

# Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

## First Sunday of Lent - 18 February 2018

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### CALLING ON FAMILIES TO VOLUNTEER AT THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

WE NEED 2 FAMILIES PER CHURCH TO VOLUNTEER - CAN YOU HELP?

**THIS SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY AT 4.30PM**

#### **WEEK 1: ST COMGALL'S CHURCH, Brunswick Road**

**During Lent** we will be praying the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

in the 3 Churches of Bangor Parish on alternate Sundays in Lent at **4.30pm**.

We would like **1** family to carry the cross for each of the stations during the read mediation in each of the Churches, **please contact the parish office during office hours**. The dates are as follows:

**Time:** 4.30pm      **Dates:** 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> Feb; 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> March

Week 1 & 3 – 18<sup>th</sup> Feb & 11<sup>th</sup> March – St Comgall's Church, Brunswick Road

Week 2 & 4 – 25<sup>th</sup> Feb & 18<sup>th</sup> March – Most Holy Redeemer, Ballyholme

Week 3 & 6 – 4<sup>th</sup> March & 25<sup>th</sup> March – St Comgall's Church, Donaghadee

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#### **Amoris Laetitia – The Joy of Love REFLECTION WEEK ONE**

This week's quote is on the subject of the Reality of Family Life Today:

"The family is a good which society cannot do without,  
and it ought to be protected." (P32, Par44)

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### **World Meeting of Families on 21-26 August 2018, Dublin**

#### **Registration for WMOF2018**

Registration for all WMOF2018 events is open via [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie). Individual pilgrims and families can now register for the main three-day WMOF2018 Congress from August 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, guaranteeing your ticket(s) for the Festival of Families on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August and for the Closing Mass on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> August.

Thousands of people have already registered with considerable interest from overseas. Don't miss out on these once in a generation events. REGISTER NOW! [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

#### **Why not make volunteering for WMOF2018 a New Year's resolution for 2018?**

The World Meeting of Families 2018 will attract thousands of Irish and International pilgrims. Organising it and seeing it through will only be possible with the help of thousands of volunteers. There are currently 1500 volunteers signed up for WMOF2018 but thousands more are needed.

Volunteer roles will include stewards, welcoming and information teams, photographers, media support, logistics, programming support and all the general day to day roles involved in running an event like the WMOF2018. One of the things the WMOF2018 is looking for volunteers to do is to help deliver the famous Irish welcome – the Céad Míle Fáilte. You can sign up on [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie), email [volunteer@worldmeeting2018.ie](mailto:volunteer@worldmeeting2018.ie) or call (01) 5676800.

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#### **Sunday Mass Times this week:**

Bangor: Vigil 6.30 pm,  
10.30 am, 12.30 pm.

Donaghadee: Sun 9.30 am.  
Ballyholme: 11 am.

**Hollywood:** Vigil 6.30 pm;  
10 am and 12 noon.

**Newtownards:** Vigil 6.30 pm; 11.30 am.

**Comber:** 10.00 am.

#### **Weekday Mass Times:**

Bangor: Monday - Thursday 9.30 am.  
Friday as announced.

Ballyholme: As announced.

**Confessions:** Sat 5.30 pm.

**Baptisms:** 1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month at 2pm.  
Four weeks notice required. Register online at  
[www.bangorparish.com](http://www.bangorparish.com)

**Your prayers are requested for:**

**Recently Deceased:**

Jim McDonagh

**Anniversaries:**

John Rogan, Irene Thompson,  
William and Mary Finlay,  
Michael Devlin, Fr John Courtney,  
Annie Louise Wilson, Ellen Curran,  
James McGrogan, Eddie McElroy,  
Erick Dickson Young, Brian Duffy,  
Irene Thompson, Brendan Barr.

*The second collection this Sunday is the Diocesan Collection for Sick and Retired Priests. This collection is required for the ongoing needs in respect of the Priests of the Diocese.*

*The collection is used to help the 'Priests' Provident Fund' provide for our sick and retired priests.*

*A Bequest of £1,000 from a deceased parishioner which will be used for the refurbishment of St Comgall's is gratefully acknowledged.*

**Perpetual Adoration**

St Comgall's Church  
Monday 10.30am-9.30pm.

**Trocaire and Traidcraft** will be holding a sale this weekend 17/18 Feb. Tea and coffee will be served after Masses on Sunday.

**Youth Club Open Night**

Friday 23 Feb from 6pm - 9pm for ages 10-16. Come and find out what is going on in your Parish Youth Club. Old and new members welcome. Parents welcome to come and have a chat with our leaders.

**Parish Ministry:** Are you aged between 14 and 18? Would you like to become more involved in your Parish? One way is to become a junior Minister of the Word. Training and support will be provided. Please leave your name and contact details at the Parish Office (9146 5522) during office hours or chat to Josh Hall (07921917026) or James McAllister (07751851444).

*An unforgettable night of entertainment was provided by the extended McClean family with the Cosa in Airde Scoil Rince dancers on 9 February. The proceeds amounting to £6,050 go towards the refurbishment of St Comgall's. Grateful thanks are offered to all who attended, performed, organised or helped in any way during this great parochial family event.*

**Trocaire 2018**

"Love...it always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails" (1 Cor 13-4-7)

When you donate to Trocaire you're not just giving. You're directly helping struggling communities in their fight for justice. The injustices faced by the world's poorest people are many and can only be tackled with your help. Trocaire Lenten boxes are available at the back of the church.

**Take on the Trocaire Romero Family Award.** Step 1: Log on to [www.trocaire.org/romeroaward](http://www.trocaire.org/romeroaward) and register your family for the Award.

**The Knights of Columbanus**

This year's Lenten retreat will be held in St Marys Greencastle on Mon 26 Feb at 7.30 pm. The retreat will be led by our Provincial Chaplain, Fr Andrew, and I would encourage you all to try and make what is one of our Area's annual retreats. All are welcome.

**Lourdes 2018:** The Diocesan Pilgrimage (11-16th July 2018) are currently seeking nurses (on the NMC live register - working in any area) to join the volunteer staff. For more info email [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org) or telephone the Pilgrimage Office 9064 6040. Subsidised fare for nurses £520.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

Bookings for 2018 Pilgrimage now open

Seven nights (10-17 July) £725 pps,

Five nights (11-16 July) £650 pps.

Five nights for pilgrims requiring nursing/personal care staying in the Accueil Notre Dame (11-16 July) £550.

Youth Team (8-17 July) £590.

Forms available from the Parish Office or contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office 9064 6040 or email [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org)

**The Bethany Bereavement Support Team** wish to recruit new members. A training course will start on Thurs 22 Feb at 7.30pm in the Good Shepherd Centre, Belfast. If interested or require further info phone Geraldine 075 1085 2157 or Claire 075 5788 2183.

**"One Family-One Common Home"**

Re-inhabiting the Earth Spring Conference - Fri 23 - Sun 25 Feb 2018.

For further details or to book a place contact Drumalis 028272196/28276455 (Mon- Fri, 9am-5pm) Booking forms can also be downloaded from [www.drumalis.co.uk](http://www.drumalis.co.uk)

**Beginning Experience** is offering 'a weekend away for a lifetime of change' at Drumalis Larne, Fri 2 - Sun 4 March. To find out more, contact Phil: 02890 207645 or Marie 07896119669 or email [bebelfast@hotmail.com](mailto:bebelfast@hotmail.com). Support group continues Wed evenings at 8pm in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave, Belfast.

**St Joseph's Young Priests Society** The latest addition of The Sheaf, the quarterly magazine of the Society, is available at the back of the church along with leaflets explaining the work of the Society. Please take a copy.

**Rally to "Save the 8th"** - a massive pro-life Rally will be held in Dublin on Sat 10 March. Join thousands from across Ireland in support of the 8th Amendment of the Irish Constitution that protects unborn babies. Coaches travelling to the Rally from towns across NI. For further details contact the Rally for Life Committee on 9027 8484 or click on [www.rallyforlife.net](http://www.rallyforlife.net)

**Bangor Parish  
7 Day Trip to Brittany and Normandy**

From June 25th to July 1st joining the one day St Columbanus International Meeting in St Coulomb June 30th.

The cost is 895 euro pp sharing, all breakfasts and dinners included, 3 nights Lisieux, 3 nights St Malo. Day trips include; Places associated with St Therese, Mont St Michel, Dinard and more. (Courier: Kieran Troy who has led Bangor groups in the recent past). As there is great demand for hotel space in Brittany in this period prompt booking would be highly recommended.

Details on the parish website, church notice board and from the Parish Office.

**Easter Duty:** ..... "each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during Paschal time (Ash Wed to Trinity Sunday) unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year". Canon 920.

**Lent in Tobar Mhuire:**

Join the Passionist Community for Taize style Prayer Around the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**Parish Envelopes 2018-19**

The new parish envelopes will be available for collection in March. If any parishioner does not have envelopes and would like some please contact the parish office as soon as possible.