

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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Third Sunday of Easter, Year C – 5th May 2025

Your prayers are requested for

Month's Mind:

ANNE MCELROY

Anniversaries:

ROSEMARY O'REILLY

SARAH MCKEOWN

MOLLY COYLE

MICHAEL BRANNIGAN

BARRY MCGRATTAN

STELLA CONNOLLY

JIM MORROW

PATRICK MCMAHON

ALICE O'MALLEY

CATHERINE MARTIN

SARAH O'KELLY

VERA MAGENNIS

JAMES & CATHERINE CUMMINS

JACK LAWLESS

LIAM MCQUAID

EITHNE CRANSTON

DANIEL CARVILL

MAUREEN DOHERTY

P U JOSEPH

JAMES & KATHLENN MCMAHON

DYMPNA LENNON

JAMES BROWN

St Comgall's Church Donaghadee

Sunday 5th May @ 9am

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD

Saturday 4th May @ 6.30pm and

Sunday 5th May @ 10am and 12noon

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK:

DAILY MASS Monday 6th – Friday 9th May @ 9.30am

BAPTISM REGISTRATION

Please register online **SIDE BAR** under

'Baptism Registration'

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays @ 1.15pm

POPE FRANCIS, EUROPE, COLUMBANUS THANK YOU POPE FRANCIS

The light of the Risen Christ illuminates the orphaned world of Pope Francis who passed away in the very days of Easter that he announced until his last breath. We of Columbanus read in these events a message of hope for humanity and for each of us, for the Church and for society, served by him with the tireless heart of a Pastor and Father.

Full message available in the NEWS section of the parish website

ANNUAL PARISH CENSUS 2025



A count of attendance will take place at all Masses across the Diocese this weekend, **10th and 11th May 2025**. The annual parish census captures valuable information about the numbers, ages, and gender of people attending Mass. This information helps the Diocese and parishes to identify pastoral priorities, make plans to address them, and provide support to our faith communities.

When you arrive at Mass, you will be given a small counter for yourself and for each person in your family group and will be asked to place the counters in baskets labelled according to age. There will be red counters for females and blue counters for males. The baskets will be labelled with age bands and the number of counters for each age band will be recorded after each Mass.

We look forward to seeing you at Mass this weekend and thank you for your patience and co-operation



ST COMGALL'S PARISH CENTRE

Cuppa and Connect Upcoming dates

Sunday 04th May
After 12md Mass

Sunday 11th May
After 10am Mass



Pathways
to the Future



PARISH CENTRE – PARISH GROUPS 2025

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
BRIDGE CLUB at 7.15pm until 9.45pm [Minor Hall] LECTIO DIVINA GROUP 7.30pm – 8.30pm [St Dymphna's Room] BADMINTON NOW WEEKLY at 8 to 9pm [Main Hall]	FRIENDSHIP CLUB at 10.30am [Minor Hall] IRISH DANCING CLASSES at 6.00pm to 8.30pm [Main Hall] SVP at 7.30pm to 9.30pm [St Dymphna's Room]	PARENTS & TODDLERS 10am [Main/Minor Hall] MEDITATION GROUP at 12pm to 1.30pm [St Dymphna's Room] MENCAP Every fortnight at 6.00pm [Main/Minor Hall] FOLK GROUP AT 7pm [St Dymphna's Room] SENIOR CHOIR At 7.30pm [St Dymphna's Room]	St Comgall's Guide Unit (Girls aged 6-18) at 6.15pm to 8pm [Main/Minor Hall] IRISH LANGUAGE CLASS At 7pm to 8pm [St Dymphna's Room] CEILI DANCING at 8.15pm to 9.30pm [Minor Hall]	Ju-Jitsu Club (Juniors 5-15yrs) 6-7pm [Main Hall] Discussion Group At 7.30pm – 9pm [St. Dymphna's Room] Monthly

Children's Liturgy

We are delighted and very excited to announce that Children's Liturgy group is commencing as soon as possible. This will be held weekly at **10am mass**. Strictly only registered children can attend and only from P3-P6. Children's Liturgy will be held in the Youth Club. Registration is now at full capacity.

Parishioners are advised that due to recent works Church Tv is currently unavailable. Engineers are due next week to carry out repairs. Thank you for your continued patience.

ALPHA

St Colmcille's parish Belfast is inviting you to their short ALPHA programme, which begins on **next THURSDAY 8th MAY at 7.00pm to 8.30pm**, hosted in The Lampost Café, 19 Upper Newtownards Road BT4 3HT. Enjoy a free meal when you arrive, meet new people and explore the Christian faith together. Each session unpacks a big question of life, faith, and purpose. Come along and see what you think. All welcome. Please contact Noeleen to register, as places are limited on this occasion:

n.dunn@downandconnor.org

Please share with family, friends, and work colleagues. Your prayers for the programme are much appreciated.

Summer Singing Course 7-11 July 2025

5-day singing course for young people who want to improve their singing voice and musical skills. For young people aged 8-18

Venue: St Paul's Parish Centre, Belfast. End of week showcase: St Peter's Cathedral

Optional extra sessions for singers studying GCSE and A Level Music.

£75 for 5-day course. Book by 30th April for discount. Scholarships available on request.

For more information or to apply, please contact

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Assisted suicide Bill - less than 2 weeks left!

Report Stage of the assisted suicide Bill is 16 May. It is vital that you contact your MP urgently about this issue.

Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ASVote to email your MP - it takes just 30 seconds! If you have the time, please also visit your MP - you can arrange a meeting now by visiting

www.righttolife.org.uk/meetyourMP

The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (26th April. 24th May and 21st June)

Booking essential. To find out more, contact Pauline [07519289185](tel:07519289185) or Marie [07896119669](tel:07896119669) or email belfastbe@yahoo.com

If you require any further information please contact any of the above numbers and we will be happy to help.

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELPLINES

Bangor Conference 07703679384

(covering Bangor West, Clondeboy/Newtownards Road area, Kilcooley, Helens Bay and Crawfordsburn) will continue to use the existing number -.

Ballyholme/Donaghadee Conference 07703679389. (covering Bangor city centre, Bangor East/Ballyholme, Balloo/Bloomfield Road area, Conlig/Breezmount, Groomsport, Donaghadee and Millisle)

- Towards Peace is an independent organization that provides a spiritual support and professional service for survivors of physical, emotional, sexual and spiritual abuse who suffered in an institutional, clerical or religious setting in Ireland. Funded by the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference and the Association of Missionary and Religious in Ireland, the vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space for people and their families, whose spiritual life has been damaged by abuse. Through spiritual accompaniment with a qualified spiritual director, Towards Peace endeavours to accompany people as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. Towards Peace is also a response to the continually growing understanding of the spiritual impact of the trauma of abuse and seeks to raise awareness about this within the Church. The Towards Peace Spiritual Support Service is free of charge and for more please see <https://towardspeace.ie/>**

ACCORD NI Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting people to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators.

- If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church
- If you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage

Accord wants to hear from you!

Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally.

Contact Brenda on 02890 233002 or by email to info@accordni.com

www.accordni.com

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ADOPTIVE PARENTS NEEDED URGENTLY



Family Care Adoption Services is an Adoption Agency, and a core part of our work is to place children with new adoptive families. We provide adoption services throughout all Northern Ireland and work with Health and Social Care Trusts to place single children and sibling groups for adoption.

These children are aged from babyhood to approximately 5 years old.

There are currently more children waiting to be adopted in Northern Ireland than families approved to adopt and there is an urgent need for new families to come forward.

All sorts of people from all walks of life can be considered for adoption.

So, wherever you live in Northern Ireland if you think you could offer a child/ren a new life in a family of their own and would like an informal chat to discuss this and to find out more about adoption,

CONTACT US!

Email: email@familycareadoption.org

Phone: 02890 691133

Website: www.familycareadoption.com

We are waiting to hear from you!

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