

# Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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## First Sunday of Lent, Year C – 9th March 2025

*Easter Duty - every Catholic is required under pain of sin to receive Holy Communion worthily once between Ash Wednesday and the Feast of the Blessed Trinity*

### Your prayers are requested for

#### Recently Deceased:

SARAH (SALLY) FEARON

#### Month's Mind:

#### Anniversaries:

MAY & MAURA MCLAUGHLIN

MOLLY COYLE

SAM MCCALLUM

NAN ROUSE

PADDY ROUSE

ALICE DONAGHY

JIM REILLY

ASHLEEN MAGILL

PATRICK (PADDY) MCGROGAN

PETER KANG YU YAN

PATRICK LINEHAN

### St COMGALL'S CHURCH DONAGHADEE

Sunday 9th March @ 9am

### ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD

Saturday 8th March @ 6.30pm and

Sunday 9th March @ 10am and 12noon

#### MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK:

DAILY MASS: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March @ 9.30am

Deacon James will lead the monthly candle-lit hour of adoration with Taize Chant and Benediction on **Tuesday 11th March from 7:30 - 8:30pm** in Our Lady of the Visitation Church Comber.

*This will be the last for this winter season until October. Many thanks to all who have contributed to the success of the service over the winter and please God we can continue from October onwards.*

#### BAPTISM REGISTRATION

Please register online **SIDE BAR** under

**'Baptism Registration'**

*Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays @ 1.15pm*

### DISCUSSION GROUP

The next meeting of the discussion group will be on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025 in St Dymphna's room from 7:30pm – 9pm.

The topic for this meeting is: **"The Church – God's Plan of Salvation"**.

Everyone is welcome

### CHURCH ENVELOPES 25/26

Envelopes are available for collection in the foyer of St Comgall's Church Bangor.

If your envelopes are missing or if you would like to register for envelopes, please leave your name, address and contact number on the sheets provided.

If you use envelopes and are a UK taxpayer, we'd politely encourage you to complete and return a Gift Aid Declaration Form to the Parish Office. Thank you if you already do this. If you'd like to Gift Aid your donation please pick up a form for completion and return.

### Calling future Altar Servers

*"Altar servers play a most important role in the churches liturgy."*

*Good servers enable us all, bishops, priests, deacons and the lay faithful, to celebrate Mass and the other Sacraments with a spirit of prayer.*

*This means that altar servers too, should be prayerful people."(+ Basil Hume)*

We in the parish are looking to build on our team of servers and so Deacon James will be hosting a meeting and a first training session on Thursday 13th March at 3pm in St Comgall's Church, Brunswick Road. Boys and girls who may wish to come forward should be from P5 upwards. Please contact the parish office leaving your name and number and the name of the child who is interested in becoming an altar server.



### ST COMGALL'S PARISH CENTRE

#### Cuppa & Connect:

\*Sunday 09th March after 12md mass

\*Sunday 16th March No Cuppa & Connect -St.Patrick's weekend

\*Sunday 23rd March after 12md mass

\*Sunday 30th March No Cuppa & Connect - Mothering Sunday

Easter Family Ceili Saturday 12th April @5pm - All welcome for an evening of fun, dancing, light supper and craic. Easter treats for all children 🍌 🍷 🍷

New Defibrillator has been installed & is located on the right hand wall to the main entrance of our Parish Centre.

Our Holy Shop items continue to be sold at each Cuppa & Connect. We hold a small stock of bibles, missals & candles.

Catalogues available to browse through to order specific Holy items and for all upcoming sacraments including First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

**PARISH CENTRE – PARISH GROUPS 2025**

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
<b>BRIDGE CLUB</b> at 7.15pm until 9.45pm [Minor Hall]  <b>LECTIO DIVINA GROUP</b> 7.30pm – 8.30pm [St Dymphna's Room]  <b>BADMINTON</b> NOW WEEKLY at 8 to 9pm [Main Hall]	<b>FRIENDSHIP CLUB</b> at 10.00am [Minor Hall]  <b>IRISH DANCING CLASSES</b> at 6.00pm to 8.30pm [Main Hall]  <b>SVP</b> at 7.30pm to 9.30pm [St Dymphna's Room]	<b>PARENTS &amp; TODDLERS</b> 10am [Main/Minor Hall]  <b>MEDITATION GROUP</b> at 12pm to 1.30pm [St Dymphna's Room]  <b>MENCAP</b> Every fortnight at 6.00pm [Main/Minor Hall]  <b>FOLK GROUP</b> AT 7pm [St Dymphna's Room]  <b>SENIOR CHOIR</b> At 7.30pm [St Dymphna's Room]	<b>St Comgall's Guide Unit</b> (Girls aged 6-18) at 6.15pm to 8pm [Main/Minor Hall]  <b>IRISH LANGUAGE CLASS</b> At 7pm to 8pm [St Dymphna's Room]  <b>CEILI DANCING</b> at 8.15pm to 9.30pm [Minor Hall]	<b>Ju-Jitsu Club</b> (Juniors 5-15yrs) 6-7pm [Main Hall]  <b>Discussion Group</b> At 7.30pm – 9pm [St.Dymphna's Room]

Parishioners are advised the parish centre will be closed on **MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025**

There will be a collection outside the church after each mass on St Patrick's Day for the promotion of the Irish Language in the community. Go raibh maith agat

Cap On The Wall will be putting on 2 sensational shows of Irish music song and dance, with special guests, all Ireland champions and lead dancer from riverdance, Lauren Smyth.

**Sat 15th March St Patrick's hall Newtownards**

**Sunday 16 March St Comgall's Parish Centre Bangor.**

Tickets £10 from Thomas shop Brunswick road Bangor or on Eventbrite.

Both shows will have licensed bars and fabulous ballots. Stew also available at the Ards show.

Step forward as a *Pilgrim of Hope* this Lent!

As we journey through the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis invites us to be Pilgrims of Hope – people who walk in faith, supporting one another and deepening our relationship with Christ. We invite you to join us for our Lenten program, *Pilgrim Hearts – Walking in the steps of Jesus this Lent*, a 6 week Lenten journey inspired by the Sunday gospels and the lives of the Irish saints who embraced faith in times of challenge. From St Patrick's prayers on the mountain to St Brigid's acts of compassion, their lives remind us that holiness is lived in simple, everyday choices. They were the great heralds of the Christian faith in Ireland.

Evangelisation begins with an invitation! Who in your life might need this journey? Invite a friend, a family member, or someone who perhaps has been away from Church for a while. Your invitation could be the start of their pilgrimage of hope.

All are welcome! For more details contact the parish office or Derek on the number below.

Venue: Most Holy Redeemer, Ballyholme

Date: Sundays during Lent, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> March, 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> April

Time: 5pm to 6.30pm

Contact person: **Derek 075 4936 2907**

Please visit the Parish website for the course resources.

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**There is a very interesting basic course (6 video presentations) on the Bible which is being offered on line by the Tarsus Scripture School free of charge.(tarsusscriptureschool.ie). The talks are very interesting and clear. It is offered as a service to the Church in Ireland, interested individuals and parishes, and has already a huge number of people tuning in.**  
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**St. Patrick's Community Centre, Portaferry**

St Patrick's Community Centre, Portaferry invites you to TAYLOR NI, A Tribute to Taylor Swift, on Friday 14th March 2025 at 7.00 pm. Tickets can be purchased through Ticket Taylor <https://buytickets.at/stpatrickscommunitycentrepportaferry/1584412>.

Tickets are £10.00. Children under 11 must be accompanied by a paying adult. Hurry! Tickets are going quickly!

Interested in Social Dancing lessons? Text your name and the word DANCE to 07542530006.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELPLINES**

**Bangor Conference 07703679384**

(covering Bangor West, Clondeboye/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/Breezmout, Groomsport, Donaghadee and Millisle)



## 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](mailto:email@familycareadoption.org)

Phone: 02890 691133

Website: [www.familycareadoption.com](http://www.familycareadoption.com)

We are waiting to hear from you!

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