

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

25th Sunday, Year A – 24th September 2023

Your prayers are requested for

Recently Deceased:

Colette Brady
Robert Wilson

Month's Mind:

Anthony McLarnon

Anniversaries:

Colin Beck Frank Moore
Sandy Saunders
Joseph Anthony Hall
Alice Hall Cathy Jones
Agnes Kane PJ Cullen
James Hart Kaye Hamilton
Frances Cunningham
Margaret Shields Kathleen McCann
Imelda McPoland Matthew Furlong

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH, DONAGHADEE

Sunday 24th September 2023 @ 9.00am
Prayer Service led by Sister Maura Gallahue

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD

Saturday 23rd September @ 6.30pm and
Sunday 24th September @ 10am & 12noon

MASS TIMES FOR:

DAILY MASS NEXT WEEK 25th – 29th Sept 2023

Morning Mass: Monday – Sr Maura Eucharistic Service 9.30am
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday -Deacon James Eucharistic Service 9.30am
Wednesday – No Mass

BAPTISM REGISTRATION

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

Retreat for Mothers 10am
SAT 30/09 St. Teresa's Parish Hall (pre-registration required)

The Shrine of St Michael the Archangel from St. Peter's Cathedral to St. John's Parish Centre at 11am
Eucharistic Adoration Service at 11am from St. Peter's Cathedral to St. John's Parish Centre

Mother of Mercy
SAT 30/09 Corpus Christi Church Ballynahinch (light refreshments afterwards)

Reconciliation 10am
TUE 03/10 Mother of Mercy Corpus Christi Church Ballynahinch

Mass followed by Sacred Heart Devotions with Way of the Cross 3pm
THU 05/10 Immaculate Heart of Mary Church - Antrim Road

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FRI 06/10 Immaculate Heart of Mary Church - Antrim Road

First Saturday Devotions and Holy Rosary 12:00pm
SAT 07/10 St Mary's Chapel Lane

OUR 20TH ANNUAL ROSARY PROCESSION
Followed by Benediction and Catholic Organisations' Fair in St. Comgall's Hall with refreshments afterwards
From St. John's Parish to St. Peter's Cathedral 2:30pm (Shuttle bus available from St. Peter's to St. John's from 12:30-2:15pm)

For more information on each event, please visit: www.rosaryfestival.co.uk or call 0795538228

SMA Novena 2023
In honour of St. Thérèse
Of the Child Jesus
Patroness of the
Missions
Saturday 23rd September
to Saturday 1st October
Daily Mass & Novena
Prayers. At 10.00am &
7.30pm
SMA Chapel Dromantine.
All Welcome.
Also, via webcam
(www.sma.ie)
African Missions,
Dromantine, Newry, BT34
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ULSTER RETREAT

LOUGH DERG £35/€40 COST

29TH SEPT - 1ST OCT

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord: I know them and they follow me. - John 10:27

First Penance and Holy Communion classes for children not attending the parish schools

The classes will begin in the parish centre on **Sunday 5th November at 11am** for preparation of the sacraments. Parents are asked to contact the parish office with their details. The classes are open to children in P4 and older and a parent/guardian is requested to attend with their child. Enrolments closing date is **Thurs 26th October 2023**

ARDS CCE TRADITIONAL MUSIC CLASSES

Classes start back late Sunday afternoons in St Columbanus College from Sunday 24th September. For all trad instruments and all levels including total beginners.
For more information contact Niall McClean 07960072218



PARISH CENTRE – PARISH GROUPS 2023

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS
BRIDGE CLUB at 7.15 until 9.45pm LECTIO DIVINA GROUP 7.30pm – 8.30pm [St Dymrna’s Room]	FRIENDSHIP CLUB at 10.00am IRISH DANCING CLASSES at 6.00pm SENIOR CHOIR Starting 11 th October at 7.30pm	MENCAP Every fortnight at 6.00pm BADMINTON Every fortnight at 8.00pm	St Comgall’s Guide Unit (Girls aged 6-18) at 6.30pm IRISH CLASS & CEILI DANCING at 7.00pm

BOOKING OF PARISH CENTRE: Contact Thomas **only** on 07305 746 263 or Email: mcmullanthomas481@gmail.com

If you have a parish group and wish to advertise the times of starting or day in this Parish Newsletter please contact the parish office by email on: bangor@downandconnor.org

TOGETHER: Gathering of the People of God

As the synod in Rome begins in October, we encourage people to pray for the Synod and, in particular, for the delegates from the Irish Church, Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ and Bishop Brendan Leahy.

St Patrick’s Donegall St, Belfast will host a prayer service to pray for the Synod on **Saturday 30th September at 7pm**. This ecumenical service will include Taize music and everyone is welcome. It is our Diocesan response to Pope Francis’ invitation to prayer: “The path to Christian unity and the path of synodal conversion of the Church are linked. I invite brothers and sisters of all Christian denominations to participate in this “Gathering of the People of God” as we will entrust the work of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops.

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St Paul GAA are commencing a Lotto scheme to assist with the funding of Club activities. The scheme is now active with a weekly draw for a jackpot of £1,100 (increasing each week until the jackpot is won). Cost is £1 per entry, which can be made by accessing the QR code on St Pauls Facebook page; or on line at [https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/St Pauls GAC/lotto](https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/St_Pauls_GAC/lotto)
 Full details are on St Paul’s (Holywood) Facebook page. Telephone Pdraig on 07702 263288 for further information, or contact any Committee member. Your support will be much appreciated.

Calling all Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Save the Date – Saturday 14th October 2023

A day of training and reflection for those involved in the above ministries within our pastoral area has been planned for the given date. The event will take place in St Colmcille’s Holywood. All those who have attended similar events in the past have found them to be very beneficial to their role and also most enjoyable. The event is for those of us who are well established in the roles and also for people new to these ministries within their parish. Further details will be provided nearer to the date, but in the meantime, please keep the date free to ensure a good turnout.

Children’s Liturgy of The Word Training Day

The Living Church Office is offering a training day for those who wish to facilitate Children’s Liturgy of The Word in their parish. The training will provide skills and resources to help animate and break open The Word of God in a child friendly way. The course would also be a perfect refresher day for those currently involved in Children’s Liturgy of The Word.

Places on the course are limited so early booking is advised. To book your place click on the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/EDiSjK9Vg1>

For more information contact Claire at the Living Church Office Email: livingchurch@downandconnor.org

Call: 028 90690920

St. Columbanus

The College is updating its register of temporary Classroom Assistants for the current academic year 2023/2024.

As a College, we are keen to have a list of suitably qualified Classroom Assistants who are available should there be staff illness or if temporary positions arise at short notice throughout this academic year.

If you feel you have the correct qualifications/experience and would like to be considered for any short/long term positions as/if they arise during this academic year please send your CV and availability to the College’s SENCO Mrs K Doyle at

kdoyle791@c2ken.net or the College’s Bursar Mr G McAleer at gmaaleer953@c2ken.net



Trócaire are holding a coffee/tea morning after both Masses on Sunday 1 st October 2023 in aid of the disasters in Morocco and Libya. BIG BALLOT PRIZES!

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, Groomsport, Donaghadee and Millisle)

Saint Luke's and Nativity Parish Offices



From Wednesday 17th May 2023, the Parish Office for both St Luke's & Nativity Parishes will be re-located to St Luke's Church, Twinbrook, BT17 0RP
(From that date, Nativity Presbytery, Bell Steel Road, will no longer serve as a Parish Office)

The telephone number for the re-located Parish Office (both St Luke's & Nativity) and St Luke's Presbytery will be

028 90 625739

(the former St Luke's number 02890 619459) will no longer be in use)

The Parish Office opening hours will be the following:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10am-1pm)

Email addresses will remain the same.

stlukes@downandconnor.org

nativity@downandconnor.org

Unused bicycles for charity

The Rotary Club of North Down supports a Belfast charity, Bike Aid Africa, which collects second hand bicycles of all sizes, repairs and refurbishes them and then forwards them to a country in Africa for use by people of all ages as their only means of transport, e.g. to get to work or go to school. At the end of June, it will be sending a container of bicycles to Madagascar. If anyone has a bicycle no longer in use, please phone Greg McCourt on 07774672445 who will be pleased to collect it and delivery it to this worthy charity.

OTHER NOTICES:

▪ **COLUMBANUS ACROSS EUROPE**

Dear Friend of Columbanus Bangor, An Italian Columbanus friend sent me the link below which is a beautifully illustrated copy of a children's book written by Giovanni Caselli about the journeys of Columbanus across Europe through the eyes of a young trainee monk called Finbar. <https://rotharroutes.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/columbanus.pdf>

▪ **FOSTER CARE SERVICES AND SUPPORT**

'There are children in crisis today in our local communities – children of all ages and all abilities. Can you spare an hour a day, an overnight or a weekend or more to make a difference in a child's life? If you can, then contact the Regional Fostering Team at www.adoptionandfosteringcare.hscni.net or on 0800 0720 137....remember ,every child is just one caring adult away from success'.



8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A – 26th February 2023

Lord Jesus, you have said, 'Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you.' I come to you in faith and trust, in love and hope. Let me know your closeness to me and your care for me and for all who are dear to me.

My intention: Hear my prayer (*mention intention*); grant what I ask, and may I always trust that in all that happens in life, you will be close to me as my friend, guide and saviour. And so, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

Penitential Act: I confess to the almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

PRAYERS AT HOLY COMMUNION

Spiritual Holy Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present
in the most Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things and
I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you have already come,
and unite myself wholly to you.

ANIMA CHRISTI

Prayer to the Most Holy Redeemer

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, embolden me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
From the evil enemy defend me.

<p>Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. <i>composed by Saint Alphonsus Liguori</i></p>	<p>At the hour of my death call me and bid me to come to you, that with your Saints I may praise you for age upon age. Amen</p>
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Prayer Online: Come and join us at... www.soulparemission.com Who are we? We are a new interactive prayer website created by Jacinta Crockford DipTH, Spiritual Director living in Down and Connor. What's on offer? A variety of PDF meditations on Scripture, Mother Teresa, Ignatius Spirituality to name but a few. Lots of content to Dive into! There you will find - Podcasts on Faith, Friendship & Knowledge; Rosaries, Prayers and Marian Consecration, Videos of Reflective Prayers during Adoration. Come and join us and be part of the local prayer movement online!

CALENDAR OF SAINTS DAYS

MAY/JUNE 2023	
<p>Wednesday 10 May Saint Comgall, Abbot of Bangor</p>	<p>Sunday 4 June The Most Holy Trinity</p>
<p>Sunday 21 May The Ascension of the Lord</p>	<p>Friday 9 June St Columba</p>
<p>Wednesday 24 May Day of Prayer for the Church in China</p>	<p>Sunday 11 June Corpus Christi</p>
<p>Sunday 28 May Pentecost Sunday</p>	<p>Saturday 17 June The Immaculate Heart of Mary</p>
<p>Monday 29 May The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</p>	<p>Sunday 18 June Collection for Peter's Pence</p>
<p>Wednesday 31 May The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p>	<p>Saturday 24 June The Nativity of St John the Baptist</p>