

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Year C – 14th September 2025

Your prayers are requested for Recently Deceased:

Winifred Agnes (Una) Ferguson
Laurence Reavey

Month's Mind:

Monica (Mona) Eccles

Anniversaries:

Joe McNally
Jack Allen
Joseph Hall
Annie Hall
Patrick & Caroline Duffy
Sean McPadden
Maura & PJ Cullen
Maureen Taylor
James Hill
Patricia Small

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH DONAGHADEE

Sunday 14th September 2025 @ 9am

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD

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

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK:

Monday 15th – Friday 19th September @ 9.30am

BAPTISM REGISTRATION

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

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays @ 1.15pm

**MANY
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ONE PEACE**



FAITH IN ACTION IN A DIVIDED WORLD

Wednesday 24th September, 7.30pm
in the Windsor Hub, 22 Lower Windsor Ave, Belfast BT9 7DW



**ST COMGALL'S
PARISH CENTRE**

CUPPA & CONNECT

Sunday 14 Sept 10am Mass (Holy Shop)

Sunday 21 Sept 12noon Mass

Sunday 28 Sept no cuppa & connect

Sunday 05 Oct 10am Mass

Requests for Parish Centre bookings should be
forwarded to the PCC via email:

stcomgallspcc@gmail.com

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HOST BRANCH

OPEN DAYS:
ST COLUMBANUS COLLEGE
BALLYMACONNELL ROAD, BANGOR
SUN 14TH SEP - 3-4PM
ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE
RAVENHILL ROAD, BELFAST
SUN 14TH SEP - 5-6PM

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PARISH CENTRE – PARISH GROUPS 2024

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]

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 **£55.00** for which the parish is deeply grateful.

CLUBS

The next meeting of the Discussion Group will be on Friday 19 September in St Dymphna's room from 7.30 to 9.30pm. The topic for this meeting is: "The Old Testament – an Overview". Everyone is welcome.

Peace Walk Invitation — Saturday 20th September 2025

The **Friends of Columbanus Bangor** invite all parishioners and members of the wider faith community to join a **Peace Walk** on **Saturday 20th September at 2:00 PM**, beginning at **Helen's Bay** (meeting at the beach car park from 1.30 pm) and following the **Coastal Path to Bangor**. The walk will conclude at **Bangor Abbey Parish Centre**, where light refreshments will be served and information will be shared about the **Irish Columban Way**, a spiritual and cultural route inspired by **St. Columbanus**.

All are welcome. Registration is essential. Registration fee is £ 5 / FoC members free

Please register via FoC Website: <https://friendsofcolumbanusbangor.co.uk/>

Ards CCÉ host branch for the All Ireland Fleadh 2026, the world's largest Irish Music Festival.

Come and join us, beginners - advanced levels on all traditional instruments.

Open days all on Sunday 14th Sept.

St Mary's PS Kircubbin 12.30 – 1pm

Sr Columbanus College Bangor 3 - 4 pm

St Joseph's College Belfast 5 - 6 pm.

Classes formally start Sunday 28 Sept.

More info available on Ards CCÉ Facebook or from Niall McClean **079 6007 2218**

Cap on the Wall celebrate their 30th anniversary with many musicians and will appear at Bangor Court House Friday evening

10th Oct (*nearly sold out*) and Saturday afternoon 11th Oct.

Tickets available from Bangor Court House website.

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/Breezmount, Groomsport, Donaghadee and Millisle)

St. Comgall's Bethany Bereavement Support Group

The aim of the Bethany Group is to provide support to the bereaved. If you wish to avail of this service, please contact the parish office **028 9146 5522**

Notices for the newsletter and anniversary requests are to be submitted to the parish office by 12noon on Wednesdays.

bangor@downandconnor.org

• 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 [REDACTED] 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

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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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