

# Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

## Second Sunday of Lent - 25 February 2018

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY AT 4.30PM**

**WEEK 2: MOST HOLY REDEEMER, Ballyholme**

**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 a 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:

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| Week 2 - 25 February | - Most Holy Redeemer, Ballyholme      |
| Week 3 - 4 March     | - St Comgall's Church, Donaghadee     |
| Week 4 - 11 March    | - St Comgall's Church, Brunswick Road |
| Week 5 - 18 March    | - Most Holy Redeemer, Ballyholme      |
| Week 6 - 25 March    | - St Comgall's Church, Donaghadee     |



### Amoris Laetitia – The Joy of Love - Reflection Week 2

The extract for this week is Pope Francis' thoughts on  
The Christian Vision of the Family

"The covenant of love and fidelity lived by the Holy Family of Nazareth...  
gives shape to every family and enables it better to face the vicissitudes of life."  
(P45, Par66)

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

- A National Opening on Tuesday 21 August which will take place simultaneously in each of the dioceses of Ireland;
- A three day congress from 22-24 August in the RDS, Dublin;
- A Festival of Families on Saturday 25 August, (Croke Park) comprising a reflective concert style event within a prayerful and joyful atmosphere, in which personal stories of faith will be shared by families from all continents;
- A Closing Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 26 August with thousands of people from Ireland and across the world. (Phoenix Park)

Don't miss out on these once in a generation events. REGISTER NOW! [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

### TROCÁIRE ROMERO AWARD.

The Bangor Parish Pastoral Council are encouraging all within our parish family to sign up and take part in the Trocáire Romero Award to deepen our understanding of the lives and issues faced by families living in some of the areas where Trocáire is working. A Trocáire representative will be speaking at Masses **next weekend 3 & 4 March** to explain more about the initiative and how you can get involved.  
See website for more details.

#### 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.

#### 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:**

Mary Waddell

**Anniversaries:**

Derek Morgan, Tony Smith, Phil Trist, Marie Leavey, Kay Mackenzie, Tony Hill, Mary Catherine Murphy, Patrick Shevlin, Thomas Donohue, Eric. Mary and Gerard Beaman, Patrick McAloon, Patrick Gilmore, Mary Larkin, Brian McCartan, Annette Elmes, Maggie McGeough, Richard Robinson.

*The second collection next Sunday is the monthly stipend in support of your priests.*

**Perpetual Adoration**

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

**Minister of the Eucharist**

Would all ministers, old and new, serving in St Comgall's Church Bangor please leave their name and preferred Mass to serve at with Anne in the Sacristy to enable new groups to be organised.

**Welcome Rota for March**

6.30 pm Mass  
Una Sweeney, Anne McCabe  
10.30 am Mass  
Lisa Morrow, Una Graham  
12.30 pm Mass  
Coici Denny & Eileen Hanna

**Storehouse North Down**

Monthly collection next weekend. We need dried pasta, rice, tinned potatoes and potato products such as stew. Other foodstuffs and cleaning products are also acceptable. *With you help no-one in Bangor needs to go hungry.*

**The Finance Committee** is very pleased to announce that the contributions to the Refurbishment Fund have now reached £200,000, 4/5ths of the target. It is hoped that a starting date for the work can be announced in the near future. The Committee and Fr Gunn wish to express their sincere gratitude for your contributions to date so that this and the next generation may have a church whose beauty will bring all to God.

**The Knights of Columbanus**

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

**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).

**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.

**Women's World Day of Prayer  
Friday 2 March**

This year the theme is All God's Creation is very good! The service has been written by the women of Suriname in South America to be 'part of a great wave of prayer encircling the globe'.

**Interdenominational Services**

will take place in  
Shore Street Presbyterian Church,  
Donaghadee at 3pm;  
Groomsport Parish Church of Ireland  
at 7.30pm with supper afterwards in  
Groomsport Parish Church Hall.  
Everyone very welcome.

**Our Lady and St Patrick's, Knock**

To mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of St Patrick's College, past pupils, parents, staff and former governors are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving on Fri 16 March at 7.30 pm in the College. For more details tel: 9040 1184 or email [office@olspck.org](mailto:office@olspck.org)

**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)

**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.

**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)

**42nd Street**

St Agnes' Choral Society are excited to be producing the Broadway Classic, 42nd Street, from 10-14 April. The show is also currently running in The West End but why not avail of the chance to see it in The Grand Opera House?

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.goh.co.uk](http://www.goh.co.uk) or via the Box Office on 028 9024 1919

**Trocaire:** The sale last weekend raised £573+€10. Thank you for contributing to this wonderful sum.

**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.

**Parish Envelopes 2018-19**

The new parish envelopes will be available for collection for all the parish in St Comgall's Parish Centre the weekend of 17/18 March. If any parishioner does not have envelopes and would like some please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

**St Vincent de Paul**

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