

PARISH OF BANGOR, MEMBER OF ARDS FAMILY OF PARISHES

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The Baptism of the Lord, Year A – 11th January 2026

Your prayers are requested for:

Recently deceased:

Maria Boyle (Castlewellan)

Brendan Hamill (Canada)

Mamie Kelly (Trillick)

Month's Mind:

George McCann

Anniversaries:

Noel Kelly	Sean Daly
Michael Jennings	Ann McCaughey
Joe & Gerry Donaghy	
Florence Collins	Vera Farley
May McKenna	Rose Davidson
Ethna Taylor	Gary Rouse
Joseph Donaghy	Peter Doherty
William Eccles	Margaret Moore
Lily McIlmurray	Hazel Allen
Miriam & John Ellis	Michael Carlin
James Keenan	Rosena Connor

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

DAILY MASS:

Monday 12th – Thursday 15th January @ 9.30am

Friday 16th January – *to be announced*

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH DONAGHADEE

Sunday 18th January @ 9am

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD

Saturday 17th January @ 6.30pm

Sunday 18th January @ 10am & 12noon

BAPTISM

Please register online SIDE BAR under Baptism registration
Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays @ 1.15pm



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.



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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

Friends of Columbanus Bangor Event celebrating the lives of St Brigid and St Columbanus

Saturday 7th February in the North Down Museum Bangor: Enjoy a demonstration of St Brigid Cross Making and using the materials provided make your own cross. Refreshments provided.

Limited number of places. For more information and to book now go

to <https://www.visitardsandnorthdown.com/whats-on/celtic-saints-a-journey-through-time-and-tradition-p948071>

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] 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.

DISCUSSION GROUP

The next meeting of the Discussion Group will be on **Friday 16 January 2026** in St Dymphna's room from **7.30pm – 9.30pm**.

The topic for this meeting is: "Sophia: the Wisdom of God". Everyone is welcome.



**ST COMGALL'S
PARISH CENTRE**

Cuppa + Connect

Sunday 11th Jan after 10am Mass

Ards CCÉ traditional music classes in St Columbanus College Bangor Sunday afternoons and Sunday Eve in St Joseph's College Belfast.

All instruments and all levels including total beginner. More info Niall McClean **079 6007 2218**

McClean family concerts, Bangor Courthouse Friday 16 Jan and Sat matinee 17th Jan.

Friday eve sold out. Limited tickets left for Sat. More info from Courthouse online

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)

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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**

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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 (31st January, 28th February and 28th March) Booking essential. To find out more, contact **Pauline 07519289185** or **Marie 07896119669** or email belfastbe@yahoo.com

Canons Whyte and Gunn wish to thank most sincerely all those parishioners who sent Mass bouquets, Christmas cards and gifts. Your kindness and great generosity are deeply appreciated. They wish you all a very happy and peaceful New Year.

- 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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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!

JANUARY 2024

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