

# Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2 September 2018

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## The 9<sup>th</sup> World Meeting of Families 2018, Dublin, Ireland Apostolic Visit of His Holiness, Pope Francis 21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August

Families from all over the world came to Ireland to experience the World Meeting of Families! The **Ards & North Down Pastoral Community** were involved in **4** of the celebrations. **1) The Opening Night** on 21<sup>st</sup> August; **2) The Congress in the RDS** on 23<sup>rd</sup> August with the children of our schools, teachers, priests, chaplain & catechists; **3) The Festival of Families**, Croke Park on 25<sup>th</sup> August and **4) The Final Mass**, Phoenix Park on 26<sup>th</sup> August.

This experience will stay with all those who participated either by attending or watching on the television. A truly remarkable week in the life of Ireland. Below are the links (underlined) to each stage of the Pope's visits and his Papal Texts and Homilies. So please connect and read up on all the wonderful dialogues & videos. We have given a little preview of some of his words to those he met! The full texts will be online on our website [www.bangorparish.com](http://www.bangorparish.com) under the WMOF section.

### SATURDAY 25TH AUGUST 2018

#### Meeting with Authorities, Civil Society and Diplomatic Corps, Dame St, Dublin 2, Ireland

"As you know, the reason for my visit is to take part in the World Meeting of Families, held this year in Dublin. The Church is, in a real way, a family among families, and senses the need to support families in their efforts to respond faithfully and joyfully to their God-given vocation in society. The Meeting is not only an opportunity for families to reaffirm their commitment to loving fidelity, mutual assistance and reverence for God's gift of life in all its forms, but also to testify to the unique role played by the family in the education of its members and the development of a sound and flourishing social fabric..."

#### Visit to the Cathedral, St Mary's Pro Cathedral, 83 Marlborough Street, North City, Dublin 1, Ireland

"Here is what I would say to you. Of all the kinds of human fruitfulness, marriage is unique. It is about a love that gives rise to new life. It involves mutual responsibility for the transmission of God's gift of life, and it provides a stable environment in which that new life can grow and flourish. Marriage in the Church, that is, the sacrament of matrimony, shares in a special way in the mystery of God's eternal love. When a Christian man and woman enter the bond of marriage, God's grace enables them freely to promise one another an exclusive and enduring love..."

#### Visit to the day centre for homeless families of the capuchin fathers

"And you, dear brothers and sisters, I thank you for the love and the trust that you have for the Capuchin brothers. Thank you because you come here with trust! Let me say one thing to you. Do you know why you come here with trust? Because they help you without detracting from your dignity. For them, each of you is Jesus Christ. Thank you for the trust that you give us. You are the Church, you are God's people. Jesus is with you. They will give you the things you need, but listen to the advice they give you; they will always give you good advice. ... And one last thing. Pray! Pray for the Church. Pray for priests. Pray for the Capuchins. Pray for the bishops, for your bishop. Pray for me too... I allow myself to ask all this. Pray for priests, don't forget..."

#### Festival of Families, Croke Park Stadium, Jones' Rd, Drumcondra, Dublin 3, Ireland

"Dear Brothers and Sisters, good evening! I am grateful to all of you for your warm welcome. It is good to be here! It is good to celebrate, for celebration makes us more human and more Christian. It also helps us to share the joy of knowing that Jesus loves us, he accompanies us on our journey of life, and each day he draws us closer to himself. In any family celebration, everyone's presence is felt: fathers, mothers, grandparents, grandchildren, uncles and aunts, cousins, those who cannot come and those who live too far away, everyone. Today in Dublin we are gathered for a family celebration of thanksgiving to God for who we are: one family in Christ, spread throughout the world. The Church is the family of God's children. A family in which we rejoice with those who are rejoicing, and weep with those who grieve or feel knocked down by life. A family in which we care for everyone, for God our Father has made all of us his children in Baptism..."

### SUNDAY 26TH AUGUST 2018

#### Angelus in Knock Shrine, Knock, County Mayo, Ireland

#### WMOF2018 Closing Mass - Phoenix Park, Dublin 8, Ireland

#### Apostolic Visit to Ireland: Meeting with the Bishops - Dominican Convent, Ratoath Road, Ashtown, Dublin 7, Ireland

**Your prayers are requested for:**

**Recently Deceased:** Tony McErlain

**Anniversaries**

Loretto Brennan, Paddy McIlroy,  
Mary Ellen McGeough, Austin Kernan,  
Elizabeth Devlin, Thomas Leonard,  
Terry Kennedy, Rosaleen Gibson.

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

**Perpetual Adoration**

St Comgall's Church  
Monday 10.30am-9.30pm

**Mass times next week:**

St Comgall's Church, Bangor 9.30am  
Monday - Friday.

**Holy Hour and Exposition**

St Comgall's Donaghadee today Sun 2  
Sept at 2.45pm sharp. All welcome.

**Healing Mass Devotion to St Pio**

Mon 3 Sept 7.30 pm in St Mary's Star of  
the Sea Church, Killyleagh. St Pio's Relic  
will be available before and after mass.

**National Grandparents Pilgrimage**

Sun 9 Sept, Our Lady of Knock Shrine,  
Knock. Anointing of the Sick 2.30pm;  
Pilgrimage Mass 3pm.

**Children's Liturgy** recommences this  
weekend, volunteers are needed to help  
in a Rota of 1 in 4 weeks, please phone  
Lisa 07762788733. Any children  
attending the Children's Liturgy must  
have a parent consent form completed,  
forms at the back of the church.

**St Comgall's Guides Girls  
Volunteers Needed**

Do you like working with children?  
Have you a sense of humour? Are you  
over 18? Can you spare 2 hours a week?  
If YES! St. Comgall's Brigins(P3-P6),  
Guides(P7+) and our new section  
Cygnets (P1+P2) are looking helpers for  
Thurs evening 5.30-8pm. No experience  
necessary, full support and training  
provided. If interested or for more info  
contact Yvonne 07851144222, or  
email stcomgallsguideunit@gmail.com

**Welcome Rota for September**

6.30 pm Mass  
Una Sweeney, Anne McCabe,  
10.30 am Mass  
Lisa Morrow, Una Graham  
12.30 pm Mass  
Coici Denny, Eileen Hanna

**Our Lady and St Patrick's College,  
Knock** Information Evening 7.30 pm  
Thurs 6 Sept for the parents of P7  
pupils who are seeking entry to Year 8  
in Sept 2019.

**European Heritage Open Day at  
Drumalis Retreat Centre**

Sat 8 Sept 12 noon-4 pm. The house  
and grounds will be open for all to  
enjoy, guided tours, afternoon teas will  
be served. All welcome - admission  
free. For further details, please contact  
28272196/28276455 (during office  
hours, Mon-Fri, 9 am - 5 pm).

**Voice of Hope Concert**

St Peters Cathedral Fri 14 Sept 7.30pm  
to mark World Suicide Prevention  
Day. Headlining this event - Peter  
Corry and guests The Priests and  
others. Tickets £10 from the Cathedral  
Office, Immaculata Youth Club, online  
at [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/voice-of-hope-belfast-tickets-46646393619](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/voice-of-hope-belfast-tickets-46646393619).

Proceeds will provide support and  
services to young people from all  
sections of the community in North  
and West Belfast on Mental Health  
Awareness, Suicide Prevention and  
Wellbeing. For more details contact  
Ronan on [info@alpsni.org](mailto:info@alpsni.org) or  
07801481013.

**Annual Belfast Pioneer Mass**

Tues 18 Sept in St Malachy's Church,  
Belfast at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.  
Light refreshments afterwards. Anyone  
wishing to be presented with emblems/  
certificates contact Pat 9262 9959, Ian  
9061 6601, Josephine 9061 7116,  
Roisin 9064 6957.

**80th Anniversary of The  
Dedication of St Anthony's  
Church, Willowfield:**

You are invited to celebrate with us on Tues 16  
October at 7:30pm. Concelebrated  
Mass with Bishop Noel Treanor,  
followed by a Reception in St Vincent's  
Centre. RSVP by Sat 29 Sept to Fr  
Henry McCann PP, email:  
[stanthonys@downandconnor.org](mailto:stanthonys@downandconnor.org) or  
mobile 077 4060 3643.

**Irish Dancing Classes** resume from  
4 Sept "Full Irish Dancing Experience"  
10+ years; Flying Feet School of Irish  
Dancing (Scoil Rince Cosa in Airde)  
girls and boys 4+, Beginner classes  
Wed 6-7pm and Sat 10-11am, first class  
free. Contact Mike (077 2629 4733) or  
find us on Facebook.

**The Financial Statement 2017**  
for the Parish is available for collection  
at the back of the Church this weekend.

**Vacancy - Parish Centre Cleaner**

The Parish are seeking to recruit a  
cleaner for 8 hrs per week to work in the  
Parish Centre. Full details relating to  
the vacancy can be found on the  
Diocesan website at: [www.downandconnor.org/job-vacancies/](http://www.downandconnor.org/job-vacancies/) and the  
Community NI website. Terms and  
Conditions relating to the role can also  
be accessed there, together with the Job  
Description and Application form.  
Application packs are available from St  
Comgall's Parish Office. We welcome  
applications from anyone who feels they  
meet the criteria and are interested in  
playing an active part in the Parish.  
Closing date for receipt of applications  
will be 12 noon on Fri 14 Sept 2018.

**Marie Curie - 7km Twilight Walk**

at the beautiful Barnett Demesne, South  
Belfast on Fri 28 Sep. This is a great  
excuse to get together with family and  
friends and you can expect more than  
just a walk - there will be a festival  
atmosphere with music, entertainment  
and fireworks! You can sign up at  
[www.mariecurie.org.uk/twilightwalk](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/twilightwalk) or  
call 90882060.

**Calling all Married Couples** of all

ages to renew your relationship with a  
weekend presented by Catholic Marriage  
Encounter in Ireland; 5-7 Oct 2018 in  
Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry.  
Information and booking +353 86  
8541945/[www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

**NI Hospice Big Coffee Break:**

Get together with your church group to pop  
the kettle on and help raise vital funds  
for Hospice! You can host your coffee  
break any date from 20 Sept to 30 Nov.  
Register today at [www.nihospice.org](http://www.nihospice.org)

**Parish Centre User Groups will  
recommence on:**

Mon 3 Sept: Bridge Club at 7.30pm;  
Tues 4 Sept: Friendship Club usual time;  
Wed 5 Sept: Parish Choir Practice at  
8.15pm, Choir will restart this Sunday.  
New members urgently required, ring  
Christine 9146 5013;  
Thurs 6 Sept: Irish Language and Ceili  
Dancing Classes - Language - Beginners  
7-8pm; 2nd Year 7-8pm; Dancing 8.15-  
9.30pm. Further details ring 9146 2055;  
Fri 7 Sept: Whist Club 1.30pm.  
Wed 12 Sept: Badminton Club 8.30pm.

**Fr Gunn/Parish Office Tel: 9146 5522, 27 Brunswick Road, Bangor.**

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