

PARISH OF BANGOR, MEMBER OF ARDS FAMILY OF PARISHES

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Third Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday), Year A – 15th March 2026

Your prayers are requested for:

Recently deceased:

Colette Carlin (Belfast)

Anniversaries:

Ernest & Rosemarie Carton

Nuala Martin

Carol Hughes

Tony Watts

Fred Watts

John Magill

Sean Lennon

Anne Gordon

Peg McVeigh

Peter McQuade

Sean McManus

Matt & Josie Kelly

Tom & Hannah Carlin

Josie, Therese & John McVeigh

Jim, Kay & James Brown

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

DAILY MASS:

Monday 16th – Friday 20th March @ 9.30am

ST PATRICK'S DAY MASSES:

Vigil Mass Monday 16th March @ 7pm

Tuesday 17th March @ 9.30am & 1pm

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH DONAGHADEE

Sunday 22nd March @ 9am

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD

Saturday 21st March @ 6.30pm

Sunday 22nd March @ 10am & 12noon



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!

Friday 20th March 7pm

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

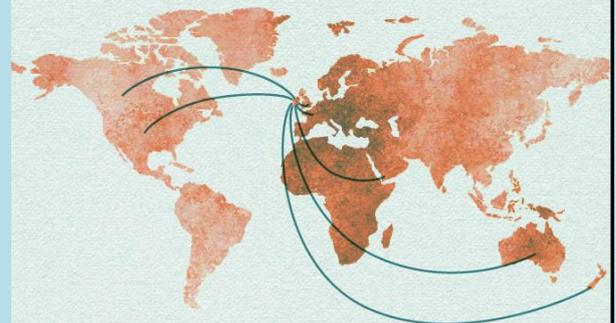
Friday 27th March 7pm

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

There will be a collection outside the church after each mass on St Patrick's Day for the promotion of the Irish Language in the community. Go raibh maith agat.

MIGRANT COLLECTION

SUPPORTING VULNERABLE MIGRANTS



**COUNCIL FOR MIGRANTS,
REFUGEES AND JUSTICE AND PEACE**

A COUNCIL OF THE IRISH CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE

Collection at St Patrick's Day masses

PARISH CENTRE – PARISH GROUPS 2025

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
BRIDGE CLUB at 7.15pm until 9.45pm [Minor Hall]	FRIENDSHIP CLUB at 10.30am [Minor Hall]	PARENTS & TODDLERS 10am [Main/Minor Hall]	St Comgall's Guide Unit (Girls aged 6-18) at 6.15pm to 8pm [Main/Minor Hall]	Ju-Jitsu Club (Juniors 5-15yrs) 6-7pm [Main Hall]
LECTIO DIVINA GROUP 7.30pm – 8.30pm [St Dympna's Room]	IRISH DANCING CLASSES at 6.00pm to 8.30pm [Main Hall]	MEDITATION GROUP at 12pm to 1.30pm [St Dympna's Room]	IRISH LANGUAGE CLASS At 7pm to 8pm [St Dympna's Room]	Discussion Group At 7.30pm – 9pm [St. Dympna's Room]
BADMINTON NOW WEEKLY at 8 to 9pm [Main Hall]	SVP at 7.30pm to 9.30pm [St Dympna's Room]	FOLK GROUP AT 6.30 -7.30pm [St Dympna's Room]	CEILI DANCING at 8.15pm to 9.30pm [Minor Hall]	Line Dancing At 7.30 – 9pm [Main Hall]
		SENIOR CHOIR At 7.30pm [St Dympna's Room]		

HOLY SHOP

Parishioners are advised the Holy Shop will be situated in the Bishop's Porch on Sunday **15th March**. We have items to sell for all upcoming sacraments, St Patrick's Day, Easter & Mother's Day.

CHURCH ENVELOPES

Parishioners are advised church envelopes are available to collect from the church porch. The envelopes will be organised alphabetically by surname and Gift Aid forms available for those who wish to gift aid their donations and have not yet arranged to do so. If your envelope box is missing or you'd like to register for envelopes please leave your name, address and contact number on the sheets provided or contact Craig at

bangorparishaccounts@downandconnor.org

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)

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**

The Mayor of North Down and Ards Council, Gillian McCollum, has chosen **Saint Vincent de Paul, North Down Women's Aid and Orchardville** (a charity empowering people with learning disabilities) as her charities for her year in office. Two forthcoming events are being organised in support of the charities.

Quiz Night in The Ivy Bar, 14 Castle Street, Newtownards, on **Friday 20 March at 7.30pm**

Donation £10 (including light supper)

Ballot tickets for prizes will be available on the night.

The Mayor's Charity Concert — a night of incredible music, community spirit, and celebration on **Saturday 28 March, 7.30pm** in Bangor Elim

Book now for the concert at : <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Ardsandnorthdownboroughcouncil/t-nrrlnr>

Tickets for both events are now available from St Vincent de Paul members

TROCAIRE FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY MARCH 22ND AFTER BOTH MASSES

Help Trocaire assist all who face war, hunger and poverty.

Tea/coffee, traybakes etc. Big ballot prizes

• 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.

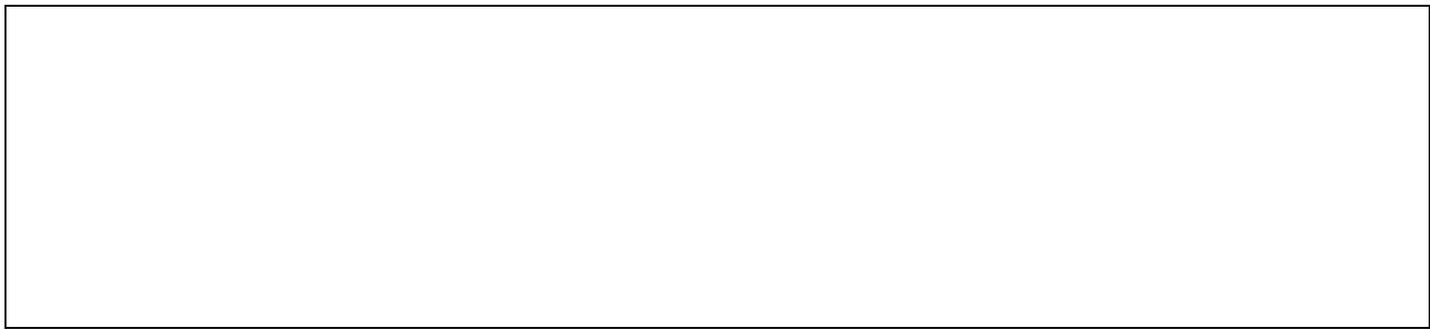
- If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church
- If you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage

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

Phone: 02890 691133

Website: www.familycareadoption.com

We are waiting to hear from you!
