

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

24th Sunday, Year A – 17th September 2023

Your prayers are requested for

Recently Deceased:

Fr Philip Hearty (Dundalk)
Maura Gillen

Month's Mind:

Pat Carey

Anniversaries:

Maeve Murray
Jimmy Starkey
Maureen Taylor
Sean McPadden
James Hill
Joe McNally
Teresa Gibbin
Joseph Brannigan

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH, DONAGHADEE

Sunday 17th September 2023 @ 9.00am
Prayer Service led by Sister Maura Gallahue

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD

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

MASS TIMES FOR:

DAILY MASS NEXT WEEK 18th – 22nd Sept 2023

Morning Mass: Monday & Thursday 9.30am
Tuesday & Friday -Deacon James Eucharistic Service 9.30am
Wednesday – No Mass

BAPTISM REGISTRATION

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

Retreat for Mothers 10am St. Teresa's Parish Hall (pre-registration required)

SAT 30/09 The Shrine of St Michael the Archangel, Mount St Patrick, Rathfriland at 11pm Eucharistic Healing Service at 10pm from St. Peter's to St. John's (12:30pm) by Deacon James

TUE 03/10 Reconciliation 8.30pm Corpus Christi Church Ballymurphy (light refreshments afterwards)

THU 05/10 Mother of Mercy 7pm Holy Mary's Parish Hall at 7pm

FRI 06/10 Mass followed by Sacred Heart Devotions with Way of the Cross 7pm Immaculate Heart of Mary Church - Antrim Road

SAT 07/10 Final Saturday Devotions and Holy Rosary 12:30pm St. Peter's to St. John's

SUNDAY 08/10

OUR 20TH ANNUAL ROSARY PROCESSION

Followed by Benediction and Catholic Organisations' Fair in St. Comgall's Hall with refreshments afterwards
From St. John's Parish to St. Peter's Cathedral 2:30pm (Shuttle bus available from St. Peter's to St. John's from 12:30-2:15pm)

For more information on each event, please visit: www.rosaryfestival.co.uk or call 0795538268

Deacon James invites you to a candlelight hour of Adoration, quiet prayer, and reflection with Taizé Chant in **Our Lady of the Visitation Church Comber** Thursday **21st** September 2023 **7.30-8.30pm**

GROWTH IN PRAYER AND REFLECTIVE LIVING

ONE-YEAR PROGRAMME FOR THOSE WHO WANT A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Living out faith isn't easy against the backdrop of our fast-paced, noisy and instantaneous culture. The **Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living** course will give you the tools and space to become attuned to God's voice in the midst of the clamour.



20 Monday evenings, via zoom, beginning on Monday 18th September 7.15–9.15pm. For further details on dates and fees, telephone 02828 272196 during office hours or email katrina@drumalis.co.uk.

First Penance and Holy Communion classes for children not attending the parish schools

The classes will begin in the parish centre on **Sunday 5th November** at **11am** for preparation of the sacraments. Parents are asked to contact the parish office with their details. The classes are open to children in P4 and older and a parent/guardian is requested to attend with their child.

Peace Day 2023 - Thursday 21 September 7-8.30pm in St Anne's

Cathedral. To mark the global celebration of UN Peace Day, and Good Relations Week, internationally acclaimed singer-songwriter Tommy Sands will headline a variety of musicians and speakers from different cultures and religions, including two young singers from Ukraine. Other contributions from Imam Jamal Iweida of Dunmurry Iqraa Mosque, victims' campaigner Jude Whyte, and a guided silent global reflection on becoming peacemakers. The evening will be hosted by Jude Hill-Mitchell, formerly of UTV. Light refreshments after. Everyone is welcome!

PARISH CENTRE – PARISH GROUPS 2023

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS
BRIDGE CLUB at 7.15 until 9.45pm LECTIO DIVINA GROUP 7.30pm – 8.30pm [St Dymphna’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 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



Folk Groups Workshop Day Saturday 23 September 2023

St Patrick’s Community Centre, Portaferry. Come along and join us. Registration 9.30am

Workshops to learn new pieces for 6.30pm vigil mass. All refreshments provided.

For more information: Bernie Doran 078 4992 7581. All welcome.

 Walk with singer-songwriter Dana in the footsteps of St Patrick with pilgrim guides Martina Purdy and Elaine Kelly on September 23rd. Dana has just written a new song *Light the Fire* for St Patrick. Begin the six-mile camino adventure at the Saint Patrick Centre, Downpatrick with IMAX film about St Patrick, take guided river walk to ruins of 12th Century Inch Abbey, and then journey to Saul to visit the site of Patrick’s first church & his grave, Down Cathedral. Bus transfers, pilgrim passport & lunch included is £45. Book The Saint Patrick Centre 02844 619000 www.saintpatrickcentre.com

The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride’s Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (September 30th; October 28th and November 25th 2023) Booking essential. To find out more, contact Marie on [07896119669](tel:07896119669) or email belfastbe@yahoo.com

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

The Bible is at the heart of our faith and our relationship with God. Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but many people find it hard to even begin.

Why not begin with the Living Church office to learn how to read the bible, understand it and so experience its life changing power. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible is an 8-week programme. Course participants will receive a resource pack and gather online for a time of teaching, discussion, and prayerful reflection. The program will conclude with a Retreat Day. Venue: Holy Rosary Parish Centre, 503 Ormeau Road, Belfast BT7 3GR Date: Saturday 18th November 10:00am - 4:00 pm.

Beginning: **Monday 18th September for 8 weeks.** Online Via Zoom

Facilitators: Aishling Steen & Fr Paul Byrne from the Living Church Office.

For further information or to book your place please contact livingchurch@downandconnor.org or Tel: 028 90690920

Children’s Liturgy of The Word Training Day

The Living Church Office is offering a training day for those who wish to facilitate Children’s Liturgy of The Word in their parish. The training will provide skills and resources to help animate and break open The Word of God in a child friendly way. The course would also be a perfect refresher day for those currently involved in Children’s Liturgy of The Word.

Places on the course are limited so early booking is advised. To book your place click on the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/EDiSjK9Vg1>

For more information contact Claire at the Living Church Office Email: livingchurch@downandconnor.org

Call: 028 90690920

Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre

We continue our series of conversations in Tobar Mhuire in which people share their experience of life, faith and finding hope in their lives. Our next conversation will be on Wednesday 20th September at 7pm with Rev Bill Shaw from the Duncairn Centre, Belfast, who will share his experience in peace and reconciliation. All welcome. Voluntary donation.

Catholic Chaplaincy QUB reopening at temporary premises

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen’s University Belfast reopens for the new academic year on Monday 18 September at No. 42 University Road. There you will find a Chapel, social space and our much-loved Mosaic Café, open 8.30am to 8.30pm weekdays during term. Sunday Masses take place at 8pm in the Canada Room of the University’s Lanyon Building (from Sunday 24 September) and weekday Masses in the Chaplaincy at No.42 (from Monday 25 September). We look forward to welcoming new and returning students!

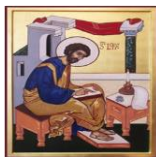
ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELPLINES

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)

Saint Luke's and Nativity Parish Offices



From Wednesday 17th May 2023, the Parish Office for both St Luke's & Nativity Parishes will be re-located to **St Luke's Church, Twinbrook, BT17 0RP**
(From that date, Nativity Presbytery, Bell Steel Road, will no longer serve as a Parish Office)

The telephone number for the re-located Parish Office (both St Luke's & Nativity) and St Luke's Presbytery will be

028 90 625739

(the former St Luke's number 02890 619459) will no longer be in use)

The Parish Office opening hours will be the following:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10am-1pm)

Email addresses will remain the same.

stlukes@downandconnor.org

nativity@downandconnor.org

Unused bicycles for charity

The Rotary Club of North Down supports a Belfast charity, Bike Aid Africa, which collects second hand bicycles of all sizes, repairs and refurbishes them and then forwards them to a country in Africa for use by people of all ages as their only means of transport, e.g. to get to work or go to school. At the end of June, it will be sending a container of bicycles to Madagascar. If anyone has a bicycle no longer in use, please phone Greg McCourt on 07774672445 who will be pleased to collect it and delivery it to this worthy charity.

OTHER NOTICES:

▪ **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'.



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.

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.

Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.
composed by Saint Alphonsus Liguori

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/JUNE 2023

Wednesday 10 May Saint Comgall, Abbot of Bangor	Sunday 4 June The Most Holy Trinity
Sunday 21 May The Ascension of the Lord	Friday 9 June St Columba
Wednesday 24 May Day of Prayer for the Church in China	Sunday 11 June Corpus Christi
Sunday 28 May Pentecost Sunday	Saturday 17 June The Immaculate Heart of Mary
Monday 29 May The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	Sunday 18 June Collection for Peter's Pence
Wednesday 31 May The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Saturday 24 June The Nativity of St John the Baptist