

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

3rd Sunday of the Year - 21 January 2018

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

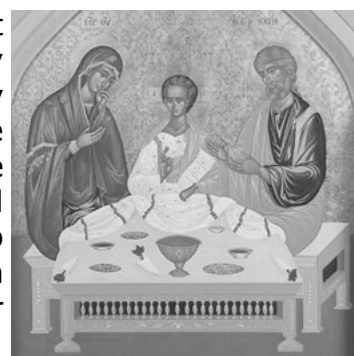
Icon of the Holy Family

Description of the Icon continued.



The tablecloth design is again that of a Jewish design. Their gathering around the table is reminiscent of the Three Angels in the famous 15th Century Icon of the Holy Trinity by Andrei Rublev. Christian Marriage is sometimes compared with the Holy Trinity, as a communion of the giving and receiving of love that is life-giving.

Similarly to this icon, the Holy Family have a place at their table for us. They invite us to join them. They are no strangers to the trials of family life. They themselves have been refugees, fleeing the violence of Herod. They have known great anxiety. Hence the radishes and bitter herbs of the Passover meal represent the sorrows and trials of the people of Israel in their slavery also represent for us the trials and sacrifices of patience and love experienced in every family. The presence of the unleavened bread and cup of wine on their table call to mind the Eucharist for us. *[More next week.]*



AMORIS NEWS - Let's Talk Family, Let's Be Family

During Lent we will be offering for six weeks in the Parish of Bangor 'Conversations' on the experience of family. A team of parishioners who have come together to help organise the preparations for the World Meeting of Families for our Parish will form the team who will be facilitating this programme -

'Let's Talk Family, Let's Be Family'. *More information will follow over the coming weeks.*

Consider becoming a volunteer – Get involved be part of the experience!!

Apply to volunteer at www.worldmeeting2018.ie/Volunteer

More information will be posted on our parish website www.bangorparish.com under World Meeting of Families.

Sunday Mass Times this week:

Bangor: Vigil 6.30 pm,
10.30 am, 12.30 pm.
Donaghadee: Sun 9.30 am.
Ballyholme: 11 am.

Holywood: Vigil 6.30 pm;
10 am and 12 noon.

Newtownards: Vigil 6.30 pm; 11.30 am.

Comber: 10.00 am.

Support for the Bereaved: If you need to talk to someone about your bereavement, a member of the Bethany Bereavement Support Group can be contacted on the Confidential mobile number: 075 1085 2157.

Weekday Mass Times:

Bangor: Mon - Thurs 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

Children's Liturgy:

Every Sunday at the 10.30am Mass in St Comgall's Bangor for primary school children.

Marian Prayer Group meet every Thurs evening for 1hr at 6.30pm in St Comgall's Church, Brunswick Road. Rosary for the Unborn, Reflection, Music, Petitions and Divine Mercy Chaplet. All ages welcome.

Your prayers are requested for:
Recently Deceased: Jim McDonagh

Month's Mind: Terri Morgan

Anniversaries:

Gerry and Margaret Corscadden,
Freddie Burns, Rosaleen Lennon,
Fred Feeney, Lily McIlmurray,
Nell Coey, John and Miriam Ellis,
Hazel Allen, Vincent Coulter,
Lilian and Frank Sullivan,
Thomas Dornan, Mick Seeley.

*The second collection this Sunday
is the Diocesan collection for
Youthcom.*

*Grateful thanks for £390 donations
received for St Comgall's Church
refurbishment fund.*

Perpetual Adoration

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

**Week of Prayer for Christian
Unity**

A Service will be held in St Comgall's
Church, Brunswick Road this evening
Sunday 21 January at 7 pm.

**Week of Prayer for Christian
Unity 18 – 25 Jan:** This year's inter-
Diocesan Services will be held in St
Anne's Church of Ireland Cathedral,
Belfast, on Tues 23 Jan 7 pm and St
Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral,
Armagh, on Wed 24 Jan 7.30 pm. The
theme for 2018 is "That All May Be
Free" and the preacher at both Services
will be Fr Kieran McDermott, Episcopal
Vicar for Evangelisation and
Ecumenism in Dublin Archdiocese.

"Legislating for Life" - A lecture by
Lord Alton of Liverpool in St Brigid's
Parish Centre Derryvolgie Avenue
Belfast on Thurs 25 January at
7.30pm. David Alton is an Independent
Life Peer, he is a Catholic and strongly
holds a "pro-life" position. His motto
on his Coat of Arms is taken from the
Book of Deuteronomy: **Choose Life.**

St Brigid's Day Lecture 2018

by Fr Paul Murray O.P. "*Anxious hearts
and wounded lives: The place of the
New Sacred.*" in St. Brigid's Parish
Centre on Thursday 1 Feb at 7.30pm.
Everyone welcome. Fr Paul Murray is
an Irish Dominican priest, poet, author
and professor, born in Newcastle, Co.
Down, and a past pupil of St Malachy's
College, Belfast He was a friend and
adviser to Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

Parish Fundraising Concert
featuring all 3 generations of the
'McClellan Family' will be held on Friday
9 February in St Comgall's Parish
Centre. Doors open 7.30pm, concert
8pm. tickets £10 available from
Thomas' Shop, kids go free with a
paying adult. Bar available and fantastic
ballot prizes. All funds raised will go
towards Parish refurbishment.

Diocesan Vocation Weekend

Is God calling you from your family to
serve His family? Have you ever asked
Jesus what he wants from you? Perhaps
He wants you to serve as a priest in His
Church. Take this opportunity to gather
with other men who are discerning a
vocation to the priesthood. This retreat
will create the time and space to help
you reflect on what vocation Jesus is
calling you to. Drumalis Retreat Centre,
Fri 16 – Sun 18 February 2018. If you
wish to attend this retreat or would like
further information contact: Fr. Kevin
McGuckien, 90614567, email:
k.mcguckien@downandconnor.org.

**Meeting for Returned Lay
Missionaries & Volunteers**

Wed 31 Jan at 7 pm in the Sacred Heart
Parish Centre, Glenview St, off Oldpark
Rd, Belfast. All are welcome. For more
info email jim.farrell@amri.ie or phone/
text + 353 83 8422468.

**A Journey into the Ministry of
Service** providing instruction,
guidance and support for Extraordinary
Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors will
take place on Sat 17 Feb from 9.30am to
3.30pm in St Patrick's Parish Centre
Newtownards. If you wish to attend,
contact the Parish Office by emailing
ards-comber@btconnect.com or by
phoning 9181 2137 no later than Tues 9
Feb. Tea/coffee available. Lunch will be
served. New members are most
welcome.

A Journey in Faith: If you need a
deeper understanding of your Catholic
faith / are seeking to return to
celebrating your faith / would like to
explore and enquire into the Catholic
faith with a view possibly of Baptism...
please come along to the Gartan Room,
St Colmcille's Parochial Hall, 191 Upper
Newtownards Road Belfast, on Wed
evenings at 7.30pm, to take the next
step with others, where you may find
example, encouragement and
inspiration to help you along on your
journey of exploration. Enquiries to
Noeleen 07879 498131

**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.

**Living Youth – World Meeting of
Families - Volunteering**

Living Youth is leading a Youth Group
from the Diocese of Down & Connor to
Dublin this coming summer to
volunteer at the World Meeting of
Families Congress and to attend the
Papal Mass. The trip will be from 22–26
August 2018 and will be for those aged
16–25, cost will be £100 per person. We
expect places to fill quickly so to register
your interest please email Living Youth
@ info@livingyouthni.org with your
name, contact number, parish and dob
or contact us directly on 9023 2432.

**NI Children's Hospice and Anam
Cara**, (the organisation that provides
support services to bereaved parents)
are hosting a Bereavement Information
Evening in Corr's Corner Hotel,
Newtownabbey on Tues 30 Jan 7.30-
9.30pm (registration from 7.15pm).

Ards CCE Trad Music Classes
continue in St Columbanus college on
Sat mornings. All trad instruments,
beginners welcome. Contact niall
07960072218.

Catholic Schools Week 2018

Sunday, January 28 marks the start of
Catholic Schools Week.

As well as school-based activities, there
will be a parish mass in Bangor at 10am for
"Grandparents Day" on Wed

Jan 31 with all schools represented.

Bangor Hospice Support Group
invite you to a Table Quiz at Bangor
Golf Club, on Fri 9 Feb at 8pm. Cost £5
pp. To book a table please contact Vi
Bowler on 9146 8160. Proceeds to NI
Hospice.