

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday), Year B – 17th March 2024

Your prayers are requested for

Recently Deceased:

Month's Mind:

Anita Weir

Anniversaries:

Carol Hughes Lily Jamison
Patricia Reilly Patrick Murphy
Damien Keogh John Kinsella
James Lennon Harry Shields
Eileen, Fred & Tony Watts
Sean Lennon Mary O'Kane
James Hinds Mary Hinds
Austin Hinds Catherine Duncan

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH, DONAGHADEE

Sunday 17th March @ 9am

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD

Saturday 16th March @ 6.30pm and
Sunday 17th March @ 10am and 12 noon

MASS TIMES FOR:

DAILY MASS NEXT WEEK 18th – 22nd MARCH @9.30am

BAPTISM REGISTRATION

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

Easter Triduum Readings

A meeting will be held in the Church on
Thurs 21st March at 6.30pm to
distribute readings for Palm Sunday
and Easter Triduum. Would all readers
who are available to read over the
Easter period please attend.

FINAL NOTICE

All groups who use the parish centre
are asked to remove their property
from the parish centre because a skip
will arrive on Fri 22nd March and will
be filled on Sat 23rd March.

Any group which has permission to
store property in the parish centre is
urgently required to make sure their
property is clearly labelled with the
group name.

The clear out of the parish centre will
be extensive!!!

Any unlabelled items will be sent to
the skip.



Jubilee Year Pilgrimage
Feb 5-11, 2025

Parish of Bangor Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome
€ 995 per person sharing

- Staying 6 nights in Rome on B&B basis.
- 3 dinners organised in local restaurants
- Angelus with Pope Francis (depends on Pope's schedule)
- St Peter's Basilica and Holy Door
- St John Lateran Basilica and Holy Door
- St Mary Major's Basilica and Holy Door
- St Paul's Basilica and Holy Door
- Catacombs
- Piazza Navona, Colosseum
- Guided tours of all places visited
- Coach tour by night
- Full time accompaniment
- Trip to Castelgandolfo and Lake Albano
- Return coach from Bangor to Dub airport
- 30kg checked in luggage plus small bag

BOOKING: Contact us on 09750 57 85 (office hours only)
Deposits of €300 (plus single room supplement of €200, if applicable)
can be paid over the phone (debit card only)
Email: info@bangorparish.com
Website: www.bangorparish.com
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PARISH CENTRE – PARISH GROUPS 2023

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
BRIDGE CLUB at 7.15 until 9.45pm LECTIO DIVINA GROUP 7.30pm – 8.30pm [St Dymrna's Room]	FRIENDSHIP CLUB at 10.00am IRISH DANCING CLASSES at 6.00pm SVP At 7.30pm	MENCAP Every fortnight at 6.00pm BADMINTON Every fortnight at 8.00pm FOLK GROUP AT 7PM SENIOR CHOIR At 8PM SET DANCING CLASS At 8pm	St Comgall's Guide Unit (Girls aged 6-18) at 6.30pm IRISH CLASS At 7pm CEILI DANCING at 8.15pm	St Comgall's Ju-Jitsu Club (Juniors 5-15yrs) 6-7pm

BOOKING OF PARISH CENTRE: Contact **Craig** in the parish office **028 9146 5522** or via email on bangorparishaccounts@downandconnor.org

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE THERE WILL BE NO NEW PARISH CENTRE BOOKINGS

This year our **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** will take place on **Sunday 9th June**. We look forward to welcoming our new Bishop Alan to lead us for the first time. I encourage parishes to consider organizing a coach perhaps in conjunction with neighbouring Parishes or as a Vicariate, perhaps for one day or overnight. I would be grateful if parishes could contact me if they wish to plan a trip to Knock to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage or if they need any assistance or advice on planning. I can be contacted at: v.cushnahan@downandconnor.org

St Patrick's Extravaganza Concert

With Cap on the Wall and guests include Riverdance sensation Lauren Smyth.

Sunday 17th March – St Comgall's Parish Centre.

Great ballots and licensed bar. More info via Cap on the Wall facebook page.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend, 26 – 28 April 2024, Co. Kildare: an opportunity to energise communication and romance in your marriage! Visit: www.marriageencounter.ie/marriage-encounter-weekend

Ards cce coffee and music morning

Sunday 14th April after 10am and 12noon masses in the parish centre.

Ards cce pupils from parish schools will be touring in the footsteps of Columbanus to Italy in July.

Lovely music/treats and a cuppa. Please support.



We welcome everyone to our Trócaire Coffee Morning on **Sunday 24th March** after both masses.

Big ballot prizes to be won. Please support.

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, Groomspoint, Donaghadee and Millisle)

St. Comgall's Bethany Bereavement Support Group

The aim of the Bethany Group is to provide support to the bereaved. The Bethany Group may be contacted on the following number **074 7751 7864**

Installation of defibrillator at Thomas McMullan's shop

Parishioners are advised a new defibrillator has been installed on the outer wall of Thomas's shop.

JOB VACANCY – PreSchool Deputy Leader

The job advert is available in the NEWS section of the parish website.

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10th March 2024. £799.00 pps. Price includes return bus from NI, 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia on 07740 175557 or 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

- 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

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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

Phone: 02890 691133

Website: www.familycareadoption.com

We are waiting to hear from you!



