

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year A – 14th May 2023

Your prayers are requested for

Recently Deceased

Very Reverend Kevin McMullan
Alicia (Lelia) McKenna

Month's Mind

Anniversaries:

Sarah McGarry
Gerald & Thomas Scollan
James McQuillan
Patrick Coyle
Anthony Arthurs
Rosaleen Arthurs

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH, DONAGHADEE

Sunday 14th May 2023 @ 9.00am

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD

Saturday 13th May @ 6.30pm and
Sunday 14th May @ 10am & 12noon

MASS TIMES FOR:

DAILY MASS NEXT WEEK – 15th -19th May

Morning Mass: Tuesday to Friday 9.30am
Requiem Mass: Monday 15th May 10am – Lelia McKenna

BAPTISM REGISTRATION

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

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

As a Church we are called to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and share his love in the world. But we realise that our current way of doing things is getting more difficult to sustain. With smaller congregations and fewer priests we have to find new ways to ensure that the mission of the Church can be carried out in the future.

For this reason our Diocese of Down and Connor is undertaking a major programme of change called Pathways to the Future. It will look at the priorities and structures of the Church to see how we can best serve our 86 parishes and other ministries over the next twenty years.

A steering team of lay people and clergy has been preparing for this work in recent months and representatives of every parish have taken part in initial conversations. In the coming months we all have a chance to find out more and play our part. One important task is to collect accurate information and for that reason a census of Mass attendance across the diocese will be taken up next week.

This is a time of rebuilding and renewal for our diocese and we set off on the pathway confident that the Holy Spirit, sent to us by the Father, will guide us on our journey together. Please keep this project in your prayers!

Most Holy Redeemer Church Ballyholme

At the most recent Parish Finance Committee it was recorded that £17,000 has been spent so far on most Holy Redeemer Church for gas installation, new alarm system and other repairs.

Preliminary costings received from the architect were too high and he was asked to revise them. He has now returned with an estimate of £70,000 which will bring the total to £87,000. This has yet to be put out to tender.

The committee, being aware of the Pathways to the Future project which will be diocese wide, has recommended that the church be repaired to allow it to open as soon as possible and to make best use of our limited parish financial resources. It is hoped that the work will be completed before the end of the summer.



NOVENA

TO

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

At St Gerard's Church – 722 Antrim Road

MONDAY 15th MAY 2023

To

TUESDAY 23rd MAY 2023

9:30 am and 7:30 pm

EVERYONE VERY WELCOME

PARISH CENTRE – PARISH GROUPS 2023

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS
BRIDGE CLUB at 7.15 until 9.45pm YOUTH CLUB 6.30pm – 8.30pm LECTIO DIVINA GROUP 7.30pm – 8.30pm [St Dymrna’s Room]	FRIENDSHIP CLUB at 10.00am IRISH DANCING CLASSES at 6.00pm SENIOR CHOIR Starting 11 th October at 7.30pm	MENCAP Every fortnight at 6.00pm YOUTH CLUB 6.30pm – 8.30pm BADMINTON Every fortnight at 8.00pm	St Comgall’s Guide Unit (Girls aged 6-18) at 6.30pm IRISH CLASS & CEILI DANCING at 7.00pm
BOOKING OF PARISH CENTRE: Contact Thomas on 07305 746 263 or Email: mcmullanthomas481@gmail.com			
If you have a parish group and wish to advertise the times of starting or day in this Parish Newsletter please contact the parish office by email on: bangor@downandconnor.org			

Assumpta est Maria.

Premiere of Organ Variations on the Plain Chant Antiphon by Professor Desmond Hunter.
Thursday 25th May 2023, 7.30pm.
In Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Newcastle, County Down.

Programme will include pieces by Bach, Byrd and a choral Ave Maria by Abt.
 The Variations were written in tribute to the Parish of Maghera and the Church Organ built by Skrabl of Slovenia and Kenneth Jones of Wicklow.

Professor Hunter lectures on the music of Byrd in the University of Cambridge, a former President of the Ulster Society of Organists and the Titular Organist of the City of Belfast.

Deacon James invites you to a candlelit hour of adoration, quiet prayer and reflection with Taizé chant.
 In St. Colmcille’s Church, Holywood , **Wednesday 31st May, from 7:30pm to 8:30pm.**

Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre: You are invited to a series of conversations in Tobar Mhuire in which people share their experience of life, faith and finding hope in their lives. Participants will include Rev Harold Good, Baroness Nuala O’Loan and Fr Aidan Troy CP. Our next conversation will be on **Monday 15th May at 7pm** with Rev Harold Good who will share his experience in peace and reconciliation. All welcome. Voluntary donation.

Novena for Life

The *Pray for Life* Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Tuesday 23rd May to the Feast of the Visitation on Wednesday 31st May. Each day’s intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers which will also be posted on [facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena](https://www.facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) and @ChooseLifeIRL on Twitter. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference.

All Ireland Rosary Rally in Knock- coach leaving from the Kennedy Centre, Falls Rd, Belfast at 8.15am to the Rosary Rally in Knock on Saturday 3rd June. Returning to Belfast at 5pm. To book your seat please contact 07592280522

Can anyone help?

Parishioner seeking a lift to morning Mass during the week. If you can help please ring the parish office. Many thanks.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELPLINES

Bangor Conference 07703679384

(covering Bangor West, Clandeboye/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)

AT A GLANCE – NEWS ITEMS IN THE PARISH AND AROUND THE DIOCESE

DIOCESAN NOTICES:

The Dioceses of Derry and Clogher have a small number of places left on their World Youth Day Pilgrimage in August

Here is the Info regarding World Youth Day to Lisbon

- **We are travelling on the 25th of July to the 7th of August**
- **Flights are booked from Dublin to Porto and we fly home from Lisbon to Dublin**
- **The first week will be spent with families and we will have days in the Diocese of Porto until the 31st**
- on the 31st we make our way from Porto to Fatima spend an afternoon in Fatima and continue the journey to Lisbon
- The rest of the Trip will be in Lisbon for the World Youth Day Schedule

Regarding Registration

- The deposit required is €250 and is non refundable
- The full fare must be paid by the middle of June.
- We are asking that everyone apply for the free health insurance card.
- **Full fare is €1150**

Many thanks

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OTHER NOTICES:

▪ **NI CANCER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, Sun 28 May to Fri 2 June 2023**

- The price of £799 (with price reduction for Cancer Patients) will include: Return flights from Belfast International Airport, operated by Northern Star Travel Ltd. Full board and accommodation at the Hotel Agena in Lourdes for five nights based on twin/double/triple rooms. Service of JWT guides in Lourdes. The party will consist of patients, ex-patients, relatives

To see the fuller details please go to the parish website 'Parish Newsletter' and friends accompanied by medical, nursing and other staff. To enquire or to obtain a booking form please speak to a member of the committee on Tel. **07846 88388** or email mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk

▪ **COLUMBANUS ACROSS EUROPE**

Dear Friend of Columbanus Bangor, An Italian Columbanus friend sent me the link below which is a beautifully illustrated copy of a children's book written by Giovanni Caselli about the journeys of Columbanus across Europe through the eyes of a young trainee monk called Finbar. <https://rotharroutes.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/columbanus.pdf>

▪ **FOSTER CARE SERVICES AND SUPPORT**

'There are children in crisis today in our local communities – children of all ages and all abilities. Can you spare an hour a day, an overnight or a weekend or more to make a difference in a child's life? If you can, then contact the Regional Fostering Team at www.adoptionandfosteringcare.hscni.net or on 0800 0720 137....remember ,every child is just one caring adult away from success'.

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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A – 26th February 2023

Lord Jesus, you have said, 'Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you.' I come to you in faith and trust, in love and hope. Let me know your closeness to me and your care for me and for all who are dear to me.

My intention: Hear my prayer (*mention intention*); grant what I ask, and may I always trust that in all that happens in life, you will be close to me as my friend, guide and saviour. And so, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

Penitential Act: I confess to the almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

MAY 2023

Wednesday 10 May

Saint Comgall, Abbot of Bangor

Saturday 10 March

Saint Aengus, Bishop & Abbot

Sunday 5 March

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 11 March

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Tuesday 7 March

Saints Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

Monday 12 March

The Anniversary of the election of Pope Francis

Wednesday 8 March

Saint John of God, Religious & Saint Senan, Bishop

Friday 18 March

Saint Patrick, Principal Patron of Ireland

Thursday 9 March

Saint Frances of Rome

Saturday 19 March

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor