

# Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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## Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Your prayers are requested for  
Recently Deceased:

**Month's Mind:**

DENISE DONNELLY  
ANNE MCELROY

**Anniversaries:**

NEIL MURRAY  
HARRY CLOSE  
FRANK & KATHLEEN RAFFERTY  
GEMMA MCKINNEY  
THOMAS BROWN  
ALEC ROGAN  
GERARD DONAGHY  
TERESA SHIELDS  
DAVID MCHENRY  
GERARD MURRAY

### ST COMGALL'S CHURCH DONAGHADEE

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May @ 9am

### ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May @ 6.30pm and  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May @ 10am and 12noon

### **MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK:**

DAILY MASS: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> MAY @ 9.30am

### **BAPTISM REGISTRATION**

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

*Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays @ 1.15pm*

### Laudato Si Webpage link



**ST COMGALL'S  
PARISH CENTRE**

**Cuppa and Connect**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May - after 10am mass

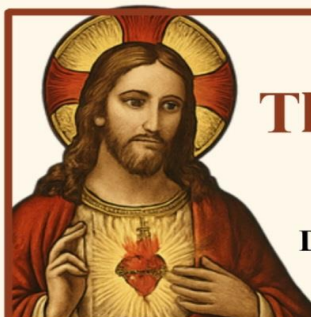
Sunday 01<sup>st</sup> June - after 12md mass

Sunday 08<sup>th</sup> June - after 10am mass

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June - after 12md mass

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June Cuppa & Connect Family BBQ  
after 12 mass

All Parish P7 children keep an eye out - fun event upcoming  
to celebrate end of Primary! More details to follow 🌟



Down & Connor

## The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Diocesan Devotions June 2025



Friday, May 2nd to  
Friday, June 27th

### **NATIONAL NOVENA OF MASSES**

Fridays in May & June, in Cathedrals & churches across Ireland  
& on **Shalom World Prayer Channel**  
Live stream on [www.sacredheartcrusade.ie](http://www.sacredheartcrusade.ie)  
(Led each Friday by Irish Bishops)

Sunday, June 1st

### **SAUL SUNDAY**

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine to St Patrick  
Reception of Pope Francis' Sacred Heart Pilgrim Statue  
(Mass @3pm led by Bishop Alan McGuckian)

Monday, June 2nd

### **SACRED HEART PROCESSION**

We gather 5.00 at St Patrick's Church Saul & process the  
Pilgrim Statue to St Patrick's Church Downpatrick for 7.30 Mass  
A prayerful evening stroll of 2.5miles  
(Led by local clergy)

Tues, June 3rd  
to Wed, June 18th &  
Sat, June 28th to  
Mon, June 30th

### **PILGRIM STATUE DOWN & CONNOR PARISH VISITS**

The Sacred Heart Pilgrim Statue will travel through the diocese,  
preparing and promoting devotion (Mass, Prayer, Holy hours)  
(Led by local clergy)

Thurs, June 19th to  
Fri, June 27th

**DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESAN SACRED HEART NOVENA**  
Daily Mass and Novena from St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast  
(Led by Bishop Alan McGuckian and local clergy)

Friday, June 20th

**VENERATION OF RELICS & NATIONAL NOVENA MASS**  
The Relics of St.s Margaret Mary Alacoque & Claude la  
Colombière visit St. Peter's Cathedral  
(Led by Bishop Alan McGuckian & local clergy)

Sunday, June 22nd

**RE-CONSECRATION OF IRELAND TO THE SACRED HEART**  
Statue goes to Knock Shrine for 22nd & returns D&C on 23rd  
(Led by Archbishop Eamon Martin)

**PARISH CENTRE – PARISH GROUPS 2025**

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
<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 10.30am [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>PARENTS &amp; TODDLERS</b> 10am [Main/Minor Hall]  <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]  <b>Discussion Group</b> At 7.30pm – 9pm [St. Dymphna's Room] Monthly

**Cemetery Sunday - Hannahstown Parish**

- Hannahstown Cemetery Sunday is 25 May 2025 @ 3pm - there will be no road works on Hannahstown Hill that day
- The Rock Cemetery Sunday is 8 June 2025 @ 3pm
- Tullyrusk Cemetery Sunday is 15 June 2025 @ 3pm

Holy Mass will be celebrated at them all.

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In this Jubilee Year of Hope, come on an authentic ST PATRICK'S WAY pilgrimage experience in Downpatrick on **7 June, or 5 July or 9 August**, led by pilgrim guides Martina Purdy and Elaine Kelly. Visit The Saint Patrick Centre & see the fabulous IMAX film, receive your pilgrim passport on a 6 mile walk with guides to Inch Abbey and Saul Church & St Patrick's grave. Pilgrim Lunch @Saul Barn and bus transfers included £50 pp. (9am-3pm approx) More info contact the Centre 028 4461 9000 or book online [www.saintpatrickcentre.com/experiences/](http://www.saintpatrickcentre.com/experiences/)

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**Trócaire**

Many thanks to all who supported our Trocaire Coffee morning. We raised **£1,250** to help alleviate hunger in Gaza.

**New Madonna and Child Statue**

As announced last week 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 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 seven people have contributed £520 for which the parish is deeply grateful.

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**The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (26th April. 24th May and 21st June)**

**Booking essential. To find out more, contact Pauline [07519289185](tel:07519289185) or Marie [07896119669](tel:07896119669) or email [belfastbe@yahoo.com](mailto:belfastbe@yahoo.com)**

If you require any further information please contact any of the above numbers and we will be happy to help.

**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)

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**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 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 is currently recruiting people to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators.

- 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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