

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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Second Sunday of Easter, Year C – 27th April 2025

Your prayers are requested for

Recently Deceased:

DANIEL MURRAY BROGAN
BERNIE HORNER (Belfast)

Anniversaries:

THERESA BRANIFF
MONICA MCDOWELL
HARRY HARDING
MATTHEW MARTIN
THOMAS LENNON
PHILOMENIA BROWN
PEGGY ROGAN
LILY MCKINLEY
MARY WOODS
BOB MCMULLAN
JOHN ANDERSON
FRANKIE MOORE

Most Holy Redeemer's Church Ballyholme

Sunday 27th April @ 9am

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD

Saturday 26th April @ 6.30pm and
Sunday 27th April @ 10am and 12noon

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK:

DAILY MASS Mon 28th, Wed 30th April, Thurs 1st & Fri 2nd May
@ 9.30am

REQUIEM MASS Tuesday 29th April @ 10am

BAPTISM REGISTRATION

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

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays @ 1.15pm

DIOCESE OF DOWN & CONNOR



BISHOP ALAN MCGUCKIAN SJ
BISHOP OF DOWN AND CONNOR
WILL CELEBRATE
SOLEMN REQUIEM MASS
FOR THE HAPPY REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF
POPE FRANCIS
ON
WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL 2025
AT 7.00PM IN ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL
BELFAST

ALL ARE WELCOME



Statement from Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ on the Death of Pope Francis

It was with great sadness that I received news earlier this morning that the Holy Father, Pope Francis has died.

I know that my sorrow will be shared by many people across the Diocese of Down and Connor, and across the world, who were inspired by the humility and humanity of Pope Francis, his personal conviction of faith and his pastoral ministry to the vulnerable.

In recent years, as a delegate on the Church's Synodal Pathway, I had the privilege of meeting Pope Francis who called everyone to the Gospel-inspired vision of a Church where, guided by the Holy Spirit, we journey together in faith.

Each Easter we celebrate and are reminded that, in Baptism, we share in the Death and Resurrection of Christ. In his Urbi et Orbi address yesterday, Pope Francis spoke these prophetic words:

"The Resurrection of Jesus is indeed the basis of our hope. For in the light of this event, hope is no longer an illusion...All those who put their hope in God place their feeble hands in his strong and mighty hand; they let themselves be raised up and set out on a journey. Together with the risen Jesus, they become pilgrims of hope, witnesses of the victory of love and of the disarmed power of Life."

Pope Francis exercised this ministry of hope, a hope that was firmly grounded in the assured presence of the risen Christ.

I know that parishioners across the Diocese of Down and Connor will now be praying that, with the Risen Christ of Easter, Pope Francis will be received into the loving arms of God whom he served so well.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.



ST COMGALL'S PARISH CENTRE

Cuppa and Connect Upcoming dates

Sunday 27th April
After 12md Mass

Sunday 04th May
After 12md Mass

Sunday 11th May
After 10am Mass

PARISH CENTRE – PARISH GROUPS 2025

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
BRIDGE CLUB at 7.15pm until 9.45pm [Minor Hall] LECTIO DIVINA GROUP 7.30pm – 8.30pm [St Dymphna's Room] BADMINTON NOW WEEKLY at 8 to 9pm [Main Hall]	FRIENDSHIP CLUB at 10.30am [Minor Hall] IRISH DANCING CLASSES at 6.00pm to 8.30pm [Main Hall] SVP at 7.30pm to 9.30pm [St Dymphna's Room]	PARENTS & TODDLERS 10am [Main/Minor Hall] MEDITATION GROUP at 12pm to 1.30pm [St Dymphna's Room] MENCAP Every fortnight at 6.00pm [Main/Minor Hall] FOLK GROUP AT 7pm [St Dymphna's Room] SENIOR CHOIR At 7.30pm [St Dymphna's Room]	St Comgall's Guide Unit (Girls aged 6-18) at 6.15pm to 8pm [Main/Minor Hall] IRISH LANGUAGE CLASS At 7pm to 8pm [St Dymphna's Room] CEILI DANCING at 8.15pm to 9.30pm [Minor Hall]	Ju-Jitsu Club (Juniors 5-15yrs) 6-7pm [Main Hall] Discussion Group At 7.30pm – 9pm [St. Dymphna's Room] Monthly

Children's Liturgy

Parent Consent forms will be available after 10am Mass for the class which will begin soon. There will be forms available at upcoming Cuppa and Connect mornings too. **ONLY REGISTERED children** may attend the class and there are limited spaces available. Registration forms must be returned to Lisa Morrow before the end of April 2025. Parents are not permitted to attend the class.

Parishioners are advised that due to recent works Church Tv is currently unavailable. Engineers are due next week to carry out repairs. Thank you for your patience.

ALPHA

St Colmcille's parish Belfast is inviting you to their short ALPHA programme, which begins on **next THURSDAY 8th MAY at 7.00pm to 8.30pm**, hosted in The Lampost Café, 19 Upper Newtownards Road BT4 3HT. Enjoy a free meal when you arrive, meet new people and explore the Christian faith together. Each session unpacks a big question of life, faith, and purpose. Come along and see what you think. All welcome. Please contact Noleen to register, as places are limited on this occasion:

n.dunn@downandconnor.org

Please share with family, friends, and work colleagues. Your prayers for the programme are much appreciated.

Belfast Stories would welcome you to join us at a session to discuss the Belfast Stories project with the Christian Faith Community.

For Belfast Stories to be a success, it must resonate with the people of the city from all perspectives. We would welcome the opportunity to share with you the idea of Belfast Stories and to receive the Christian Faith Community's feedback, comments and input at this stage of the project.

You can find more information on the project [here](#). We have not yet started to collect stories from individuals however, at these initial sessions we are interested in understanding more about the stories that people would like to tell and what's important to them.

Wednesday 30 April 2pm-4pm

Redeemer Central, 101 Donegall Street, Belfast

RSVP to belfaststories@belfastcity.gov.uk

March for Life - Monday 5th May @ 2pm Dublin

Bus leaving Belfast 9.15 am. There will be mass at 12.30 in Dublin. To book your seat phone Claire on 07740 677256.

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

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

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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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• 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/>

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

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

Phone: 02890 691133

Website: www.familycareadoption.com

We are waiting to hear from you!
