PARISH OF BANGOR, MEMBER OF ARDS FAMILY OF PARISHES

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The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Year C – 9th November 2025

Your prayers are requested for: Recently deceased: Michael Slack

(Requiem Mass – Friday 14th Nov @11am St Comcille's Ballyhackamore)

Anniversaries:

Anne Duffin

Ann Harrington

Terry Mallon

Tom Linehan

Mary Coulter

Frank Rice

Monsignor Ambrose Macauley

Mary McGeough

Jack Murphy

Ethna & Vincent Heaney

Fr Gerry Patton

Madge Griffen

Angela & Sheila McCausland John & Rita Finlay

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH, DONAGHADEE

Sunday 9th November 2025 @ 9am

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD

Saturday 8th November @ 6.30pm Sunday 9th November @ 10am and 12noon

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK:

Daily Mass Mon 10th– Fri 14th November @ 9.30am

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

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays @ 1.15pm



SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER

Welcome to our Christmas Trocaire Event

Santa, stalls, ballot, tea & coffee, Christmas Fayre

Also Trocaire Christmas cards on sale.

Help Trocaire help those who face war, hunger and poverty

Annual Bereavement Prayer Service

The Annual Bereavement Prayer Service for our deceased relatives and friends will take place on Sunday 16th November @ 5pm in St Comgall's Church Brunswick Road. In particular we remember those parishioners who have died since last November. All welcome.





Parish Family Christmas Party!

The Parish Centre Committee warmly invites everyone to our Family Christmas Party on Sunday 14th December, 11am-1pm in the Parish Centre.

Enjoy a fun-filled morning with a festive disco, Christmas treats, and a special visit from Santa himself! All are welcome — young and old alike — to come together and share in the Christmas joy. 🌞 We look forward to celebrating the season with you!

PARISH CENTRE – PARISH GROUPS 2025

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
BRIDGE CLUB	FRIENDSHIP CLUB	PARENTS & TODDLERS	St Comgall's Guide Unit	Ju-Jitsu Club
at 7.15pm until 9.45pm	at 10.30am	10am	(Girls aged 6-18)	(Juniors 5-15yrs)
[Minor Hall]	[Minor Hall]	[Main/Minor Hall]	at 6.15pm to 8pm	6-7pm ′
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LECTIO DIVINA GROUP	IRISH DANCING	MEDITATION GROUP	, ,	
7.30pm – 8.30pm	CLASSES	at 12pm to 1.30pm	IRISH LANGUAGE	Discussion Group
[St Dympna's Room]	at 6.00pm to 8.30pm	[St Dympna's Room]	CLASS	At 7.30pm – 9pm
- , ,	[Main Hall]	- , ,	At 7pm to 8pm	[St. Dympna's
BADMINTON		FOLK GROUP	[St Dympna's Room]	Room1
NOW WEEKLY at 8 to 9pm	SVP	AT 6.30 -7.30pm		_
[Main Hall]	at 7.30pm to 9.30pm	[St Dympna's Room]	CEILI DANCING	
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	[2027	SENIOR CHOIR	[Minor Hall]	
		At 7.30pm	[
		[St Dympna's Room]		

New Madonna and Child Statue

As announced 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. Any donations large or small would be deeply appreciated. Please use the envelopes on top of the safe, and place in the safe. So far this week several people have contributed £675.00 for which the parish is deeply grateful.





The Society of St Vincent De Paul Annual Christmas Lunch for the pensioners of the Parish

> is to be held in St Comgall's Parish Centre

> > On

Sunday 30th November 2025 at 2pm

Should you wish to attend please contact:

The SVP Helpline 07703 679384 or Ann 07969 555925 by 14th November 2025

There is no charge and lifts to and from the lunch can be provided if required.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards will be available in the Church porch after weekend masses. They will also be available in Thomas' shop. A donation of £3 per pack is requested.

DISCUSSION GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Friday 14th November @7.30 -9.30pm. The topic is: `**The Testimony of Gloria Polo'.** Everyone is welcome.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELPLINES

Bangor Conference 07703679384

(covering Bangor West, Clandeboye/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 Marriage Preparation Facilitators Service seeking					
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!

PRAYERS AT HOLY COMMUNION

Spiritual Holy Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you have already come, and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

composed by Saint Alphonsus Liguori

ANIMA CHRISTI Prayer to the Most Holy Redeemer

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, embolden me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
From the evil enemy defend me.
At the hour of my death call me
and bid me to come to you,
that with your Saints I may praise you
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!

CALENDAR OF SAINTS DAYS

JANUARY 2024				