# Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B – 21st January 2024

## Your prayers are requested for

## **Recently Deceased:**

Rosaleen McCartan (Belfast) Anthony (Tony) Blaney

#### Month's Mind:

Nuala Cooke

#### **Anniversaries:**

Thomas (Tommy) Jennings Noreen Gunn Rosaleen Lennon Thomas Doherty Harry & Eileen Morrow Lily McIlmurray Margaret Moore Hazel Allen Comgall Storey Lillian & Frank Sullivan

Vincent Coulter Paul Fox

## ST COMGALL'S CHURCH, DONAGHADEE

Sunday 21st January @ 9am

## ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January @ 6.30pm and Sunday 21st January@ 10am & 12noon

#### **MASS TIMES FOR:**

DAILY MASS NEXT WEEK 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> January @9.30am **REQUIEM MASS -Thurs 25th January @10am** 

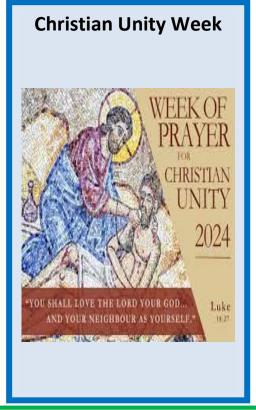
## **BAPTISM REGISTRATION**

Please register online SIDE BAR under 'Baptism Registration'



## **FOSTERING RECRUITMENT EVENT -**St.Comgall's Bangor Sunday 28th Jan 2024 11.30am - 2pm in the **Parish Centre**

**During 10am Mass on the** weekend of 28th January 2024 there will be staff from HSC NI Foster Care in our Church. A member of our Safeguarding Committee will read a short notice. The Foster Care staff will then visit the Parish Centre following Mass to speak with anyone who thinks they would like to learn more about fostering.



#### McClean Family Concert – Bangor Swifts Fundraiser

All three generations will perform two unique concerts to fundraise for Bangor Swifts.

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024.

Imperial Bar function room. Doors 7pm, concert 8pm.

Tickets £10 available at Thomas's Shop. Eventbrite sold out. Few tickets left. Get your tickets quick!

#### PARISH CENTRE – PARISH GROUPS 2023

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
BRIDGE CLUB	FRIENDSHIP CLUB	MENCAP	St Comgall's Guide	St Comgall's Ju-
at 7.15 until 9.45pm	at 10.00am	Every fortnight at	Unit	Jitsu Club
	IRISH DANCING	6.00pm	(Girls aged 6-18)	(Juniors 5-15yrs)
LECTIO DIVINA GROUP 7.30pm – 8.30pm [St Dympna's Room]	CLASSES	BADMINTON	at 6.30pm	6-7pm
	at 6.00pm	Every fortnight at	IRISH CLASS	(Seniors 16+yrs) 7-8pm
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	At 7.30pm	SENIOR CHOIR	CEILI DANCING	
		At 7.30pm	at 8.15pm	
		IRISH DANCING		
		CLASS		
		At 8pm		

BOOKING OF PARISH CENTRE:Contact Thomas only 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

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Why not begin with the Living Church office learning how to read the bible, understand it and so experience its life changing power.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible includes 8 weekly sessions. Course participants will receive a resource pack. The programme requires one hour of study per week.

Venue: Online via zoom

**Beginning** Wednesday 17th January @7pm online for 8 weeks.

The program will conclude with a Retreat Day on Saturday 23rd March 2024 Venue: Holy Rosary Parish Centre, Belfast

Facilitators: Fr Paul Byrne & Aishling Steen

The cost of the program is £30

To book your place click on the registration link: <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/HTLtfTXUaD">https://forms.office.com/e/HTLtfTXUaD</a>

\*Places are limited. Booking early is advised.\*

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"Calling Pioneers and Friends to the 25<sup>th</sup> Pioneer National Ball. An evening of celebration and fun on Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> 2024. Mass at 6pm in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar, followed by special guest speaker, dinner, music and dancing at the Annebrook House Hotel, Mullingar. Extra activities on Friday night and Saturday and Sunday afternoons. For details/ tickets contact Dermot Fagan 085-7201646 or Daisy Carey 087-6544626"

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The aim of the Bethany Group is to provide support to the bereaved. The Bethany Group may be contacted on the following number **074 7751 7864** 

Totus Tuus Magazine is a Catholic magazine, full of articles from Irish priests and laity, which aims to highlight the beauty and joy of our faith. It is going into its 7th year and is run by donations. If you haven't come across Totus Tuus Magazine and would like a free copy, please contact Fiona Kiely on 086 8760058.  ***********************************
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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!

## 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.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

composed by Saint Alphonsus Liguori

# 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.
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... <a href="www.soulparemission.com">www.soulparemission.com</a> <a href="www.soulparemission.com">Who are we</a>? We are a new interactive prayer website created by Jacinta Crockford DipTH, Spiritual Director living in Down and Connor. <a href="www.soulparemission.com">what's on offer?</a>? 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**

JANUARY 2024				