

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:

MOST HOLY REDEEMER

at 9.30am Monday-Friday

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
10.00am to 9.30pm

Venue: **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.

Venue: **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 Saturdays.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 8 September 2019



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. 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. www.faithandlifeconvention.org/

Drivers are **urgently** needed for the **St Columbanus School Bus** on **Sundays**. Please leave your details into the parish office if you are able to help. This is on a rota basis.

Over the next 5WKS every THURSDAY in SEPTEMBER

The Eucharist / The Mass - Why do we gather together to celebrate the Eucharist/Mass. The Knights of St Columbanus and Newtownards & 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** in the Minor Hall, St Patrick's, Newtownards at 7pm.



Your prayers are requested for:

Anniversaries:

Mary Ellen McGeough, Winnie Breslin, Joseph Breslin,
Patrick Coyle, Harry Shiels, Pauline Rogan, Patrick O'Kane,
Emmanuel Shiels, John McAlinden.

Cleaner required for St. Comgalls Primary School 12.25 hours per week. Monday to Thursday 2.15 - 4.45pm and Friday 2.15 - 4.30pm. Please apply via the school office.

Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel of Saint Luke 14:25-33.

1. The passage is a call to both radical and practical discipleship. When have you found that in order to achieve a certain objective you had to make it a priority, and then take the practical steps necessary to reach your goal? What were the benefits to you when you did this?
2. 'Hate' is prophetic exaggeration for the uncompromising loyalty Jesus seeks in disciples. There may be times when people make demands in conflict with fidelity to another relationship. This can be painful. When have you found that being clear about your priorities helped you in that situation?
3. Jesus uses parables here to tell us that in important human affairs we do not settle for vague aspirations. When have you found that some element of practical planning has been necessary to make progress with a project? What has this taught you about making the most of your life and of your time?

John Byrne OSA, E: jbpbymeosa@gmail.com

**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

A sister from the Medical Missionaries of Mary will visit our

parish on **21/22
September 2019**.
She will be telling you
of the work they are
involved in and
appealing for your
prayerful & financial
support of their work.
We are looking forward
to welcoming the
sisters to our parish.

3 Page Bulletin!

For inclusion in the
Bulletin Notices, notices
need to be in to the
Parish Office before
1pm on Wednesdays.

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 - Every Thursday: 7.00pm - 8.00pm St. Colum.Rm - Every Thurs Ceili Dancing: 8.15pm-9.30pm M.Hall <i>Contact: Harry 9146-2055</i> [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: 1.30pm - 3.30pm

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 <i>Registration Forms must be completed and will be given out at the first session.</i>	Starting Sunday 1 st September 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>	Venue: St Dympna's Room 1 st Room on the left.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES 1 st Penance & Holy Communion and 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. <p>Please register you interest by contacting the parish office during office hours or by email. bangor@downandconnor.org</p>
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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

Storehouse North Down (food bank)

are now operating from our new premises at 12 Balloo Avenue BT19 7QT. Our hours will be the same: MONDAY AND THURSDAY 2PM - 4 PM.

WEDNESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

Anam Cara Belfast the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on 11th at 7:20pm in the Crowne Plaza Hotel. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Tuesday 10th September or call T: 028 9521 3120

PARISH INITIATIVE

SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER – (2pm-3.30pm)
COASTAL ROSARY FOR LIFE, FAITH AND LOVE. Join in with thousands of people all around Ireland, as we gather on our coasts, near rivers, in our churches, at grottos etc. to pray the Rosary for Life, Faith and Love on Sunday October 13th at 2.30pm. We will join in with many countries around the world. We will meet beyond Pickie Park at the first beach cove at Stricklands Glen. We will gather from 2pm onwards to say the Rosary and the prayers of Consecration to the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. St Comgall's Marian Prayer Group will co-ordinate this event. All welcome please bring your families and friends. Let's decide to offer reparation and be a part of the movement of love and life!

Trócaire

Caoimhe de Barra, Chief Executive Officer of Trócaire, has written to thank the parishioners and priests of Down and Connor for their much-valued contribution to the mission of Trócaire. To access the report click the following link: https://www.trocaire.org/sites/default/files/trocaire_annual_report_2018-19.pdf

EXTRA PARISH NOTICES AND OTHER NOTICES OF INTEREST!

St Vincent De Paul: Clare Lodge, Newcastle

Why spend Christmas or New Year alone when you can be among friends and have company.

- Christmas breaks from 24th December – 27th Dec
- New Year 30th December – 2nd January (Accommodation & full board meals) - (single room occupancy £175.00) (Sharing room £145.00)

Alternatively, if you just wish to spend the day having Christmas Dinner and Evening Tea or New Year's Dinner & Evening Tea in the company of others for the cost £20.00 (numbers for day visit limited to 20 people) All bookings to be made in advance. For further information and any queries, please contact Clare Lodge Reception on 028 4372 2849 or email clare.lodge@svpni.co.uk (All special dietary meals catered for via prior arrangement).

FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

Are you still thinking about joining your parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group? Just to remind you that the final date to return application forms in order to facilitate interviews, is Friday 13 September. Completed forms should be sent to: Bethany Bereavement Support, 120 Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT 14 6LA Or, for any information regarding this, please contact Claire Dowds on: T:075 5788 2183 or email: bethanybereavementni@gmail.com

MONDAY 16TH TO SATURDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

Silent Retreat: Theme: "If you but knew the gift of God..." Preached by: Fr. Kilian Byrne Venue: Ards Retreat Centre, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. Cost: €390 full board Contact: Helen : 086 1678027/ hellywilliams@gmail.com www.foyerofcharity.ie A privileged time to come away from noise and distractions, and listen to the Spirit of God, - Who is Love. Silence, prayer, teachings & liturgy of the Church.

MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER (starting)

Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living: In association with the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow. This is a one-year programme (30 x 2.5 hour sessions) for those who want a closer relationship with God, who struggle with prayer, who want to make choices that are in tune with God's dream for the world. No expertise in prayer or reflection is required. The first session is on Monday 16th September beginning at 7 pm. For further details, please contact Drumalis during office hrs T: 2827 2196 or email maura@drumalis.co.uk

WEDNESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

The Belfast Pioneer Region are holding their Annual Mass in St Agnes' Church, 141 Andersonstown Rd. Belfast 11 beginning at 7pm. If anyone wishes to be presented with gold, silver or other Pioneer emblems /certificates, please contact Pat 9262 9959, Roisin 9064 6957, Josephine 9061 7116 or Mary 9442 3956 as soon as possible. All Pioneers and friends are welcome. Light refreshments afterwards.

THURSDAY 12th, 19th, 26th SEPTEMBER

Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church, Bangor
Legal and financial planning, David Wilson, Solicitor, Thursday 12 September 6.30pm-8.30pm. **Carers' Mental health and well-being** Tom McEaney, Aware, Thursday 19 September 6.30pm-8.30pm.

Palliative care and Dementia, Lynda Williams, Alzheimer's Society Thursday 26 September, 6.30pm-8.30pm. For more info please phone 02891 810083 or email northdownstandards@alzheimers.org.uk

THURSDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

"Get Together", a community of bereaved families, invites you to our "From Inside Out" conference on 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Riddell Hall, Belfast. The most frequently voiced fear by those wanting to support bereaved children is "What if I say the wrong thing?". Want to know more about helping families find community in the midst of trauma and grief?. Come to the 'From Inside Out' Conference on 19-9-19 to learn directly from bereaved children and families what they need: <https://www.cruse.org.uk/from-inside-out-conference> or contact maria.mcentee@cruse.org.uk or 02890792419 for more information. Cost- £99 full day £50 half day.

PATHWAYS

- Adult Faith Development Programme at Drumalis - **Enrol now for 2019-2021 intake.** Pathways is a broad-based adult faith development course which explores spirituality, theology and prayer. Now in its fourteenth year, Pathways is geared towards those who want to reflect about life, faith and relationships with God and others. The course takes place in the beautiful surroundings of Drumalis in Larne. No academic qualifications are necessary and there is no coursework attached.

This two-year programme supported by the Diocese of Down and Connor runs from October to June each year and will be held on nine Saturdays from 10:00 am - 4:30 pm. For further information and booking form, please contact Drumalis – 028 2827 2196/2827 6455 (during office hours, Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm), email maura@drumalis.co.uk or see the Drumalis website: <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

MONDAY 14TH to SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER

Silent Retreat- Theme: "If you but knew the gift of God..." Preached by: Fr. Kilian Byrne Venue: Dromantine Retreat Centre, Newry, Co. Down
Date: October 14th to 20th Cost: £410stg full board
Contact: Helen : 00353 86 1678027/ hellywilliams@gmail.com www.foyerofcharity.ie
A privileged time to come away from noise and distractions, and listen to the Spirit of God, - Who is Love. Silence, prayer, teachings & liturgy of the Church.

FRIDAY 15TH – SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

The Joy of Love in Marriage - A Marriage Enrichment Weekend offers married couples (of all ages) private time to rekindle the joy of their love. The next Weekend (residential) will be at The Lake Hotel Killarney. For info. and to book, visit www.marriageencounter.ie or call 07702-812321 or +353 87 784 0408.