Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C – 21st September 2025

Your prayers are requested for Recently Deceased:

Deirdre Hyland

Anniversaries:

Raymond & Alice Havlin
Patrick & Mary Larkin
Maeve Murray
Imelda McPoland
Jim McKenna
Dominic & James O'Hara
Frank Moore
Mike Hendra
Billy Grego
Brian Ferguson

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH DONAGHADEE

Sunday 21st September 2025 @ 9am

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD

Saturday 20th September @ 6.30pm and Sunday 21st September @ 10am and 12noon

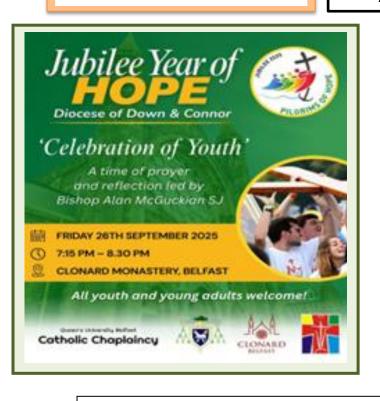
MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK:

Monday 22nd - Friday 26th September @ 9.30am

REQUIEM MASS: Wednesday 24th September @ 10am

BAPTISM REGISTRATION
Please register online SIDE BAR under
'Baptism Registration'

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays @ 1.15pm





Trōcaire in aid of Gaza
Sunday 28th September
Coffee morning after all masses

Please support our fundraising



Sunday 21st September 12 Mass

Sunday 28th September no cuppa+Connect

CUPPA & CONNECT DATES

Sunday 5th October 10am Mass

Requests for PARISH Centre bookings should be forwarded to the PCC via email:

stcomgallspcc@gmail.com

PARISH CENTRE - PARISH GROUPS 2024

| MONDAYS | TUESDAYS | WEDNESDAYS | THURSDAYS | FRIDAYS |
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| BRIDGE CLUB | FRIENDSHIP CLUB | PARENTS & TODDLERS | St Comgall's Guide Unit | Ju-Jitsu Club |
| at 7.15pm until 9.45pm | at 10.30am | 10am | (Girls aged 6-18) | (Juniors 5-15yrs) |
| [Minor Hall] | [Minor Hall] | [Main/Minor Hall] | at 6.15pm to 8pm | 6-7pm |
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| LECTIO DIVINA GROUP | IRISH DANCING | MEDITATION GROUP | | |
| 7.30pm – 8.30pm | CLASSES | at 12pm to 1.30pm | IRISH LANGUAGE | Discussion Group |
| [St Dympna's Room] | at 6.00pm to 8.30pm | [St Dympna's Room] | CLASS | At 7.30pm – 9pm |
| - , , | [Main Hall] | | At 7pm to 8pm | [St. Dympna's |
| BADMINTON | 1 | FOLK GROUP | [St Dympna's Room] | Room] |
| NOW WEEKLY at 8 to 9pm | SVP | AT 6.30 -7.30pm | | _ |
| [Main Hall] | at 7.30pm to 9.30pm | [St Dympna's Room] | CEILI DANCING | |
| [] | [St Dympna's Room] | | at 8.15pm to 9.30pm | |
| |] - / . | SENIOR CHOIR | [Minor Hall] | |
| | | At 7.30pm | - | |
| | | [St Dympna's Room] | | |

New Madonna and Child Statue

As announced Matthew Thompson from Co. Cork has been commissioned to sculpt a statue in Portland stone to replace the mutilated statue of Our Lady outside the church. Any donations large or small would be deeply appreciated. Please use the envelopes on top of the safe, and place in the safe. So far this week several people have contributed £265.00 for which the parish is deeply grateful.

Ards CCÉ host branch for the All Ireland Fleadh 2026, the world's largest Irish Music Festival

Come and join us, beginners - advanced levels on all traditional instruments.

St Mary's PS Kircubbin 12.30 – 1pm. St Columbanus College Bangor 3 - 4 pm. St Joseph's College Belfast 5 - 6 pm. Classes formally start Sunday 28 Sept. More info available on Ards CCÉ Facebook or from Niall McClean 079 6007 2218 Cap on the Wall celebrate their 30th anniversary with many musicians and will appear at Bangor Court House Friday evening 10th Oct (nearly sold out) and Saturday afternoon 11th Oct. Tickets available from Bangor Court House website.

St Comgall's Primary school has a very limited number of spaces for new pupils in Year 2, 3, 5 and 7. If you, a family member or friend has a child who would like to join, please contact the school office ajones169@c2kni.net or telephone 02891 463194 for more information.

Belfast Rosary Festival

The Legion of Mary and the Knights of Saint Columbanus present Our Lady's Rosary Festival from **Saturday 04 to Sunday 12 October 2025** with 9 events in different venues. The Festival ends with the 22nd Annual Rosary Procession from St. John's Church to St Peter's Cathedral commencing at 2:30pm on Sunday 12 October. All details can be found at **belfastrosaryfestival.com**

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 Bereavement Support Group

The aim of the Bereavement Group is to provide support to the bereaved. If you wish to avail of this service, please contact the parish office **028 9146 5522**

Notices for the newsletter and anniversary requests are to be submitted to the parish office by 12noon on Wednesdays. <u>bangor@downandconnor.org</u>

| Towards Peace Spiritual Support Service | | | | |
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| 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/ | | | | |
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| 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!

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... 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!

CALENDAR OF SAINTS DAYS

| JANUARY 2024 | | | |
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