

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Family of Parishes

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Pentecost Sunday, Year C – 8th June 2025

Your prayers are requested for

Recently Deceased:

KATHLEEN (CLARE) KENNEDY
PAUL MACDONALD (SCOTLAND)

Anniversaries:

GERTIE O'MAHONY
JAMES MCKEOWN
WILLIAM MCGEOUGH
OWEN RAFFERTY
MAURA (MÁIRE) MCDONNELL
DAVID WEIR
ALICE MCGIVERN
KATHLEEN MCCANN
COLIN BLANEY
WILLIAM GAVIN
PATRICK TURLEY
BERNARD CHRISTOPHER UNWIN
ISOBEL MCILROY
JOHN & LEO MCDOWELL
GEORGE ROBERTS
FR COLM CAMPBELL
MARCELLA & JOHN PARKES

MOST HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH BALLYHOLME

Sunday 8th June @ 9am

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD

Saturday 7th June @ 6.30pm and
Sunday 8th June @ 10am and 12noon

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK:

DAILY MASS: Tues 10th – Fri 13th June @ 9.30am
REQUIEM MASS: Monday 9th June @ 10am

BAPTISM REGISTRATION

Please register online **SIDE BAR** under
'Baptism Registration'

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays @ 1.15pm

SCHOOL PLACES ANNOUNCEMENT

Places for September 2025 available in **St Comgall's Primary School**. Following an increase in our enrolment figure from the Department of Education, we have a small number of places available for children looking a space for September 2025. Please contact the school office if you'd like a place ajones169@c2kni.net or 02891 463194.



**ST COMGALL'S
PARISH CENTRE**

Cuppa and Connect

Sunday 08th June - after 10am mass

Sunday 15th June - after 12md mass

Sunday 22nd June Cuppa & Connect Family BBQ
after 12 mass

All Parish P7 children keep an eye out - fun
event upcoming to celebrate end of Primary!

More details to follow 🌟



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

DISCUSSION GROUP

The next meeting of the Discussion Group will be on **Friday 20th June** in St Dymphna's room from **7.30pm to 9.30pm**. The topic for this meeting is: "The Bible – an Overview". Everyone is welcome.

New Madonna and Child Statue

As announced last week Matthew Thompson from Co. Cork has been commissioned to sculpt a statue in Portland stone to replace the mutilated statue of Our Lady outside the church.

A donation of £25,000 has already been received but the advice is to budget for at least another £15,000 to cover transport, and installation.

Any donations large or small would be deeply appreciated. Please use the envelope on top of the safe, and place in the safe. So far this week several people have contributed **£6,080.00** for which the parish is deeply grateful.

Friends of Columbanus Events

A Parish Day by public transport can be arranged, if demand is present, to visit the exhibition "Words on Waves" – Rare Irish medieval documents from St Gallen and other Irish manuscripts are being displayed in the National Museum Kildare St Dublin. Interested parishioners are advised to contact the parish office or M.Foley.

Annual Charity Columbanus Walk way from Helen's Bay car park to Bangor Abbey on 20th Sept in aid of Samaritans. Volunteer helpers would be appreciated.

Down & Connor Diocesan Novena to The Sacred Heart June 19th to June 27th, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

It is with great joy as a diocese we celebrate the Novena to The Sacred Heart. This year we celebrate the 350th Anniversary of the apparitions of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. The Sacred Heart Novena invites you to nine days of prayer, cumulating in the celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart. These days offer a special opportunity to deepen your relationship with Jesus, to entrust your needs and intentions to His loving heart, a prayerful expression of our hope in this Jubilee Year.

The prayers will be available in a booklet you can pick up at Mass or read online; it will also include a piece of scripture and a reflection for each day for those who wish to go a little deeper. The images used in this year's Novena book are by students from our schools from across the diocese. Bishop Alan's hope is that this novena will be prayed either individually or together by parishes, groups, schools or families. Even young children can join in with the short prayers!

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)

ST. COMGALL'S BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The aim of the Bethany 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 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.

- 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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composed by Saint Alphonsus Liguori

for age upon age. Amen

Prayer Online: Come and join us at... www.soulparemission.com Who are we? We are a new interactive prayer website created by Jacinta Crockford DipTH, Spiritual Director living in Down and Connor. What's on offer? A variety of PDF meditations on Scripture, Mother Teresa, Ignatius Spirituality to name but a few. Lots of content to Dive into! There you will find - Podcasts on Faith, Friendship & Knowledge; Rosaries, Prayers and Marian Consecration, Videos of Reflective Prayers during Adoration. Come and join us and be part of the local prayer movement online!

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