

# Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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## Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year C – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025

### Your prayers are requested for

#### Recently Deceased:

TERESITA CARPIO (USA)

MARTIN MORGAN

#### Anniversaries:

DAVID COWLING

ANNA MAGILL

ANTHONY (TONY) MCLARNON

PATRICK COYLE

JIMMY CAULFIELD

ARTHUR HUGH NEESON

CATHERINE BROWN

BRENDAN CARSON

ANTHONY ARTHURS

ROSALEEN ARTHURS

ERNEST & ALICE NAYLOR

ENA GORMAN

ELLEN REILLY

WILLIE MAGILL

EUGENE MAGAHRAN

DAISY & SALVATORE GATT

### ST COMGALL'S CHURCH DONAGHADEE

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May @ 9am

### ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May @ 6.30pm and

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May @ 10am and 12noon

#### MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK:

DAILY MASS: Mon 19<sup>th</sup>, Tues 20<sup>th</sup>, Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> & Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> May @ 9.30am

REQUIEM MASS: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May @ 10am

#### BAPTISM REGISTRATION

Please register online **SIDE BAR** under

**'Baptism Registration'**

*Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays @ 1.15pm*

# Trōcaire

Our coffee morning is on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May** after both masses. Big ballot prizes. Thank you for all your continued support.



**ST COMGALL'S  
PARISH CENTRE**

### Cuppa and Connect

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May No Cuppa & Connect - Trocaire coffee morning**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May - after 10am mass

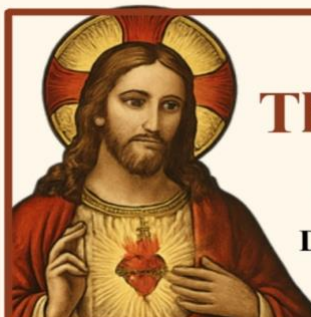
Sunday 01<sup>st</sup> June - after 12md mass

Sunday 08<sup>th</sup> June - after 10am mass

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June - after 12md mass

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June Cuppa & Connect Family BBQ after 12 mass

All Parish P7 children keep an eye out - fun event upcoming to celebrate end of Primary! More details to follow 🌟



Down & Connor

## The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Diocesan Devotions June 2025



Friday, May 2nd to  
Friday, June 27th

#### NATIONAL NOVENA OF MASSES

Fridays in May & June, in Cathedrals & churches across Ireland & on **Shalom World Prayer Channel**  
Live stream on [www.sacredheartcrusade.ie](http://www.sacredheartcrusade.ie)  
(Led each Friday by Irish Bishops)

Sunday, June 1st

#### SAUL SUNDAY

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine to St Patrick Reception of Pope Francis' Sacred Heart Pilgrim Statue  
(Mass @3pm led by Bishop Alan McGuckian)

Monday, June 2nd

#### SACRED HEART PROCESSION

We gather 5.00 at St Patrick's Church Saul & process the Pilgrim Statue to St Patrick's Church Downpatrick for 7.30 Mass A prayerful evening stroll of 2.5miles  
(Led by local clergy)

Tues, June 3rd  
to Wed, June 18th &  
Sat, June 28th to  
Mon, June 30th

#### PILGRIM STATUE DOWN & CONNOR PARISH VISITS

The Sacred Heart Pilgrim Statue will travel through the diocese, preparing and promoting devotion (Mass, Prayer, Holy hours)  
(Led by local clergy)

Thurs, June 19th to  
Fri, June 27th

**DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESAN SACRED HEART NOVENA**  
Daily Mass and Novena from St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast  
(Led by Bishop Alan McGuckian and local clergy)

Friday, June 20th

**VENERATION OF RELICS & NATIONAL NOVENA MASS**  
The Relics of St.s Margaret Mary Alacoque & Claude la Colombière visit St. Peter's Cathedral  
(Led by Bishop Alan McGuckian & local clergy)

Sunday, June 22nd

**RE-CONSECRATION OF IRELAND TO THE SACRED HEART**  
Statue goes to Knock Shrine for 22nd & returns D&C on 23rd  
(Led by Archbishop Eamon Martin)

**PARISH CENTRE – PARISH GROUPS 2025**

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

**Children's Liturgy**

We are delighted and very excited to announce that Children's Liturgy group is commencing Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May. This will be held weekly at **10am mass**. Only registered children can attend and only from P3-P6. Children's Liturgy will be held in the Youth Club. Registration is now at full capacity.

**EASTER COLLECTIONS**

Thanks to the generosity of Bangor parishioners, we have raised **£5,003** for Trocaire and **£3,320** for Catholics in the Holy Land.

**Society of African Missions (SMA) in Dromantine**

The total amount donated was a wonderful **£2,391.80 sterling and €40.00 euro**. We in the SMA are very grateful for the tremendous generosity shown by the parishioners of Bangor parish and we would be grateful if you would pass on the SMA's deep gratitude to them for their support of our missionary work.

Canon Gunn, I wish you and all the parishioners every grace and blessing.

With my best wishes,

Fr. Tommy Faherty, SMA

***Assisted suicide Bill - less than 2 weeks left!***

Report Stage of the assisted suicide Bill is 16 May. It is vital that you contact your MP urgently about this issue.  
**Please take action now and visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/ASVote](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASVote) to email your MP - it takes just 30 seconds! If you have the time, please also visit your MP - you can arrange a meeting now by visiting**

**[www.righttolife.org.uk/meetyourMP](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/meetyourMP)**

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 (26th April, 24th May and 21st June)

Booking essential. To find out more, contact Pauline [07519289185](tel:07519289185) or Marie [07896119669](tel:07896119669) or email [belfastbe@yahoo.com](mailto:belfastbe@yahoo.com)

If you require any further information please contact any of the above numbers and we will be happy to help.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELPLINES**

**Bangor Conference 07703679384**

(covering Bangor West, Clondeboy/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/Breezmout, 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**

- **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](mailto:info@accordni.com)

[www.accordni.com](http://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](mailto:email@familycareadoption.org)

Phone: 02890 691133

Website: [www.familycareadoption.com](http://www.familycareadoption.com)

We are waiting to hear from you!

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**Prayer Online:** Come and join us at... [www.soulparemission.com](http://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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