

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B – 28th April 2024

Your prayers are requested for

Recently Deceased:

Cecilia Monica McDowell
Matthew Martin
Veronica (Vera) Butler
Librada Ramos (*Philippines*)

Anniversaries:

Molly Coyle
Frankie Moore
Annabella Moore
Peggy Rogan
Barry McGratton
Patrick Logan
Thomas Lennon
Philomenia Brown
James & Catherine Cummins
Jack Lawless
Liam McQuaid
Dorothy Cooley
Mona Brennan
Catherine Martin
Ronnie Murray

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH, DONAGHADEE

Sunday 28th April @ 9am

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD

Saturday 27th April @ 6.30pm and
Sunday 28th April @ 10am and 12 noon

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK:

DAILY MASS NEXT WEEK 29th April, 1st, 2nd & 3rd May @9.30am

REQUIEM MASS – Tues 30 April @ 10am

REQUIEM MASS - tbc

BAPTISM REGISTRATION

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



DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESAN FATIMA 2024

Led by: Bishop Alan McGuckian S.J.
Pilgrimage Directors: Fr G McCloskey, Fr M Graham
& Canon S Gilmore

20 AUG 2024
7 nights
£799 per person sharing

- Direct return flights from Dublin to Lisbon afternoon flights
- 20kg bags included
- Return airport transfers in Fatima
- 7 nights **Hotel Avenida**
- Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- Full religious programme
- Guided tour of Sanctuary & Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary

**Optional: travel insurance & single supplement*

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Joe Catney 07776 425631

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Parish of Bangor Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome

€ 995 per person sharing

- Staying 6 nights in Rome on B&B basis.
- 3 dinners organised in local restaurants
- Angelus with Pope Francis (depends on Pope's schedule)
- St Peter's Basilica and Holy Door
- St John Lateran Basilica and Holy Door
- St Mary Major's Basilica and Holy Door
- St Paul's Basilica and Holy Door
- Catacombs
- Piazza Navona, Colosseum
- Guided tours of all places visited
- Coach tour by night
- Full time accompaniment
- Trip to Castelgandolfo and Lake Albano
- Return coach from Bangor to Dub airport
- 10kg checked-in luggage plus small bag

TO BOOK: Contact us on 00353 57 93 55050 (office hours only)
Deposits of €300 (plus single room supplement of €270, if applicable)
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Lough Derg One Day Retreats in May

These guided days of prayer and reflection will take place on Sun5th, Mon6th, Sun12th, Tue14th, Sat18th, Sun25th and Mon27th. More details can be found at www.loughderg.ie.

€45 per person, booking essential.

The Lough Derg traditional **Three Day Pilgrimage** begins on Friday May 31st and continues until August 15th.

PARISH CENTRE – PARISH GROUPS 2023

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
BRIDGE CLUB at 7.15 until 9.45pm LECTIO DIVINA GROUP 7.30pm – 8.30pm [St Dymphna's Room]	FRIENDSHIP CLUB at 10.00am IRISH DANCING CLASSES at 6.00pm SVP At 7.30pm	MENCAP Every fortnight at 6.00pm BADMINTON Every fortnight at 8.00pm FOLK GROUP AT 7PM SENIOR CHOIR At 8PM SET DANCING CLASS At 8pm	St Comgall's Guide Unit (Girls aged 6-18) at 6.30pm IRISH CLASS At 7pm CEILI DANCING at 8.15pm	St Comgall's Ju-Jitsu Club (Juniors 5-15yrs) 6-7pm

BOOKING OF PARISH CENTRE: Contact **Craig** in the parish office **028 9146 5522** or via email on bangorparishaccounts@downandconnor.org

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE THERE WILL BE NO NEW PARISH CENTRE BOOKINGS

ANNUAL PARISH CENSUS 2024



A count of attendance will take place at all Masses across the Diocese this weekend, **27 and 28 April 2024**. The annual parish census captures valuable information about the numbers, ages, and gender of people attending Mass. This information helps the Diocese and parishes to identify pastoral priorities, make plans to address them, and provide support to our faith communities.

When you arrive at Mass, you will be given a small counter for yourself and for each person in your family group and will be asked to place the counters in baskets labelled according to age. There will be red counters for females and blue counters for males. The baskets will be labelled with age bands and the number of counters for each age band will be recorded after each Mass.

We look forward to seeing you at Mass this weekend and thank you for your patience and co-operation.



JUNE FLOWER FESTIVAL

St Patrick's Newtownards is planning to host a **Flower Festival** over the second last weekend in June with the main event on **Saturday, 22 June**. This would be an ecumenical event bringing together the congregations from some of the local churches. The festival theme is Parables and Saints. We were hoping that your church would be able to take part by kindly providing a flower arrangement to be placed in our confessional to represent the parable of **The Prodigal Son** (the use of props is also encouraged).

To make this a truly ecumenical event, we are hoping to have representation from St Mark's Church of Ireland, Regent Street Methodist, Regent Street Presbyterian and Movilla Abbey as well as other local catholic churches and our two primary schools. We would aim for those preparing the arrangements to get together on Friday, 21 June in St Patrick's to allow them to assemble their arrangements in the allotted space. The arrangers could also have a chat over a cup of tea in our parish hall. Then, on Saturday, 22 June the event would open mid-morning with a brief tour of our recently restored church and everyone would have an opportunity to view the flower arrangements. Everyone could also come up to our parish hall for some refreshments. Our church would be open during the day that Saturday and also Sunday.

The event would be free of charge to everyone and we were hoping that any donations provided would help towards the cost of the restoration of St Patrick's Newtownards.

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE PARISH CONVERSATION EVENING

On Tuesday 16th April, in Ballygalget Parish Hall, several parishioners from the three Upper Ards parishes met with Mr Stephen McAnee - Chair of the Steering Committee, Fr Fergal McGrady and Fr Robert Sloan, to discuss the Pathways to the Future initiative and how it might impact local parishes. A lively discussion took place where concerns were raised about the makeup of the family of parishes on the Ards Peninsula with the inevitable reduction in clergy. Mr McAnee assured those present that the structure of the families of parishes is still in a developmental stage. He was not only impressed with the love and support that parishioners showed for their parishes and priests, but also with the sincere desire expressed for a greater outreach to youth and to those parishioners who are disengaged with many aspects of parish life. Mr McAnee said that he would bring to the Pathways Committee the concerns raised and the obvious goodwill of our parishioners to come together to create an even greater collaboration between the parishes in all aspects of parish life while maintaining their parish identity. A similar event occurred the following evening in Newtownards for the Bangor, Holywood, Newtownards and Comber parishes – more details to follow.

RECRUITMENT – PARISH CENTRE CLEANER – BANGOR PARISH

See the **NEWS** section of the parish website for further details

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)

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St. Comgall's Bethany Bereavement Support Group

The aim of the Bethany Group is to provide support to the bereaved. The Bethany Group may be contacted on the following number **074 7751 786**

• **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

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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,

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Phone: 02890 691133

Website: www.familycareadoption.com

We are waiting to hear from you!
