Nicholas Church.

Pilgrimage to Knock All Night Vigil. Bus Leaving Clonard Monastery Saturday 7th Dec 13:15pm, Returning Sunday 8th Dec 12:15pm. Cost £60.00 Price Inc Dinner and Breakfast. To Book Phone 02890 665211. Vigil starts at 11:00pm

Down and Connor Pathways to the Future:

A family guide to planning and celebrating a funeral in the Catholic Church' A new booklet has been written by the Down and Connor Pathways to the Future team. It is a useful tool for a bereaved family wanting to know what to do when their loved one dies. Limited copies of this new booklet are available in the sacristy of each Church.

First Saturday Devotions: Saturday 7th December: 9.15am St Joseph's Killough Confessions 9.15-9.55am Mass at 10am (please note there are no First Saturday devotions in Ardglass).

Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Monday 9th December. Normally, this would be celebrated on 8th of December. However, this year, as it falls on the Second Sunday of Advent, the season of Advent takes precedence. Therefore, the Feast day transfers to the Monday 9th December and still remains a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated in Ardglass Monday 9th at 10am. As part of the new arrangement for the Family of Parishes, there is no evening Mass in our Parish on Monday 9th; instead a choice of evening Masses are available at: Our Lady Star of the Sea, Strangford at 7.30pm or St Joseph's, Killough 7.30pm.

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT - 22nd December 7.30pm

Back by popular demand join International soprano Margaret Keys and Classical Brit award winner Fr Eugene for an unforgettable Christmas concert by candlelight in **St Malachy's Church Castlewellan**. Accompanied by Scala Strings orchestra, Ulster Orchestra Musicians, St Malachy's High School Choir and local Musicians "The Hylands" this promises to be a magical evening of Christmas music that will be sure to put you in the Christmas spirit. Performing Christmas Classics and festive favourites including Holy Night, White Christmas, walking in the Air and many more book now to avoid disappointment. **Tickets are £20 and can be booked online at eventbrite.ie, at Parish Office (02843778259) or the Post Office in Castlewellan**.