

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 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.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 29 September 2019

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY

The second collection this weekend 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. The Society supports young men who wish to study for the Priesthood but who do not have the resources to do so on their own. In the year 2018/19, 65 Irish and 563 Overseas students were supported by your donations, and 148 students were ordained to the Priesthood. Envelopes are available at the rear of the Church, along with information leaflets and Prayer cards. There are "expression of interest" forms in each envelope. Anyone who would be interested in joining the Society should complete the form with their name and phone number and place in the envelope. The envelopes should be placed in the collection basket. Thank you for your support.



Your prayers are requested for:

Recently Deceased: John Francis McPadden Anniversaries:

James Duffy, Michael Duffy, Sandy Saunders, Edward McConville, Matthew Furlong, Colin Beck, Paul McBrien, Agnes Kane, Joseph Johnson, Breffni Watson, Fiona McConnell, Mary Quinn, George McMillan, Mary McMillan, Winnie McCart, Joe O'Neill, James Hart, Richard Herbert, Joseph Brannigan, William Clarke, Matilda Clarke, Rose Donaghy, Gerry McGarry, Margaret Shields, John Shields.

SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER

ANNUAL LEGION OF MARY ROSARY PROCESSION

The procession leaves St John's Church, Falls Road at 3pm and will process to St Michael the Archangel Church where there will be a short service of Benediction. Refreshments will be available afterwards. Rosary beads and leaflets provided. All are welcome. Please gather at Saint John's Church at 2.45pm. The Legion of Mary.

September on Lough Derg: Standard One Day Retreats in September: Special Living with Suicide Day Retreat, **Sat 28 September.** Advance booking is essential for any of these dates. Tel 071 9861518 or email info@loughderg.org

Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel of Saint Luke 16: 19-31

1. The first of the faults attributed to the rich man is his insensitivity to the abject poverty of those around him. When have you discovered that it is when you are aware of the needs of those around you and seek to make some response that you bring out the best in yourself?
2. The second fault attributed to the rich man is the way he ignored the word of God coming through Moses and the prophets. How have the gospels, Scriptures or your faith opened you up to a deeper and more satisfying perspective on life?
3. Some people look to the spectacular for a sign of God's presence and action. For Jesus, the lessons we need are not to be sought in the spectacular, but in the ordinary things of everyday life. Where have you found reminders of God's presence in the world around you?

John Byrne OSA, E: jbpbymeosa@gmail.com

**St Vincent de Paul
Helpline 077 0367 9384**

*Sincere thanks to
the couple who
donated £2,000.00
towards the
refurbishment of
St Comgall's Church.*

**Hospitality after
11am Mass, Bangor.**
In the Cafeteria (Minor
Room). All welcome.
Fresh coffee & tea.

WELCOME ROTA DURING OCTOBER

6. 30 pm Mass –
Gerry & Maura Fox
11.00 am Mass –
Marian Murray &
Charlie Mc Mullan.

**Extra notices on the
website page!
4 page Bulletin.**

**Bethany
Bereavement
Support Group**
we are here to support
and listen. Confidential.
075 1085 2157

PARISH CENTRE GROUPS

Badminton Club Venue: Main Hall.	Starting Wednesday 11 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
Charismatic Prayer Group Venue: Pre-School Room.	Starting Monday 23 rd September - Every Monday: 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Christian Meditation Prayer Group Venue: St Columbanus Room.	Starting Wednesday 18 th September - Every Wednesday: 11.20am - 12.30pm <i>(up the stairs to the top floor of St Comgall's Parish Centre)</i>
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 [Language 1st & 2nd Year 7.00pm-8.00pm]</i>
Friendship Club Venue: Minor Hall.	Starting Tuesday 10 th September - Every Tuesday: 10.00am - 12noon
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 Briggins 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: 6.30pm - 8.30pm P6, Monday P7, Wednesday Yr8+ Friday
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 <u>Venue:</u> St Columbanus & St Cecelia Rooms <i>[Through the green fence 2nd Floor of Parish Centre]</i>
Children's Liturgy <i>Registration Forms must be completed and will be given out at the first session.</i>	Starting Sunday 1 st September <u>Venue:</u> St Dympna's Room 1 st Room on the left. 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>
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES 1 st Penance & Holy Communion and Confirmation Classes. Venue: St Dympna's Room.	<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 – after 11am Mass. • Confirmation Class date to be confirmed. Please register you interest by contacting the parish office during office hours or by email. bangor@downandconnor.org

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY! AND OTHER NOTICES....

MASS OF THE ANGELS

The annual Mass of the Angels will be celebrated on **Wednesday 2nd October** at 7.30pm in St. Patrick's Church Newtownards. The Newtownards and Comber Parish Bethany Team invite any parishioners within our Parish Pastoral Community (Bangor, Holywood, Kircubbin, Portaferry) who have suffered the tragic loss of a child (regardless of age) through miscarriage, stillbirth, direct medical intervention, or any other circumstance, to contact either their own Bethany Team or their Parish Secretary in confidence if they wish to have their child included. No names will be read out but they will be placed discreetly in front of the altar during the Mass. All are welcome to attend the Mass.

SATURDAY 5th OCTOBER

A day in Honour of Our Lady - "Calling all Families". Consecrate your families to Our Lady in Knock Shrine at the 3pm Pilgrimage Mass. Book your seat - Bus from Glengall Street, Belfast at 7am. HLI, 00353 94 9375993.

ST COMGALL'S PARISH YOUTH CLUB

Club commences in St Comgall's Parish Centre: Mon 16th Sept P6, Wed 18th Sept P7, Fri 20th Sept Yr8+. Membership is £15 per child and £10 for each family member thereafter. **VOLUNTEERS** Interested in being a Junior Leader or Volunteer? St Comgall's Parish Youth Centre needs volunteers to help in the Youth Club. Email comgallsyc@gmail.com or call 07754 423571 or call into the club and have a chat.

SATURDAY 5th OCTOBER

ST. COLUMBANUS DEBATES We aim to bring men together to explain and to defend the Catholic faith over good food and drink. Fr Damian Mc Caughan and Dr Brian O Caithnia will be arguing, is the Catholic church failing to catechise today. This is a men Only event, and you are encouraged to bring your sons and grandsons. Time: 8:00pm at the O'Neill centre, 28 York Lane Belfast, BT1 2LY
<https://www.facebook.com/stcolumbanusdebates/>

Extra Notices! For your information!

MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

Romero Award presentation & 'Making a Killing' launch
Join Trócaire for the presentation of its Romero Award to Abelino Chub Caal, a Guatemalan land rights activist, and launch of its campaign demanding companies are held to account for human rights abuses. Mon 30th Sept, Riddel Hall, Stranmillis. Event begins at 11 am. Tea/Coffee from 10.30 am.

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 & life!

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

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER

A School of Prayer from 10am - 4pm at Clonard Monastery, Belfast. Led by Fodhla, Marie and Johanna, three forms of prayer will be practised: imaginative Gospel contemplation, praying with icons, and a form of Biblical storytelling called Godly play.

Register for a place in person at Clonard or by phoning Clonard reception on 02890 445950. Please ask for an information sheet which contains all the details of the day and what you'll need to bring. To allow us to offer this day free of charge, we ask everyone to bring some food that can be shared with everyone at lunch.

Schools of Prayer were recommended by Pope Benedict XVI to help us expand and deepen our prayer lives.

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER

BAPTISED AND SENT A Conference will be held in St Mary's University College, Falls Rd, Belfast. [9.30-4.30]. As well as celebrating the richness of the Irish missionary tradition the Conference will also begin a conversation seeking to harvest the missionary energy of the past and promote a renewed sense of mission at home. Cost - Voluntary donation on the day. To obtain further information or reserve a place, please contact; Living Church 028 9069 0920 or email missions@downandconnor.org livingchurch@downandconnor.org

We are looking for new volunteers to help with the **WELCOME MINISTRY** at the **Saturday vigil 6.30pm Mass in Bangor** (Parish Centre).
If you could please leave your contact details with the Parish Office or email your details – bangor@downandconnor.org

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER

The **Living Church Office** will host the **first of three** Development Days for leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word on, Saturday 19th October, here in our offices at, **120 Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT14 6LA**. The day will commence at **9.30am** and finish at **3.30pm**. Development Days are designed to nourish, support, and resource, all those involved in leading Children's Liturgy of the Word in their parish and the other dates in the series will be **25th January 2020** and a Retreat Day on the **25th April 2020**. Due to the popularity of these days, early registration is advised. On the first day, we will explore the Spirituality of the Child and there will be time for prayer, input, discussion and activities. There is no charge for the day, lunch and all necessary resources will be provided. To book your place for any of the days in the series, please contact Caren at: c.collins@downandconnor.org or ring the **Living Church Office on 028 906 909 20**

Extraordinary Mission Month [EMM] October 2019 Theme - "Baptised and Sent" - Hold the Dates!

This October through an Extraordinary Mission Month declared by Pope Francis, the Diocese invites us to embrace the vision of a Missionary Church by celebrating the contribution of our Diocese to the missions abroad. To mark EMM2019 we will be holding 3 major events in October –

Friday 11 October 4.30pm - 7.30pm Missionary Young People and Children's Day - Braid Parish to include climbing Slemish, Prayer Service and BBQ (bus leaving from QUB Chaplaincy at 3.00pm)

Saturday 19 October 9.30am - 4.30pm A Conference and Celebration of D&C Missionaries Abroad and at Home in St Mary's University College, Falls Rd, Belfast

Sunday 20 October – 2.30pm Mission Sunday Mass - Together We Are Mission - St Patrick's Church, Chapel Hill, Lisburn.

Throughout the coming year, we plan to acknowledge and celebrate the work of the many hundreds of Missionaries who left their homes and parishes to engage in Missionary endeavour around the world. If you have a relative or friend who is currently a Missionary abroad or during their lifetime has served as a Missionary, we would really appreciate if you would please give their details including Name, Religious Order, Dates etc.. to your Parish Office or email [missions@downandconnor.org] before 23rd September 2019.

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>

SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE: for parents and families who have been bereaved through pregnancy loss or the death of a baby, child or young person in Daisy Hill Hospital or the wider community, will take place in Newry Town Hall at 3pm.

FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

Fundraising Concert in aid of Killanny Church Restoration with **Fr Ray Kelly** and local supporting acts at 8pm Riverbank Killanny Tickets €20 available at Riverbank Killanny, Gartland's Shop Killanny, Kegans News agents Carrickmacross, Walshe's News agents Carrickmacross

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.

Special Belfast Christmas Pilgrimage to the Holy Land €1,795 Taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem Mount Tabor, Cana, Nazareth, Jericho, River Jordan, Dead Sea and Sea of Galilee. Contact James Treacy 00353860572216 ex Dublin

Family Care Adoption Services (1969 – 2019),

Celebrating 50 years of adoption. Family Care Adoption Services is presently seeking adoptive families for babies, young children aged 2 years and older; and brothers and sisters. To find out more information please contact us at: **Family Care Adoption Services: Telephone:** 028 71 368592 or 028 90 691133. Monday to Friday: 9am to 5pm. **Email:** anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org **Website:** www.familycaresociety.co.uk

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)