

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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Pentecost Sunday, Year B – 19th May 2024

Your prayers are requested for

Recently Deceased:

John Adams
David Cowling
Ignatius Geddis
Brian McMullan

Month's Mind:

Monica McDowell
Harry Harding

Anniversaries:

Thomas & Gerard Scollan
Jimmy Caulfield Gemma McKinney
Arthur Hugh Neeson Aoife Robinson
Frank & Kathleen Rafferty
Anthony & Rosaleen Arthurs
Anna Magill Eugene Magahran

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH, DONAGHADEE

Sunday 19th May @ 9am

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD

Saturday 18th May @ 6.30pm and
Sunday 19th May @ 10am and 12 noon

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK:

DAILY MASS NEXT WEEK 20th – 22nd May @9.30am
REQUIEM MASS – 23rd & 24th May @10am

BAPTISM REGISTRATION

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



Down & Connor Diocesan Novena to The Sacred Heart: Renew Our Hearts

May 30th to June 7th, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

As Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ begins his time as bishop of the diocese he would love everyone in the diocese to join him in nine days of prayer, asking Jesus to give us a new heart. Many people among us are weary or wounded, hurting in one way or another. He wants us to make a novena for each other, aware that we are brothers and sisters in Christ.

The prayers will be available in a booklet you can pick up at Mass or read online; it will also include a piece of scripture and a reflection for each day for those who wish to go a little deeper. Bishop Alan's hope is that this novena will be prayed either individually or together by parishes, groups, schools or families. Even young children can join in with the short prayers!

Expressions of interest from volunteers are urgently needed to renew the Parish Centre Committee which supervises the running of this vital parish resource. Please contact Canon Gunn leaving your name and telephone number or an email address.

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 Dymphna'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

KNOCK SHRINE

Please see attached details of two upcoming events here at the Shrine.

On May 25th, we will officially launch the new Creation Walk and all are welcome to attend.

On June 8th, we will host 'Seeing is Believing – Art as a Doorway to Mystery', where we will gain personal insights into the influence of Christian art on international art experts. Guest speakers will be Fr. Patrick Van Der Vorst, Caroline Campbell, Director of the National Gallery and Dr Nora Donnelly.

Further information is available on www.knockshrine.ie.

Mary's Meals- A representative from the charity Mary's Meals will speak at all Masses next weekend (25th/26th May) about their life-changing work of providing a daily school meal to children in some of the world's poorest countries, how it has grown in the past few years with your support and about the current hunger crisis in Ethiopia. There will be a bucket collection after mass if you wish to support financially. Mary's Meals would also appreciate your prayers in support of their work. Prayer cards will be available to take home. Further details on their work can be found at www.marysmeals.org.uk or contact Caoimhe McCann on 07394564065.



Columbanus Community Folk Festival Bangor 9 – 16 June 2024

Full week of headline concerts/gigs and sessions including: Sands Family – Bangor Abbey – Sunday 9 June @ 7pm

Celtic Soul – St Comgall's Parish Centre – Saturday 15th June – Doors 7pm *Licensed bar* Tickets available from Thomas's Shop or online.

More information on full festival to be found on Ards CCE Facebook page

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)

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 **077 325 13400**

- 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!
