

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

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**Weekly Collection:** We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £591.75, Loose plate £565.00, Direct Debits £55.00.

**Masses for Sunday-**

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

**Weekly Masses-**

**Ardglass- Mon Funeral Mass at 1pm, Tue and Wed, at 10am Dunsford- Thur 10:00am Novena Mass**

**Confessions Saturday Ardglass: 4:30-4:55pm (or upon request)**

**RECENTLY DECEASED: Irene Smyth and John Byrne**

**ADORATION: ARDGLASS TUE 11am-11pm, DUNSFORD THUR 11am-11pm.**

**Anniversaries:** Rev. George McLaverty, Joe Ross, Vincent Feenan, Peter McEvoy, Frank McBride, Eddie McGarry, Ambrose Clarke, Sheila Magee, Thomas Rooney, Sheila Hennessey, Nicholas Rooney, Kevin Rooney, Gerard Irvine, Maura McGarry.

**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. If you send a letter, please be patient and please include your phone number. If you want it done and dusted quickly go to the sacristy after Mass.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> December 5pm St Nicholas' Church Ardglass.

**Blessing for the Baby Jesus' for our Cribs at Home**

If you haven't brought them with you...we can still bless them.

(The tradition has been revived by Pope Francis...he encourages us, once they are blessed, to wrap them up as a Christmas present, place them in our cribs and then to get the children to gather round the crib and to open them up as the first present on Christmas Morning and say a little prayer)

God our Father we ask you bless these crib figures of your Son, the Christ child who came on earth to save us from sin and give us peace. May these figures help children to understand the real meaning of Christmas.

We make this prayer through your son Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

(sprinkle with holy water)

**Children's Mass Art + Craft** In order to decorate to two churches for the next children's mass + Christmas. We are holding our last session of Art and Craft session in Ballyhornan Family Centre on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> of December.**

**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 morning after 10 o'clock Mass, in the Meeting Room of St Nicholas Church.

**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](http://eventbrite.ie), at Parish Office (02843778259) or the Post Office in Castlewellan.**

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### **Trócaire School Volunteers**

Are you a retired teacher or someone who has experience presenting to groups of school children? Do you have a passion for making this world a better place, especially for the most vulnerable? Trócaire is looking for volunteers to support our 2025 Lent Appeal in the Down & Connor Diocese. If you think you have the right skills and experience and will be available to help during school hours over Lent, then we would love to hear from you. Full training and ongoing support will be provided. For more information, please call Naomi Purnell on [028 9080 8033](tel:02890808033) or [emailnaomi.purnell@trocaire.org](mailto:emailnaomi.purnell@trocaire.org).

### **The Harvest of History 2024**

A collection of stories and photos from the parish of Dunsford and Ardglass is now available from Ardglass Post Office and Milligans Shop, Price £12.

## **ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR**

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: PENITENTIAL SERVICE**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, Ardglass 7.30pm (Local Priests will be in attendance)**

### **MASSES for 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 5pm Vigil Ardglass (with confessions 4.30 -4.55)**

**Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 10am in Dunsford, 11.30am in Ardglass.**

### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

**Masses Ardglass Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 10am**

### **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

***CHRISTMAS EVE:* 6.00pm DUNSFORD 8.00pm ARDGLASS**

***CHRISTMAS DAY:* 10.00am DUNSFORD 11.30am ARDGLASS**

**NO Weekday Masses for Rest of Week:  
NO Adoration in Dunsford on St Stephen's Day**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Divine Mercy Holy Hour 3pm -4pm Ardglass**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec. Vigil Mass in Ardglass: 5.00pm**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Dec. Masses as usual**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Dec. and Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. Masses at 10am in Ardglass (**Adoration finishes at 5.00pm**)**

**New Year's Eve Vigil Dunsford: 10pm ending with Midnight Mass**

**NO Masses on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> (New Year's Day) or Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> in Dunsford**

**NO Mass in Ardglass on Fri**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January Dunsford Adoration finishes at 6.00pm**

**'A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!'**