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Weekly Collection: We acknowledge with grateful thanks last week's Offertory Promise Collection which came to £424.00. Loose plate £603.00, Direct Debits £55.00, Building Fund Collection £208.00. Loose plate £230.00

#### Masses for Sunday-

Ardglass- 5:00pm Vigil Saturday/ 11:30am SundayArdgDunsford- 10:00am SundayDunConfessions Saturday Ardglass: 4:30-4:55pm (or upon request)

Ardglass- Mon. Requiem Mass 12 o'clock. Tues Wed at 10am Dunsford- Thur 10:00am Novena Mass

# **RECENTLY DECEASED:** ELIZABETH (BETTY) AINSWORTH, SEAN MILLIGAN

### ADORATION: ARDGLASS TUESDAY 11am to 11pm, DUNSFORD THURSDAY 11am to 11pm.

Anniversaries: Very Rev Thomas Lynch, Very Rev Vincent Boyle SMA, Maureen Tice, Annie Smyth, Eileen Monaghan, Dan McAlea, Henry Fitzsimons, Kathleen Wright, Joseph Teggart, Betty McKenna, Margaret Smyth, James Francis Hanna, Annie Woods, Lily Hanna, Mary Armstrong, Sally O'Shea, Miriam McAlea, Annie McKay, William Livingsstone, James Hamill.

**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.

### St Brigid's Day Lecture

St Brigid's Parish welcomes you to join us for our annual St Brigid's Day Lecture. Date: Sunday 2nd February, Time: 4.00pm, Venue: St Brides Parish Centre (38 Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast), Guest Speaker: Bishop Alan McGuckians. Theme: Synodality for Mission. All are welcome.

### **Relics of Ven. Matt Talbot Prayer Society**

On Monday 3 February, the relics of the Venerable Matt Talbot will be received at St Peter's Cathedral at 5pm. Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm and the visit will conclude with Night Prayer at 10pm. All are welcome to join us at the Cathedral for this time of prayer and intercession, particularly for those struggling with addictions, as well as their families and all those who are affected by addiction.

**Parish Readers;** All our Parish Readers and anybody else interested in reading, are invited to a Day of Reflection in Tobar Mhuire, Crossgar Saturday 8th February, 10am -4.00pm. A hot meal will be provided. A great opportunity to understand your ministry of reading at Mass. To book a place please phone Mary Cullen 028 4461 2084

#### **Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre**

LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS: Discover your unique character strengths & reach your true potential. Saturday, 08 February 2025, 9.30am - 4.30pm (registration 9.00am) £43 / €50 (inclusive of lunch & tea/coffee breaks). Please contact Jacinta, Louisa or LeeAnne to reserve your place: TEL: 028 (048 from ROI) 3082 1964 EMAIL: admin@dromantineconference.com

**Sharing Christ Course in Lent Promotion** 

Sharing Christ - A seven-week mission that will train parishioners in our Community of Parishes to share Jesus Christ with others and invite them to be part of the Church. The mission will run on six Tuesday nights in Lent (starting 4 March) with a retreat day on Sat 12 April. Venue - Parochial House Downpatrick, Time: 7.15 pm. To register or for further information call Mary on 028 4461 2084. See your parish bulletin and social media platforms for further details.

#### **Fully Escorted Pilgrimage**

SHRINES OF ITALY PILGRIMAGE SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO, LORETO, ASSISI and CASCIA 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025, 7 Nights flying from Dublin to Bari. Including visits to the Tombs of Blessed Carlo Acutis, St Francis, St Clare and St Pio. Visit the first Eucharistic Miracle of the Catholic Church in Lanciano. And the Holy House of Nazareth in Loreto, plus much more. Comprehensive Travel insurance is EXTRA. COST £1,229 PER PERSON SHARING. SEATS ARE LIMITED Single room supplement is £350.00 EXTRA. Spiritual Director: Fr Ciaran Dallat, £300.00 deposit secures a seat! For further details contact: Jean Reynolds 07729 402311 or email: jeanreynolds@hotmail.co.uk.