

# Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – 24th November 2024

 The Society of St Vincent De Paul 

**Annual Christmas Lunch**  
for the Senior Citizens of the Parish  
is to be held in  
St Comgall's Parish Centre

on  
**Sunday, 8th December 2024 at 2pm**

Should you wish to attend please contact:

The SVP Helpline 07703 679384  
by 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

There is no charge and lifts to and from the lunch  
can be provided

### ST COMGALL'S CHURCH DONAGHADEE

Sunday 24th November @ 9am

### ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD

Saturday 23rd November @ 6pm and  
Sunday 24th November @ 10am and 12noon

### ST COLUMBANUS & GALL UNITY SERVICE

All are invited to an United Service in St Gall's Church of  
Ireland Crawfordsburn Road on Sun 24<sup>th</sup> November @  
6.30pm to honour Saints Gall and Columbanus.  
*Please bring an item for the Storehouse Food Bank with  
you*

# Trocaire

## CHRISTMAS EVENT

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November after both masses

SANTA – BIG BALLOT – TOMBOLA - HANDMADE GIFTS  
FROM BETHLEHEM - TROCAIRE CHRISTMAS CARDS

*In aid of Gaza and Lebanon*

### CUPPA & CONNECT

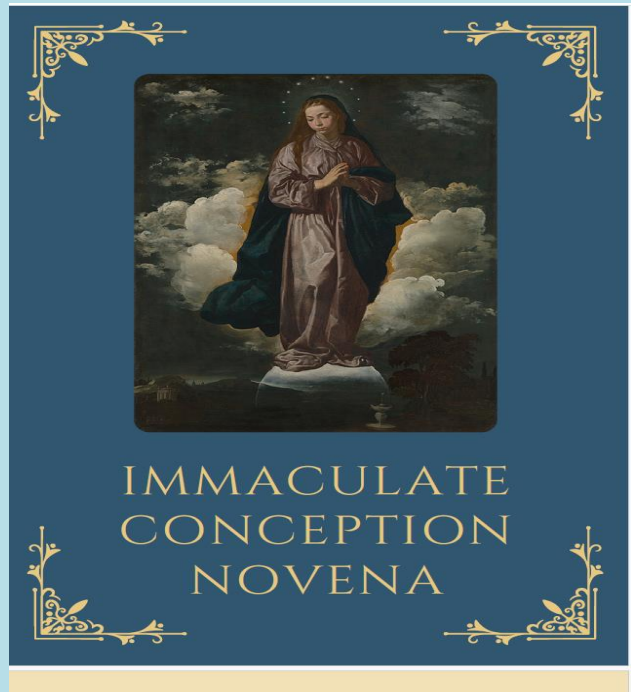
\*Cuppa & Connect Saturday 23rd Nov after 6pm mass  
(note earlier mass time as Bishop is in attendance)

\*Cuppa & Connect Sunday 1st Dec after 10am mass

\*Cuppa & Connect Sunday 8th Dec – will not be held  
as SVP Christmas dinner is being held @ 2pm

\*Cuppa & Connect Sunday 15th Dec after 12 midday  
mass

\*Christmas Cuppa & Connect Sunday 22nd Dec after  
10am mass. Fundraiser for the **DANNY MILLS  
FOUNDATION** to raise money for a parish centre  
defibrillator. Special appearance from Santa 🎅🎄🎅  
& Christmas disco! Non-alcoholic mulled wine, mince  
pies, sausage rolls will be served and treats for all!  
Ballot tickets will be on sale and prizes will be drawn  
on this date



As we begin the Advent season this year, please join us in praying this Pastoral  
Community initiative, a Novena to the Immaculate Conception. In St Comgall's  
Brunswick road, beginning on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec at 5pm, at 7pm each night from  
Monday to Friday, after the Vigil Mass on Sat 7th, 5pm on Sun 8th, ending after  
the Evening Mass, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Novena is  
available in the news section of the Parish Website, booklets are in the church.  
'Here am I, servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' O  
come Emmanuel!

**PARISH CENTRE – PARISH GROUPS 2023**

<b>MONDAYS</b>	<b>TUESDAYS</b>	<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	<b>THURSDAYS</b>	<b>FRIDAYS</b>
<b>BRIDGE CLUB</b> at 7.15pm until 9.45pm [Minor Hall]  <b>LECTIO DIVINA GROUP</b> 7.30pm – 8.30pm [St Dymphna's Room]  <b>BADMINTON</b> NOW WEEKLY at 8 to 9pm [Main Hall]	<b>FRIENDSHIP CLUB</b> at 10.00am [Minor Hall]  <b>IRISH DANCING CLASSES</b> at 6.00pm to 8.30pm [Main Hall]  <b>SVP</b> at 7.30pm to 9.30pm [St Dymphna's Room]	<b>MEDITATION GROUP</b> at 12pm to 1.30pm [St Dymphna's Room]  <b>MENCAP</b> Every fortnight at 6.00pm [Main/Minor Hall]  <b>FOLK GROUP</b> AT 7pm [St Dymphna's Room]  <b>SENIOR CHOIR</b> At 7.30pm [St Dymphna's Room]	<b>St Comgall's Guide Unit</b> (Girls aged 6-18) at 6.15pm to 8pm [Main/Minor Hall]  <b>IRISH LANGUAGE CLASS</b> At 7pm to 8pm [St Dymphna's Room]  <b>CEILI DANCING</b> at 8.15pm to 9.30pm [Minor Hall]	<b>Ju-Jitsu Club</b> (Juniors 5-15yrs) 6-7pm [Main Hall]
<p align="center"><b>BOOKING ENQUIRIES TO BE MADE TO THE NEW PARISH CENTRE COMMITTEE VIA EMAIL: <a href="mailto:stcomgallspcc@gmail.com">stcomgallspcc@gmail.com</a></b></p>				

**Your prayers are requested for**

**Month's Mind:** Margaret Stewart

**Anniversaries:** Peggy Connell, Daniel McCambridge, Maureen Duffy, Vincent Jamison Snr, Anita Delaney, Marion McLarnon, Cathal McCrory, Jackie Campbell, Geraldine Shields, Tom & Margaret Clearly, Mary McGuigan, Kathleen Horan (McPoland), Rose & Walter Gethin

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**"Caring to the End: Why Euthanasia Is Not An Answer to Suffering.**

**Speakers:** Dr Dominic Whitehouse (Palliative Care Consultant) and Jack Valero (communications expert and founder of Catholic Voices)

**Location:** St Malachy's Parish Hall, 24 Alfred St, Belfast BT2 8EN (public transport options and free parking nearby after 6PM)

**Time:** 7pm 29th November 2024

For more information contact- [emily@faithversed.com](mailto:emily@faithversed.com) or 07481940689"

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**NI CANCER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES Sat 10 May to Thurs 15 May 2025**

The price of £859 (with price reduction for Cancer Patients) includes: Return flights from Belfast International Airport, operated by Northern Star Travel Ltd and facilitated by Joe Walsh Tours. Full board and accommodation at the Hotel Agena in Lourdes for five nights based on twin/double/triple rooms.

The party will consist of patients, ex-patients, relatives and friends accompanied by medical, nursing and other staff. To enquire or to obtain a booking form please contact:- Mrs Jean Clarke, Hon. Secretary, NI Cancer Pilgrimage, 67

Ballynahinch Road, Carryduff, Belfast, BT8 8DL, or speak to us on Tel. **078746 88388, or e-mail at:- [mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk](mailto:mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk)**

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**ARDS CCE UPCOMING EVENTS**

Ards CCE Christmas present a traditional Irish Christmas concert, with a variety of acts in the parish centre Tickets £5 from Thomas shop, **Sunday 1st Dec** 5pm.

Christmas Ceili with Cap On The Wall **Friday 13th Dec**, imperial bar 8 pm, tickets £10 from Thomas shop. No previous experience necessary.

Lots of dancing and great songs from the band.

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**ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELPLINES**

**Bangor Conference 07703679384**

(covering Bangor West, Clandeboye/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, Groomspoint, Donaghadee and Millisle)

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**St. Comgall's Bethany Bereavement Support Group**

The aim of the Bethany Group is to provide support to the bereaved. The Bethany Group may be contacted on the following number **077 325 13400**

- **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/>**

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**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](mailto:info@accordni.com)

[www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com)

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**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](mailto:email@familycareadoption.org)

Phone: 02890 691133

Website: [www.familycareadoption.com](http://www.familycareadoption.com)

We are waiting to hear from you!

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