

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5 August 2018



World Meeting of Families UPDATE!! www.worldmeeting2018.ie

Families from all over the world have registered for WMOF2018! We are delighted in the Ards & North Down Pastoral Community to be involved in ALL the celebrations. There are 4 main areas of celebration.

- 1) **The Opening Night** in all parishes throughout Ireland. In our Pastoral Community, our opening Mass will be in Holywood Parish on Tues 21 August at 7.30pm.
- 2) **RDS Congress in Dublin** - Wed 22 to Fri 24 August.
- 3) **Festival of Families, Croke Park** – Sat 25 August.
- 4) **Sunday 26 August** - Pope Francis' visit to **Knock & The Final Mass** in Phoenix Park.

THURSDAY 23rd AUGUST 2018

07:00 - 08:30	Breakfast Business Lecture
08:45 - 09:15	Morning Prayer
09:30 - 10:30	Panel Session & Workshops
09:15 - 12:15	Children's Programme
09:15 - 12:15	Youth Programme
11:15 - 12:15	Panel Session & Workshops
12:30 - 13:45	Lunch Programme
14:00 - 18:00	Keynote Address Testimony Celebration of the Mass

Another exciting part of our link with the WMOF has been through the Catholic Internet Television - **Shalom World TV**, who recorded a programme in St Comgall's Church, Brunswick Rd, Bangor in early June 2018. This recording was to highlight family life in the Down and Connor Diocese and the work of our Pastoral Community leading up to the WMOF in Dublin. It featured some of our local families – includes James McAllister, Jacinta Crockford, Fr Joseph Gunn, Fr Martin O'Hagan and WMOF Delegate Fr Michael McGinnity. The feature was shown worldwide last weekend and can be accessed through www.shalomworldtv.org click on 'World Meeting of Families' or the following link <http://www.shalomworldtv.org/videos/index/2482>

One of the initiatives organised by the **Pastoral Community** is the '**EDUCATION BUS**'.

A group of representatives from the schools and parishes are attending the RDS on Thursday 23 August.

Times and Collection Points are as follows: [The bus will be collecting at 4 points.]

1st Portaferry Parish at The Square - 6am

2nd Newtownards Parish St Patrick's Parish Centre – 6.40am

3rd Bangor Parish St Comgall's, Brunswick Rd – 6.50am

4th Holywood Parish, St Colmcille's – 7am

The coach will be collecting promptly because we need to be in the RDS Event area by **9.10am** so **please arrive at least 10 minutes before the collection time**. All those attending will need to bring a packed lunch and a drink. We will be returning from Dublin at 6pm and will stop for a comfort break on the way home at the Applegreen Service Station. We appreciate that it is a long day but know that we will have a fun-filled, faith-filled day and this experience will stay with all those attending for years to come!

Any queries contact Jacinta 07756 225114.

Phoenix Park – Final Mass – Sunday 26th August

The Closing Mass of WMOF2018 will take place in the Phoenix Park, Dublin, one of the largest public city parks in Europe. The Mass will take place at **3:00 pm at the Papal Cross**, right at the heart of the Park. A colour-coding ticket system will be in place given the scale of the event, and each ticket will give access both in and out of the Park via a single route and gate. **The Pastoral Community of Ards & North Down** have organised **five buses** please make yourself aware of the Bus you will be travelling in. Each bus will have a number and will have posters front and back to make it easy to distinguish. Please arrive 10 minutes before the pick-up time. There will be a 30 minute comfort break at the Applegreen Service Station (Lusk) and we will leave promptly at 11.40am to head to Phoenix Park as a group.

Bus 1 – HOLYWOOD PARISH - at St Colmcille's Church

Pickup Time: 9.00am Name of Company: J & M Coaches

Bus 2 – BANGOR PARISH - at St Comgall's, Brunswick Rd

Pickup Time: 9.00am Name of Company: J & M Coaches

Bus 3 – NEWTOWNARDS PARISH - at the Parish Centre

Pickup Time: 9.00am Name of Company: J & M Coaches

Bus 4 – KIRCUBBIN PARISH - at the St Mary's Church

Pickup Time: 8.30am Name of Company: Coach Connections

PLEASE NOTE: Water can be bought on the bus. Bring snacks or Euro for Applegreen. Bring a small fold up chair as it is standing only. There is a 2-3km walk from the drop off point so be aware of this when choosing footwear! Please make sure you have outwear for all weather. Shuttle Buses are being provided for those who need assistance but a family member will need to accompany them on the bus.

Your prayers are requested for:

Recently Deceased:

Monica Atkinson

Month's Mind: Margaret Beck

Anniversaries:

Tommy McDade, Michael McCrory,
Margaret McCrory, Nadine Stilges,
Maureen McGrattan, Paddy Healy,
Fr Tom Gartlan, Elizabeth Donohue,
Mary Keenan, Catherine Forte,
Tom Bowler, Jack and Madge Murray,
Josephine Brown.

*The second collection this weekend is
the monthly stipend in support of your
priests.*

*Grateful thanks for donations of £700
received for the St Comgall's Parish
Refurbishment.*

Perpetual Adoration

St Comgall's Church
Monday 10.30am-9.30pm

Mass times next week:

St Comgall's Church, Bangor 9.30am
Monday - Friday.

**The Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary** on 15 August is a holy day
of obligation. Mass times are:

Bangor: 1pm and 7.30 pm
Ballyholme: 9am.

Holy Hour and Exposition: There
will be NO Holy hour in the month of
August in St Comgall's Donaghadee.

Healing Mass Devotion to St Pio

Mon 6 Aug, 7.30 pm in St Mary's Star of
the Sea Church, Killyleagh. St Pio's Relic
will be available before and after mass.

As part of the celebrations for the
WMOF later this month the Relics of
Saint Thérèse of Lisieux and her
parents, Ss Louis and Zélie Martin, will
visit the Cathedral on Mon 13 August
from 11am-8am on Tues morning.
Among the programme of events, the
Bishop will celebrate Mass at 7.30pm
and Sister Elaine Kelly from the Sisters
of Adoration will reflect on how her
family life influenced her vocation at
9pm. There will be Night Prayer at
10pm. Confessions will be available
(except during Mass) from 6pm until
the Cathedral closes at 11pm.

Ministers of the Word/Eucharist

New rotas are available in the Sacristy
for collection after Masses.

**The Challenge of Pope Francis to
the Church in Ireland** – talk by
John Allen Jr on Thurs 16 August
7:30pm in St Brigid's Parish Centre,
Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast. John is
the editor of Crux, specializing in
coverage of the Vatican and the
Catholic Church. In 2014 he was the
Keynote Speaker at the inaugural Faith
and Life Convention and spoke to us
about the 3 main pillars of Francis's
Papacy. Ahead of the WMOF we are
delighted to welcome John Allen once
again to the Diocese where together we
will be reflecting on the recent writings
of Pope Francis and the challenge that
Pope Francis is encouraging us to
embrace here in Ireland. Everyone
welcome.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society

The latest addition of The Sheaf, the
quarterly magazine of the Society, is
available at the back of the church.
Please take a copy.

Welcome Rota for August

6.30 pm Mass

Doreen Corran, Patricia Connery

10.30 am Mass

Charlie Taylor, Dervla Le Mahieu

12.30 pm Mass

Marian Murray, Charlie McMullan

The Legion of Mary hostels offer
sincere thanks to all the parishioners
who have generously given to this
cause in the face of many other calls on
their resources. The Church Door
Collection amounted to £426.33.

Marie Curie is inviting you to take
part in their **7km Twilight Walk** at
the beautiful Barnett Demesne, South
Belfast on Fri 28 Sep. This is a great
excuse to get together with family and
friends and you can expect more than
just a walk – there will be a festival
atmosphere with music, entertainment
and fireworks! You can sign up at
www.mariecurie.org.uk/twilightwalk
or call 90882060.

**National Grandparents
Pilgrimage**

Sun 9 Sept, Our Lady of Knock Shrine,
Knock. Anointing of the Sick 2.30pm;
Pilgrimage Mass 3pm. **Children's
Prayer Appeal** - an invitation to all
children to write a prayer for their
Grandparents. All prayers will be
blessed at the pilgrimage. More details
on poster in church porch.

**80th Anniversary of The
Dedication of St Anthony's
Church, Willowfield:** You are invited
to celebrate with us on Tues 16 October
at 7:30pm. Concelebrated Mass with
Bishop Noel Treanor, followed by a
Reception in St Vincent's Centre. RSVP
by Sat 29 Sept to Fr Henry McCann PP,
St Anthony's Presbytery, Email:
stanthonys@downandconnor.org or
mobile 077 4060 3643.

**VMM International Celebrates 50
Years of Lay Mission:**

VMM would like to reconnect with
returned volunteers who participated on
our projects in Africa, Asia and Latin
America throughout the years and invite
you to our Gathering and Gala Dinner
celebrations in Dublin on September 1st.
For details [www.vmminternational.org/
vmm-international-celebrates-50th-
anniversary/](http://www.vmminternational.org/vmm-international-celebrates-50th-anniversary/)

Lough Derg 2018

The Three Day Pilgrimage is currently
open. You may begin on any day until
Mon 13 August. Advance booking is not
necessary. The Lough Derg team can
help you to co-ordinate public transport
or link up with Pilgrimage Organisers in
your locality, phone Lorraine on 071
9861518 email: info@loughderg.org

Healthcare Pastoral visitors'

course 2018: The next course run by
the NI Healthcare Chaplains'
Association (NIHCA) and Edgehill
College will run for 9 weeks beginning
Thurs 27th September 2018 from 7.30 -
9.30pm at Edgehill College, Belfast. Cost
is £75, For further info and an
application form contact: Mrs Kay
Irvine, College Administrator, Edgehill
Theological College, Tel: 9066 5870
Email: kirvine@edgehillcollege.org

Parish Bulletin

The next parish bulletin will be printed
on the weekend of 1/2 September.
Notices, including Anniversaries, should
be received by Wed 29 August.

Bus to Dublin for Pope's Mass on

Sunday 26 August will leave Bangor at
9am, please arrive 10 mins before the
pick-up time. There will be a 30 min
comfort break at the Applegreen Service
Station (Lusk).

Would anyone who has not yet
paid for the bus please leave their money
in the parish office as soon as possible to
confirm their seat.

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