

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES This weekend:

Bangor: (PARISH CENTRE)

Vigil 6.30pm;
Sun 11.00am

Donaghadee:

Sun 9.30am.

Ballyholme:

Sun 12.30pm.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Bangor

As arranged.

Confessions:

Bangor: Sat 5.30 pm and
after all Masses.

Weekend Mass in the Pastoral Communities

Holywood: Vigil 6.30pm;
Sun 10am & 12noon.

Newtownards:

Vigil 6.30pm; Sun 11.30am.

Comber: Sun 10.00am.

Baptisms: 1st and 3rd

Sunday of the Month at
2pm. Register online at
www.bangorparish.com

under

Sacramental Preparation.
2 month's notice required.

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Monday
10.30am to 9.30pm

Will be in **Most Holy
Redeemer Church,**
Ballyholme.

Marian Prayer Group

Meet every Thursday
evening for 1 hour. 6.30-
7.30pm. Meditation on the
Rosary for the unborn,
Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Will be in **Most Holy
Redeemer Church,**
Ballyholme.

ST COMGALL'S, Bangor PARISH CENTRE

During the 20 weeks of work on
St Comgall's Church to allow for
the setting up of the Vigil Mass &
Sunday Mass with seating,
there will be no bookings for the
Main Hall on Saturday's.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 25 August 2019

Theology of the Body - Down and Connor

Invite you to an introduction to Pope John Paul II catechises
on the Theology of the Body starting on Wednesday 4th
September running for 7 sessions until Wednesday 16th
October. In St Patrick's Church, Downpatrick BT30 6DN. In
the Crypt of the Church. Light refreshments provided.
Time: 8.10pm – 9.30pm Over 18s. Contact Maureen
T: 07719 284 747 or Geraldine T: 07719 284 738 or
Email: tobteam@yahoo.com for more information.

THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock will hold an
Information Evening at 7.30 pm for the parents of P7 pupils who
are seeking entry to Year 8 in September 2020.

**Facebook, Tweeter: @NIvoiceless Silent Protest
about planned liberalisation of abortion - Stormont
on Friday, 6th September at 7pm. Protesters have
been asked to wear black or dark colours and carry a
mobile or "other electric light". See our website for
more information.**

Café Donaghadee has raised £100 towards the Refurbishment
of St Comgall's Church. We are really grateful to all those who
continue to support and raise funds for our parish faith
community and this project.

NI Blood Transfusion Service

GIVE BLOOD – SAVE LIVES, Wesley Centenary Methodist Church
Hall, Hamilton Road, Bangor – Thursday 5th & Friday 6th
September. 1.30pm-4pm & 5.15pm-8pm Text Blood to 60081



Your prayers are requested for:

Recently Deceased: Glenn Donnelly

Anniversaries:

Michael Conway, David Anderson, Frank Cullen,
Bridget Rafferty, Thomas Telford, Daniel McCart,
Paddy Walsh, Alex Turnbull, Philip Gunn.

**St Vincent de Paul
Helpline 077 0367 9384**

WELCOME ROTA DURING AUGUST

6. 30 pm Mass -
Anne Mc Cabe and
Una Sweeney
11.00 am Mass –
Elaine Le Mahieu
and Charlie Taylor

SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

Precious Life - March
For Their Lives: Please
join us for this CRUCIAL
MARCH at Custom
House Square, Belfast,
at 2.00pm, to show
our politicians that
abortion is NOT IN OUR
NAME! Mass will be
celebrated at **St
Patrick's Chapel,
Donegal Street, at
1pm.** Coaches will be
leaving from all over
Ireland.

**A bus is being
organised from
Bangor/Holywood.**
Bus leaving from
outside St Comgall's
church at 1 pm. £5
return. Contact Claire
on 07740 677256

Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel of Saint Luke 13:22-30.

1. The question put to Jesus is one that many still ask: 'Will many be saved?' In his answer, Jesus is not concerned about numbers but warns his listeners about complacency. Just as his listeners could not regard the mere fact of being Jews as sufficient for salvation, neither can we regard being Christians as enough. Salvation will come from our acceptance of Jesus. For any relationship to be alive – either with God or with another human person – the real question is: 'Is my heart in this relationship?' What does your experience tell you of this?
2. 'Strive to enter by the narrow door.' Jesus himself is on his journey to Jerusalem; purposeful and determined. His true followers will also be purposeful and determined. That is true of any journey, career, or relationship if there is to be growth or progress. What it is like for you when you fail to do this? What is it like for you when the effort is there?

John Byrne OSA, E: jbpbbyrneosa@gmail.com

PARISH CENTRE GROUPS

Badminton Club Venue: Main Hall.	Starting Wednesday 4 th September - Every Wednesday: 8.30pm - 9.30pm	
Bible Study Venue: St Dympna's Room.	Starting Thursday 12 th September - Every Thursday: 7.30pm - 9.00pm	
Bridge Club Venue: Minor Hall.	Starting Monday 2 nd September - Every Monday: 7.30pm - 10.00pm	
Irish Language Group Venue: St Columbanus Room, Ceili Dancing-Minor Hall.	Starting Thursday 5 th September <i>Contact: Harry 9146-2055</i>	- Every Thursday: 7.00pm - 8.00pm St. Colum.Rm - Every Thurs Ceili Dancing: 8.15pm-9.30pm M.Hall [Language 1 st & 2 nd Year 7.00pm-8.00pm]
Friendship Club Venue: Minor Hall.	Starting Tuesday 10 th September - Every Tuesday: 10.00am - 12noon	
Meditation Prayer Group Venue: St Columbanus Room.	Starting Tuesday 10 th September - Every Tuesday: 10.00am - 11.00am	
Mothers & Toddlers Group Venue: Minor Hall.	Starting Thursday 5 th September - Every Thursday: 10.30am - 12noon	
Scoil Rince Cosa in Airde Venue: Main Hall.	Starting Tuesday 3 rd September - Every Tuesday: 6.00pm - 9.00pm	
St. Comgall's Brigins Venue: Main Hall.	Starting Thursday 5 th September	- Every Thursday: Cygnets: (p1/p2) 5.45 - 6.30pm Aged 6-10: 6.30 - 8.00pm
Youth Club Venue: Youth Room, Sports Hall.	Starting Monday 2 nd September - Every Mon, Wed, Fri: 6.00pm - 9.00pm	
Whist Club Venue: Minor Hall.	Starting Friday 6 th September - Every Friday: 2.00pm - 3.00pm	
Baptism Course – Pre-Sacramental Parents & God- parents Evening.	2 nd Tuesday of the Month 7.00pm until 7.45pm	Venue: St Columbanus & St Cecelia Rooms [Through the green fence 2 nd Floor of Parish Centre]
Children's Liturgy	Starting Sunday 1 st September	Venue: St Dympna's Room 1 st Room on the left. 11am Mass: <i>After the welcome & opening prayers for the entire congregation by the priest, the children will be called forward and sent out with the leaders.</i>
Sacramental Preparation Classes 1 st Penance & Holy Communion Confirmation Classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Penance & Holy Communion Classes - Starting Sunday 6th October for P4 children attending other primary schools from the Bangor area. • Confirmation Class date to be confirmed. 	Please register you interest by contacting the parish office during office hours or by email. bangor@downandconnor.org

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY! AND OTHER NOTICES....

Volunteers Needed St. Comgall's Girl Guide Unit

Do you like working with children? Are you over 18? Can you spare 2 hours a week? If YES! St. Comgall's Brigins (aged 6-10) are looking helpers on a Thursday evening from 6.30-8pm and Cygnets (p1/p2) 5.45-6.30pm. No experience necessary, full support and training provided. If interest or for more information contact Yvonne 07851144222 or email stcomgallsguideunit@gmail.com

6WKS – STARTING THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

The Eucharist / The Mass - Well, what's it really all about, why do we gather together to celebrate the Eucharist/Mass, and do we truly know the depth of this treasure of love and the true difference it can make? Discover the true meaning of Mass! The Knights of St Columbanus and Newtownards and Comber Parish Pastoral Council would like to take you on a journey of "Unpacking Mass". Individual elements of Mass will be explained with the use of Bishop Baron's DVDs followed by **an informal group discussion over 6 weeks** starting **Thursday, 5 September at 7pm** in the Minor Hall, St Patrick's, Newtownards.



FAITH AND LIFE CONVENTION 2019

Online bookings for this year's [Faith and Life Convention](#) are now open. We hope that you will be able to join us on **Saturday, 28 September 2019** at Our Lady and St Patrick's College in Belfast.

This year our theme for the convention is ***Faith in a Better World*** and our Keynote Speaker will be Michel Camdessus. Michel is the former Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and a member of the Pontifical Council on Justice and Peace. Our keynote speech will be followed by a panel discussion where together we can reflect on the variety of issues that we face in society today. The highlight of the day for many people is the variety of workshops on offer and this year we have an impressive line-up of local and international speakers. The convention is an excellent opportunity to network with others from the Diocese and beyond. We look forward to welcoming you and having an enjoyable day where we can encourage one another to be people of active faith in our society.