

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Family of Parishes

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), Year C – 22nd June 2025

Your prayers are requested for

Recently Deceased:

Nuala Doherty (Belfast)
Frank Rafferty (Belfast)
Dan McCollam (Cushendall)

Month's Mind:

Patrick Scollan

Anniversaries:

Kathleen & Michael Duffy
Sean McClean
John Simpson
Margaret Ormsby
Sarah & Johnny Walsh
Anna Ward

MOST HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH BALLYHOLME

Sunday 22nd June @ 9am

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD

Saturday 21st June @ 6.30pm and
Sunday 22nd June @ 10am and 12noon

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK:

DAILY MASS: Mon 23rd – Fri 27th June @ 9.30am

BAPTISM REGISTRATION

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

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays @ 1.15pm

SCHOOL PLACES ANNOUNCEMENT

Places for September 2025 available in **St Comgall's Primary School**. Following an increase in our enrolment figure from the Department of Education, we have a small number of places available for children looking a space for September 2025. Please contact the school office if you'd like a place ajones169@c2kni.net or 02891 463194.



**ST COMGALL'S
PARISH CENTRE**

The Parish Centre Committee wish to thank all the Parishioners for their ongoing support and encouragement. Cuppa & Connect mornings & our Holy Shop will recommence in September. We look forward to our end of season Family BBQ Sunday 22nd June after 12md mass. The Committee wishes everyone a restful, happy summer break. 🌻 ☕ 🙏

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE 2025

CELEBRATING THE WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY

THEME: 'Blessed are those who have not lost hope' (cf. Sir 14, 2)

Sunday 27 July 2025

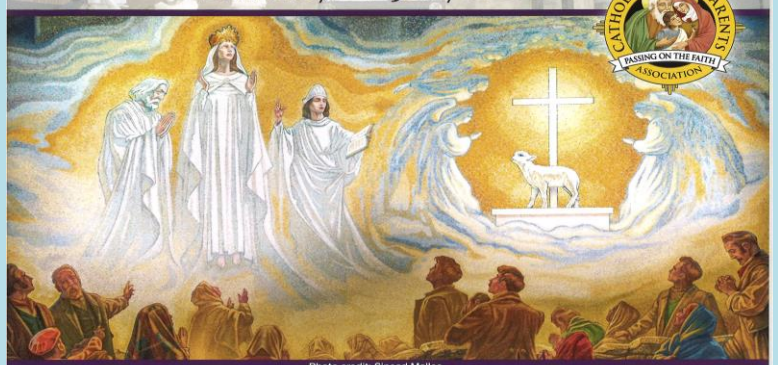


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- Chief Celebrant Archbishop Francis Duffy
- Choirs and Music by director Una Nolan
- Special Guest Dana Rosemary Scallon
- Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica - 2:30pm
- Holy Sacrament of Mass - 3:00pm
- Rosary Procession (weather permitting)
- Children's Prayer appeal inviting all children to write a prayer for their grandparents, send it or bring to the CGA Knock Shrine

Organise transport with your local parish.

World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2025



Plenary Indulgence granted for the occasion

THOSE UNABLE TO JOIN US IN PERSON CAN TAKE PART ONLINE AT WWW.KNOCKSHRINE.IE/WATCH
www.knockshrine.ie - Telephone: +353 (0) 94 938 8100

PARISH CENTRE – PARISH GROUPS 2025

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

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. A donation of £25,000 has already been received but the advice is to budget for at least another £15,000 to cover transport, and installation. Any donations large or small would be deeply appreciated. Please use the envelope on top of the safe, and place in the safe So far this week several people have contributed **£425.00** for which the parish is deeply grateful.

LAY FUNERAL MINISTRY

In the spirit of synodality and co responsibility our Dioceses, through Pathways to the Future, is delivering training to Lay Funeral Ministers' Sr Maura and Margaret McIlroy are receiving training from this Parish at present for future involvement in this new ministry. We ask you to keep both in your prayers over the next month of their training.

Ards CCE trad summer music workshops

Open to 6-17 years of age. All traditional and classical instruments, all levels including total beginners. **Total cost £40. Monday 30 June and Tuesday 1st July.** St Comgall's PS Bangor 9-12 (both days). St Brides PS Belfast 1-4 pm (both days). More info All Ireland fiddle champion. Niall McClean **07960072218**

Baby and toddler group

We are seeking volunteers to assist at St Comgall's Baby and Toddler group which runs on Wed mornings from 10 - 11.30am. If interested please contact 078 8998 0403

Hearts on Fire – A Call to Prayer and Renewal

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, the Diocese of Down and Connor will host a special two-day gathering of parish leaders from across our parish families and extending throughout Ireland and beyond on 25 and 26 June in Belfast. Focused on renewing our vision for evangelisation, Hearts on Fire will invite parish leaders to explore ways to inspire and equip Families of Parishes to reignite the Church's missionary spirit.

We warmly invite all to join us in prayer at the opening Mass for Hearts on Fire in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast, at 7:00pm on Tuesday, 24 June 2025

ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELPLINES

Bangor Conference 07703679384

(covering Bangor West, Clondeboye/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. If you wish to avail of this service, please contact the parish office **028 9146 5522**

- **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 Preparation Facilitators **Service seeking Marriage**

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



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!
