

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

1st Sunday of Advent - 3 December 2017

Icon of the Holy Family - World Meeting of Families 2018



The above Icon has been written for the coming World Meeting of Families on 21-26 August 2018, in Dublin. It is said that icons are 'written' rather than 'painted' as they present to us a visual narrative they are not like a portrait they are an image which invites us to prayer. This Icon is depicting the Holy Family at the center with two gospel stories at either side - The Raising of Jairus' Daughter and the Wedding Feast of Cana.

Over the coming weeks we will detail the images and the meaning behind the writing of the Icon in the bulletin and on the Website under the heading 'World Meeting of Families'. A prayer card with the Icon will be given to every family at the Christmas Masses.

To get more information go to our parish website www.bangorparish.com

Sunday Mass Times this week:

Bangor: Vigil 6.30 pm,
10.30 am, 12.30 pm.
Donaghadee: Sun 9.30 am.
Ballyholme: 11 am.

Hollywood: Vigil 6.30 pm;
10 am and 12 noon.

Newtownards: Vigil 6.30 pm; 11.30 am.

Comber: 10.00 am.

Weekday Mass Times:

Bangor: Mon - Thurs 9.30 am.
Friday as announced.

Ballyholme: Mon and Friday 9am.

Confessions: Sat 5.30 pm.

Baptisms: 1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month at 2pm.
Contact the Parish Office during office hours to register.
4 week's notice must be given.

Children's Liturgy:

Every Sunday at the 10.30am Mass in St Comgall's
Bangor for primary school children.

Your prayers are requested for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Kathleen O'Connor, Carl O'Connor, Anne Bradshaw, Brigid McIlroy, Dessie Skillen, Molly Cody, Moya McAlea, Molly Crossey, Mary and Danny McDowell, Bernard and Margaret Barber, Hugh and Margaret Teggart, Tom Connor, Patrick O'Hara, Peter and Rosetta McCullagh, Eileen O'Connor, Bridie Arthurs.

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

Perpetual Adoration

St Comgall's Church
Monday 10.30am-9.30pm.

SVP Pensioners Christmas Dinner:

Drivers are required to assist today at the Dinner. If you can call today at 2pm to the Parish Centre you will be allocated someone to collect and bring to the Dinner. You need to be available to call again to take them home at 5pm.

SVP Week - 3rd -10th December

Our annual appeal starts today and we will be taking up a special collection next week. Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of the church. Our toy and gift appeal has started in conjunction with the Salvation Army, New toys and gifts can be left at several places including UPS and First Trust Bank in Main St, Gordons Chemists and Thomas' shop.

SVP Ballyholme and Donaghadee

will be selling Christmas Cards after Mass from this Sunday.

Donaghadee Community Carol Service

will be held this evening Sunday 3 December at 7pm in the First Presbyterian Church. All welcome.

Holy hour and exposition

St Comgall's Church Donaghadee Sun 3 Dec at 2.45pm. Everyone welcome.

Healing Mass devotion to St Pio

Mon 4 Dec 7.30pm in St Mary's Star of the Sea Church, Killyleagh.
St Pio's Relic will be available before and after mass.

St Columbanus' College PTA

Christmas Fair, everyone welcome! Range of craft stalls, gift ideas, decorations and baked goods. Thurs 14 Dec, 6pm-9pm adults £2 children £1.

Apostolic Work Collection raised £320, thanks to all who contributed.

Parish Pastoral Council

A meeting of members will be held on Tues 5 Dec at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

Storehouse North Down

Food Collection today

St Vincent de Paul is already accessing the foodbank to help local families. Thank you for your generosity already and to assist in this great initiative we are asking the congregations in Bangor, Ballyholme and Donaghadee to donate dried or tinned goods (non perishable). A full list is in the porch. Trolleys or boxes will be available in the porches on the first week-end of each month to accept goods. *With your help no-one in our community need go hungry.*

One Day Advent Retreat with St Teresa of Calcutta's nuns in Armagh,

Sat 9 Dec, bus leaving Portaferry at 7.30am, Bangor at 8.15am, Holywood at 8.30am. Leaving Armagh at 4m. Full retreat programme, Talks, Confession, Mass & lunch provided. Cost for bus only - £12. Please contact Jacinta Crockford during office hours 10am-2pm on 9042-2167.

Trocaire Global Gifts

Give a gift this Christmas and help transform lives. This year you can choose from 10 gifts that help families work their way out of poverty and end the daily struggle for essentials like water and food. From Chicks £5, school lunches £20, Goats £40, Beehives £55, land for a family home £125, Farming Kit for a family £170. The full range of gifts are on the notice board and are available to buy from the Parish Office. *When you buy a Trócaire gift you're not just giving, you're joining the fight for justice.*

St Comgall's Pre-School

All parents of children born between **2 July 2014 - 1 July 2015** are invited to their 'Open Morning' on Tues 5 December from 9.30-10.30am. All very welcome.

Parish Family of Schools Open Days/Nights

St Anne's PS, Donaghadee
Tues 5 December 11am-12 noon.
St Malachy's PS, Bangor
Tues 5 December 7pm
St Comgall's PS, Bangor
Thurs 7 December 7pm
St Columbanus' College, Bangor
Tues 9 January 7pm

Bangor Parish

7 Day Trip to Brittany and Normandy
From June 25th to July 1st joining the one day St Columbanus International Meeting **in St Coulomb June 30th.**

The cost is 895 euro pp sharing, all breakfasts and dinners included, 3 nights Lisieux, 3 nights St Malo. Day trips include; Places associated with St Therese, Mont St Michel, Dinard and more. (Courier: Kieran Troy who has led Bangor groups in the recent past). As there is great demand for hotel space in Brittany in this period prompt booking would be highly recommended.

Details on the parish website, church notice board and from the Parish Office.

Liam Lawton Concert

O Holy Night

Saintfield & Carrickmannon Parish, Mon 18 December in Aid of Marie Cure and the NI Hospice. For tickets contact: 07788435797 or 07919332.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, next monthly Parent Evening on Wed 13 Dec from 7.30-9.30 pm in the Armagh City Hotel. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

Most Holy Redeemer

Offertory Procession - 11am Mass

17 Dec - Kathleen & Ciaran May
24 Dec - Sheila & Seamus Leonard
Christmas Eve Vigil - Karen, Hannah & Sophie Campbell
25 Dec - Anne & Eugene McLarnon
31 Dec - SVdeP Conference Members
7 Jan - Paul & Ellen Monaghan
14 Jan - Kathleen & Ciaran May
21 Jan - Sheila & Seamus Leonard
28 Jan - Anne & Eugene McLarnon

Mass times for Christmas Eve:

St Comgall's Bangor 9pm and 11pm;
Most Holy Redeemer 9pm.

Mass times for Christmas Day:

St Comgall's Donaghadee 9.30am;
St Comgall's Bangor 9am and 11am;
Most Holy Redeemer 11am.

Date for your Diary

The Sacrament of Confirmation

will be celebrated in this parish on Tuesday 17 April 2018 at 5pm.

Music for Midwinter Sat 9 Dec in St Philip and St James Church, Holywood at 7.30pm. Tickets £10, see notice on church notice board for more details. In aid of ASHA.