

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 EUCHARISTIC 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.

We are looking for new
volunteers to help with
the **WELCOME
MINISTRY** at the
**Saturday vigil
6.30pm Mass in
Bangor.** If you could
please leave your contact
details with the Parish
Office by email.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 6 October 2019

ARDS CCE TRADITIONAL MUSIC CLASSES continue on Sat.
mornings in St Columbanus College Bangor, for all traditional
instruments and all Levels including total beginners.
More info Niall McClean 07960072218.



Your prayers are requested for:

Anniversaries:

John McMullin, Mary Donohue, John Donohue,
Theresa Crockford, Jimmy Crockford, Gerard Treacy,
Judith Hewitt, Pat Ormsby, Tom Ormsby, James McLaughlin,
Maureen McKenna, Michael Egan, Pat McMahan,
Patricia McGrenaghan, Dominic Hamilton, Ashley Stevenson,
Agnes J Grimley, Jack Devitt, Hugh McPoland.

SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER – (2.30pm-3.15pm) 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!

The Irish Bishops have asked that we include the
prayercard for the 'Choose Life Prayer' Card.
Prayer Card can be found on the parish website.

Please also support Baroness Nuala O'Loan's petition. Go to
website: www.Change.org Search under Nuala O'Loan's name
to get the link to sign her petition.

More information on our website under 'NEWS'.

Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel of Saint Luke 17:5-10

1. Faith can move mountains... well it can certainly get us moving. Recall a time when you were full of self doubt, scepticism about a project, or lacking in trust in God. What was that like? Contrast this with times when you believed in yourself, or in the value of a project you had undertaken, or when your faith and trust in God was strong. What kind of faith have you found enriched your life?
2. Faith is like a mustard seed – small. Sometimes we may be tempted to wait till our faith grows. Part of the message in the Gospel is to use the faith we have, even though it may be small. That is how we grow in belief in ourselves and in God's presence in our lives. Does your experience back this up?
3. It is nice when what we do is recognised and acknowledged, but the desire for recognition leaves us vulnerable. It can be helpful if our main motivation in doing something is the value of the action itself. Have you experienced this?
4. Love is a free gift. What is given lovingly is not given because of a claim. What is your experience of the freedom of love given and received?

John Byrne OSA, E: jbpbymeosa@gmail.com

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

WELCOME ROTA DURING OCTOBER

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

Holy Hour and
Exposition in Saint
Comgall's Church
Donaghadee **Sunday
6th October** at
2.45pm sharp.
Everyone welcome.

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

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

*Sincere thanks to the
parishioner who
donated £1,000.00
towards the
refurbishment of
St Comgall's Church.*

PARISH CENTRE GROUPS

All details can be found on the parish website under Parish Info, subheading-Parish Centre Information.

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 [Through the green fence 2 nd Floor of Parish Centre]
Children's Liturgy <i>Registration Forms must be completed and will be given out at the first session.</i>	Starting Sunday 1 st September 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>	<u>Venue:</u> St Dymphna's Room 1 st Room on the left.
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES 1 st Penance & Holy Communion and Confirmation Classes. Venue: St Dymphna'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 your interest by contacting the parish office during office hours or by email. bangor@downandconnor.org	

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

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY
Collection raised **£1,352.00**. Thank you for your
generous contributions.

ST COMGALL'S, BANGOR TROCAIRE GROUP
will be having a **BALLOT** next weekend –
12/13 October after the **vigil** and **11am Mass**.
It will be held in the Cafeteria (Minor Room). Tea &
Coffee will be served. Please come and support this
wonderful charity.

MONDAY 7TH OCTOBER

Healing Mass devotion to Saint Pio @ 7.30 PM in St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church, Killyleagh. Saint Pio's Relic will be available before and after Mass.

WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER

An evening in celebration of **John Henry Newman**. To mark the forthcoming canonisation of John Henry Newman, the Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's invites you to an evening of celebration on his feast day, Wednesday 9th October. Mass will be celebrated in the Chaplaincy, 28 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast, at 7pm and will be followed by a talk **Newman's Idea of a University** to be given by Dr Andrew Meszaros, Maynooth. Light refreshments afterwards.

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER

Time is running out to book your place on the **first of three** Development Days for leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word which the **Living Church Office** is hosting on, Saturday 19th of 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. 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 **02890690920**

Extra notices on the website page!
3 page Bulletin.

Café Donaghadee have received 2 donations. One of £564.00 to pay for Kitty's holiday in Newcastle next year and £300 towards the Night Shelter, Belfast. We are grateful for this generosity and thoughtfulness.

Storehouse North Down (food bank)
are now operating from our new premises at 12 Balloo Avenue BT19 7QT. Our hours will be the same: **MONDAY AND THURSDAY 2PM - 4 PM**.

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.

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.

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

THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

DONAGHADEE LADIES, you are invited to.... Ladies Hospitality Day, Thursday 14 November @ 2.30pm. Donaghadee Church of Ireland. Parish Halls - Sanctuary Room. Afternoon Tea & Fellowship. For catering purposes, please let Helen Murdie know by Sunday 3rd November if you would like to attend. HELEN : 028 9188 3452

Extra Notices! For your information!

Both Lives Matter invite you to Stand With Us at our cross-community, inter-generational peaceful gathering to oppose Westminster's extreme abortion regime which is set to come into effect here on 22nd October.

Date: Sunday 13th October 2019

Time 3:30pm

Location: Falls Road, Belfast (venue confirmation will be given on 9th October) Follow @bothlivesmatter on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Visit www.bothlivesmatter.org for more information on the campaign. #TakeMyHandNotMyLife

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER

'The Call to Sainthood' Catholic Young Adult Conference, QUB Catholic Chaplaincy, Elmwood Ave, Belfast, BT9 6AY. Registration 9am. Starts 10am to 5.30pm. Testimonies, Confession, Holy Mass & Benediction.
Contact: 07470 459 008

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.

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

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

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

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)