

PARISH OF BANGOR, MEMBER OF ARDS FAMILY OF PARISHES

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A – 15th February 2026

Your prayers are requested for:

Recently deceased:

Month's Mind:

Eamonn Gavin
Theresa Rice

Anniversaries:

Doris Prendiville
Peter Drumgoole
Bernard Brady
Brian Duffy
Matt Kelly
Anita Phillips
John Rogan
Anne McClelland
Susan Crotty Bradley
Mary Hamilton

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

DAILY MASS:

Monday 16th – Friday 20th February @ 9.30am
ASH WEDNESDAY @ 9.30am, 1 & 7.30pm

MOST HOLY REDEEMER BALLYHOLME

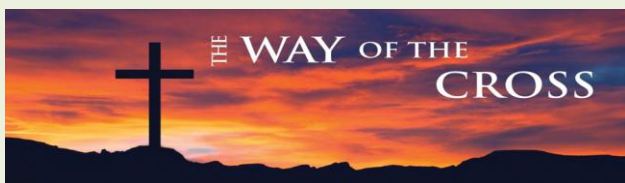
Sunday 22nd February @ 9am

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD

Saturday 21st February @ 6.30pm
Sunday 22nd February @ 10am & 12noon

BAPTISM

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



Parishes of Bangor, Newtownards & Comber

Celebration of the Pilgrim Way of the Cross.

During Lent each Friday during the Season of Lent, you are invited to make a pilgrimage with the cross. The Way of the Cross will be celebrated in each of the churches of our parishes, and the 'pilgrim cross' will accompany us during each celebration. Each week, the celebration of the Way of the Cross will be offered for a particular intention. Join us for the 'Pilgrim Way of the Cross' as we journey to the churches of our parishes during Lent!

You will find a list of the dates and location for each celebration in the next section.



Friday 20th February 7pm

St Patrick's, Upper North St, Newtownards BT23 4JD
For all our families

Friday 27th February 7pm

St Comgall's, Brunswick Road, Bangor, BT20 3D
For those who have lapsed from our faith

Friday 6th March 7pm

Our Lady of the Visitation, Killinchy St, Comber, BT23 5AP
For all our sick

Friday 13th March 7pm

Church of Most Holy Redeemer, Sheridan Drive,
Ballyholme, BT20 5NQ
For all those who suffer from addictions

Friday 20th March 7pm

St Comgall's Church, Millisle Road, Donaghadee, BT215N
For all vocations

Friday 27th March 7pm

St Patrick's, Upper North Street, Newtownards, BT23 4JD
For all our deceased

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] Line Dancing At 7.30 – 9pm [Main Hall]

Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse

In Ireland, a Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse is marked each year on the Friday immediately following Ash Wednesday. This year it will be marked across Ireland on **Friday 20th February 2026**

This day is not only for victims and survivors who have been so severely injured inside our Church, but also for the families and communities affected by the pain and grief of their loved ones.

“It is essential that we, as a Church, be able to acknowledge and condemn, with sorrow and shame, the atrocities perpetrated by consecrated persons, clerics, and all those entrusted with the mission of watching over and caring for those most vulnerable. Let us beg forgiveness for our own sins and the sins of others. An awareness of sin helps us to acknowledge the errors, the crimes and the wounds caused in the past and allows us, in the present, to be more open and committed along a journey of renewed conversion”¹.

Abuse happened within the Catholic Church in Ireland.

Abuse happened in our Diocese of Down and Connor.

St. Vincent de Paul Says Thank You

The two St Vincent de Paul Conferences in the Parish - St Comgall's and Most Holy Redeemer, Ballyholme would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your incredibly generous donations to our Christmas Appeal and to all our collections throughout the year.

The donations to the two Conferences jointly over the period of the Appeal came to **£18,109**.

In addition, we received enormously generous donations of cash and food from 4 schools - St Comgall's Primary School, St Malachy's Primary School, St Columbanus' College and Our Lady and St Patrick's College - amounting to a total of **£6,369**. Thanks to your support the two Conferences were able to provide 224 families with vouchers for food, gas electricity and toys at Christmas. A significant legacy left to us by a deceased parishioner two years ago has been shared between the two Conferences and allows us to continue our work of supporting many families in need in the Bangor area in accordance with the wishes of the donor. Please accept our sincere appreciation for your ongoing support and prayers and be assured that your kindness and generosity is making a real difference to the lives of many.

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals will return next weekend **21st/22nd February** for a bucket collection in support of their school meal programmes. They will also collect any gift aid envelopes returned and a card machine will be available 10p provides a meal and £19.15 feeds a child for a full school year so all support welcome. Please remember their work in your prayers. Further information about our work at www.marysmeals.org.uk. **No SVP collection on 21/22 February to allow parishioners to support Mary's Meals.**

LINE DANCING CLASSES

If parishioners wish to attend they must book a place with Suzi on the number: **07576333584**

Next Cuppa & Connect: Sunday 22nd February, after 10am Mass

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)

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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**

¹ Extract from the Safeguarding Resource package prepared for the Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse 20th February 2026

• **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.

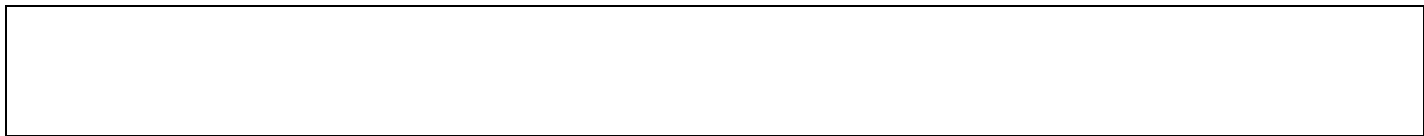
- If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church
- If you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage

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!
