

PARISH OF BANGOR, MEMBER OF ARDS FAMILY OF PARISHES

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and Feast of St Columbanus, Year C – 23rd November 2025

Your prayers are requested for:

Recently deceased:

John McBurney (Ards)

Anniversaries:

Maureen Duffy

Margaret Forte

Robert Coulter

Tommy & Jean Cassidy

Daniel McCambridge

Peg Connell

Patricia McGivern

Una Evans

Marie Jamison

Kathleen Horan (nee McPoland)

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH, DONAGHADEE

Sunday 23rd November 2025 @ 9am

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD

Saturday 22nd November @ 6.30pm

Sunday 23rd November @ 10am and 12noon

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK:

Daily Mass Mon 24th– Fri 28th November @ 9.30am

BAPTISM REGISTRATION

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

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays @ 1.15pm

Vocations Society of St. Joseph

(formerly St. Joseph's Young Priests Society) 23 Merrion Square, Dublin 2. D02 XE02



Vocations Society of St. Joseph (formerly St Joseph's Young Priests Society) exists to help students on their journey to priesthood. The Society fosters vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It assists students for the priesthood both financially and by prayer. It promotes the vocation of the laity and fosters a greater understanding and love of the Eucharist and Holy Mass.

The second collection next weekend (29th/30th November) is the annual collection for the support of the society. By promoting the work of the society through our prayers and financial support, we hope to create a greater awareness of how important Vocations to the Priesthood are, and the urgent need to provide Priests for tomorrow.

Envelopes are available at the rear of the Church, along with information leaflets and Prayer cards. Envelopes should be placed in the collection basket on 29th/30th November. Thank you for your continued support.

St Columbanus Festival

Place, Words and Music

22nd – 23rd November

Details of events in front porch



CANTIUNCULAE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St Comgall's Church Bangor on Sunday 7th December @ 8pm.

The concert is in aid of parish funds.

Tickets £5 - available to purchase from Thomas's shop.

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] FOLK GROUP AT 6.30 -7.30pm [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]

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 **£210.00** for which the parish is deeply grateful.

We'd love to see you at St Comgall's Primary School Open Night on Wednesday 3rd December! Join us for the Principal's Address at **6:00pm** and take the opportunity to explore our school. If your little one is starting P1 in September 2026, this is a great chance to find out what makes St Comgall's special. Please spread the word to family, friends and neighbours with children starting P1 in September 2026.

Ards CCÉ host branch of the All Ireland Fleadh will be hosting their annual **Christmas Irish Concert** in St Patrick's Hall Newtownards, **Sunday 30 Nov 4-6 pm**. Expect a feast of Irish trad and festive music/ song and dance from champion musicians.

Tickets £5 (kids free with a paying adult) available at Thomas shop Brunswick Road Bangor. Tea / coffee etc and great ballots.

More info from Ards CCÉ Facebook and www.ardscce.co.uk

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER - Welcome to our Christmas Trocaire Event Santa, stalls, ballot, tea & coffee, Christmas Fayre.

Also Trocaire Christmas cards on sale. **Help Trocaire help those who face war, hunger and poverty**



**ST COMGALL'S
PARISH CENTRE**



Parish Family Christmas Party!

The **Parish Centre Committee** warmly invites everyone to our **Family Christmas Party** on **Sunday 14th December, 11am–1pm** in the Parish Centre.

🌟 Enjoy a fun-filled morning with a **festive disco**, Christmas treats, and a **special visit from Santa himself!**

All are welcome — **young and old alike** — to come together and share in the Christmas joy. 🌟

We look forward to celebrating the season with you!

Coming Soon! St Comgall's Parish Youth Club. Wednesday evenings for primary 6 & 7. Commencing January 2026. Spaces are limited, please email stcomgallsparishyc@gmail.com to request a form.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELPLINES

Bangor Conference 07703679384

(covering Bangor West, Clondeboye/Newtownards Road area, Kilcooley, Helens Bay and Crawfordsburn)

Ballyholme/Donaghadee Conference 07703679389. (covering Bangor city centre, Bangor East/Ballyholme, Balloo/Bloomfield Road area, 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**

• 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 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

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!
