

PARISH OF BANGOR, MEMBER OF ARDS FAMILY OF PARISHES

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Second Sunday after Christmas, Year A – 4th January 2026

Your prayers are requested for:

Recently deceased:

Sharon Mount
John McBride (Ennis, Clare)

Anniversaries:

Brendan McDowell
Mary (May) Carvill
Christina Bonar
Maureen Murray
Sheila & Harry Currie
Eddie Hamilton
Helen Jackson
James Greenway
Kevin Grimley

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

DAILY MASS:

Monday 5th January @ 9.30am
Tuesday 6th January – The Epiphany of the Lord @ 9.30am, 1pm & 7pm
Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th January @ 9.30am
Friday 9th January – *to be announced*

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH DONAGHADEE

Sunday 11th January – *to be announced via website*

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD

Saturday 10th January @ 6.30pm
Sunday 11th January – *to be announced via website*



Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock
OPEN MORNING
Saturday, 17th January 2026
9.00 am - 12.30 pm

The College Principal, Miss McLaughlin,
will address visitors in the College Hall
at 9.00 am and 11.00 am.



120 Giltnahirk Road
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ST COLUMBANUS' COLLEGE
A school for the whole community
OPEN EVENING
Tuesday 13th January 2026
6.45pm-9pm
PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS 7PM & 8PM

FOR MORE INFO

stcolumbanus.org.uk 02891270927

65th Anniversary
1960-2025

BAPTISM REGISTRATION

Please register online SIDE BAR under
'Baptism Registration'

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays @ 1.15pm

PARISH CENTRE – PARISH GROUPS 2025

| MONDAYS | TUESDAYS | WEDNESDAYS | THURSDAYS | FRIDAYS |
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| 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] FOLK GROUP AT 6.30 -7.30pm [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] |

Vincents, the Saint Vincent de Paul charity shop in Kircubbin, would welcome donations of good quality men's, women's and children's clothes plus small (non-electrical) household items. If at any time you have such items to donate, please e-mail kircubbin.vincents@svpni.co.uk giving details of the items for donation, your name, address and telephone number. We will then arrange to pick up the items at you home at a suitable time. Alternatively, you can drop off the items at the Vincents shop in Kircubbin during opening hours 10.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Saturday. Your donation will raise money to help people in need across the North Down and Ards area.

SPIRIT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION AWARD

St Comgall's P.S is delighted to announce they have been awarded the 'Spirit of Catholic Education Award' for how the school actively develops, nurtures, promotes and facilitates the spiritual and prayer life of their Catholic school community. Mr McGinley and Mrs Parker will be presented with the award in January 2026.

THE CLOSE OF THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Bishop Alan McGuckian will celebrate **the Rite of the Closing of the Jubilee Year with Mass at 3.00pm in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast on Sunday 4th January 2026.** He would like to invite as many as possible, from across the Diocese, to join him for the Mass and some refreshments afterwards in St Comgall's Centre. While the Jubilee Year of Hope will formally close, the task ahead will be to carry it's Message of Hope with us into the New Year 2026.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELPLINES

Bangor Conference 07703679384
(covering Bangor West, Clondeboy/Newtownards Road area, Kilcooley, Helens Bay and Crawfordsburn)

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

St. Comgall's Bereavement Support Group

The aim of the Bereavement Group is to provide support to the bereaved. If you wish to avail of this service, please contact the parish office **028 9146 5522**

- **Towards Peace Spiritual Support Service**

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 seeking**
Marriage Preparation Facilitators

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

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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