

# Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, Year C – 20<sup>th</sup> April 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:

JOHN LYNCH (Cavan)  
RUDOLF (Rudy) WERNEGGER  
SEAN DOHERTY

#### Month's Mind:

SALLY FEARON  
LENORE RICE

#### Anniversaries:

DERMOT GETHIN  
SHEILA HART  
PAMELA NELSON  
GINO GAMBLE  
GERRY TAYLOR  
ISABELLA SEMPLE (nee Martin)

### Most Holy Redeemer's Church Ballyholme

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April @ 9am

### ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April @ 6.30pm and  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April @ 10am and 12noon

### MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK:

DAILY MASS Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April @ 10am

### BAPTISM REGISTRATION

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

*Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays @ 1.15pm*

### TROCAIRE

Thank you to all the parishioners who  
supported our Coffee morning, we raised  
£2060.

Your donations will help to feed and  
shelter the victims of the recent  
earthquake.

### Divine Mercy Sunday

Would you like your soul to be as pure as on the day you were baptised? If the answer is yes, read on. St Pope John Paul II canonized a Polish mystic, Sister Faustina (1905 – 1938) on the Sunday after Easter in 2000 and declared that from then on, the second Sunday of Easter would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday. In a revelation to Sister Faustina (recorded in her Diary 1109) Jesus told her, 'I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to confessions and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy' (Divine Mercy Sunday). The conditions for receiving this great grace, including going to confessions, can be fulfilled by attending any of the following Churches on Divine Mercy Sunday, 27 April this year. St Peter's Cathedral at 2pm, St Paul's, Falls Rd at 2pm, Sacred Heart, Oldpark Rd at 2.15pm, St Patrick's, Lisburn at 3pm and All Saints Ballymena at 2pm, (huge crowds at Ballymena, come early!).

### PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Ballychran - 7pm

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Newtownards - 7pm

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Ballygalget @ 6pm & Portaferry @ 7pm

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Bangor @ 7pm

### EASTER MASSES

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7pm

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday Liturgy @ 3pm

Stations of the Cross @ 7.30pm

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Vigil @ 9pm

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Sunday MHR @9am & St Comgall's Church  
@ 10am & 12noon

## PARISH CENTRE – PARISH GROUPS 2025

| MONDAYS   | TUESDAYS   | WEDNESDAYS  | THURSDAYS  | FRIDAYS   |
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| <b>BRIDGE CLUB</b><br>at 7.15pm until 9.45pm<br>[Minor Hall]<br><br><b>LECTIO DIVINA GROUP</b><br>7.30pm – 8.30pm<br>[St Dymphna's Room]<br><br><b>BADMINTON</b><br>NOW WEEKLY at 8 to 9pm<br>[Main Hall] | <b>FRIENDSHIP CLUB</b><br>at 10.30am<br>[Minor Hall]<br><br><b>IRISH DANCING CLASSES</b><br>at 6.00pm to 8.30pm<br>[Main Hall]<br><br><b>SVP</b><br>at 7.30pm to 9.30pm<br>[St Dymphna's Room] | <b>PARENTS &amp; TODDLERS</b><br>10am<br>[Main/Minor Hall]<br><br><b>MEDITATION GROUP</b><br>at 12pm to 1.30pm<br>[St Dymphna's Room]<br><br><b>MENCAP</b><br>Every fortnight at 6.00pm<br>[Main/Minor Hall]<br><br><b>FOLK GROUP</b><br>AT 7pm<br>[St Dymphna's Room]<br><br><b>SENIOR CHOIR</b><br>At 7.30pm<br>[St Dymphna's Room] | <b>St Comgall's Guide Unit</b><br>(Girls aged 6-18)<br>at 6.15pm to 8pm<br>[Main/Minor Hall]<br><br><b>IRISH LANGUAGE CLASS</b><br>At 7pm to 8pm<br>[St Dymphna's Room]<br><br><b>CEILI DANCING</b><br>at 8.15pm to 9.30pm<br>[Minor Hall] | <b>Ju-Jitsu Club</b><br>(Juniors 5-15yrs)<br>6-7pm<br>[Main Hall]<br><br><b>Discussion Group</b><br>At 7.30pm – 9pm<br>[St.Dymphna's Room]<br>Monthly |

### Children's Liturgy

Parent Consent forms will be available after 10am Mass for the class which will begin soon. There will be forms available at upcoming Cuppa and Connect mornings too. We need to have children enrolled prior to the start of classes.

### CUPPA & CONNECT

Sunday 20th April: Easter Sunday  
Sunday 27th April: after 12md Mass

Support the Catholic Mothers Ireland EASTER RAFFLE. With the grand prize of a trip to Medjugorje with Marian Pilgrimages & other great prizes; buy your raffle tickets today. Text/Whatsapp 085 1471516 ( £4/€5 for 1 entry, £8/€10 for 3 entries, £25/€30 for 10 entries, £45/€50 for 20 entries )

**Draw takes place Easter Monday.**

To learn more or get involved, visit [www.catholicmothers.ie](http://www.catholicmothers.ie) or find us in Facebook; Catholic Mothers Ireland

A chara,  
Beatha agus sláinte. Faigh le seo, fógra faoi:

- Oilithreacht na Gaeilge.** Beidh Oilithreacht na Gaeilge ar siúl i gCnoc Mhuire, **DÉ DOMHNAIGH, 27ú AIBRÉAN, 2025**, Aifreann 3:00i.n.
- Tionól Chumann na Sagart 2025** a bhéas ar siúl i gCnoc Mhuire (Knock House Hotel) ar an 27ú - 28ú AIBRÉAN, 2025. Seolfar Clár Tionóil go luath.

Má tá suim agat freastail ar Thionól na bliana seo, agus a bheith i láthair don tae Oíche Dhomhnaigh 27ú AIBRÉAN agus/nó leaba 's bricfeasta ar an oíche sin, ar mhiste leat teachtaireacht a chur ar ais chugam le do thoil roimh, **DÉ CÉADAIOIN 9ú AIBRÉAN**. Beidh uimhreacha le socrú againn le lucht an Óstáin don tae / leaba agus bricfeasta.

### English Translation

- The Irish Language Pilgrimage.** The Irish Language Pilgrimage will take place in Knock, **SUNDAY, 27th APRIL, 2025**, Mass 3:00pm.
- The Assembly of **the Priests' Association 2025** which will take place in Knock House Hotel on the 27th - 28th April, 2025. An Assembly Programme will be launched shortly.

If you are interested in attending this year's Assembly, and attending for tea on Sunday Night 27th APRIL and/or bed and breakfast on that night, please send me a message before, **WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL**. We will have numbers to arrange with the Hotel for tea/bed and breakfast.

In the midst and in the family of Jesus,  
Fr. Brian Ó Fearraigh  
Secretary

**Good Friday Falls/Shankill Annual Prayer Walk** - will take place on **Good Friday 18th April** beginning at **4.45pm** in front of **Clonard Church**, stopping midway at Shankill Methodist for a brief prayer, and returning to Clonard by 6.00pm. All are welcome as we commit ourselves once again to the ministry of reconciliation, in the footsteps of Jesus, who gave his life for everyone on this day.

### 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)

- 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](mailto:info@accordni.com)

[www.accordni.com](http://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](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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