

# Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B – 28th January 2024

### Your prayers are requested for

#### Recently Deceased:

#### Month's Mind:

Mary Cassidy

#### Anniversaries:

Professor John Dunwoody

John McMullan

Bee Bunting

Rosaleen Lennon

Gerry McCready

Paula O'Driscoll

Rosena & Laurence Connor

Phyllis Mcveigh McCabe

Mollie J Sullivan

Gerard Finnegan

Robert Brown

Caroline Thompson

### ST COMGALL'S CHURCH, DONAGHADEE

Sunday 28th January @ 9am

### ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January @ 6.30pm and

Sunday 28th January @ 10am and 12 noon

#### MASS TIMES FOR:

DAILY MASS NEXT WEEK 29th January – 2<sup>nd</sup> March @9.30am

#### BAPTISM REGISTRATION

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

### St Brigid's Day Lecture

**Date:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30pm

**Venue:** St Bride's Parish Centre (38 Derryvolgie Avenue)

**Guest Speaker:** Fr Gerry O'Hanlon S.J.

**Theme:** "Why Synodality? Progress and Challenges on The Synodal Pathway of the Catholic Church"

Fr Gerry O'Hanlon is a Jesuit priest, theologian and former Provincial of the Irish Jesuits. He has written extensively on Church reform and the role of the Church in the public square. In 2018 he published, what is regarded as a work of seminal importance: *The Quiet Revolution of Pope Francis – A Synodal Catholic Church in Ireland Everyone is Welcome!*

### FOSTERING RECRUITMENT EVENT – St.Comgall's Bangor Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 11.30am – 2pm in the Parish Centre

During 10am Mass on the weekend of 28th January 2024 there will be staff from HSC NI Foster Care in our Church. A member of our Safeguarding Committee will read a short notice. The Foster Care staff will then visit the Parish Centre following Mass to speak with anyone who thinks they would like to learn more about fostering.

### Really free in Christ?

Reading St Paul's *Letter to the Romans* together today  
With insights from Augustinian priest Kieran O'Mahony, Scripture scholar and Ecumenical Canon of Christ Church 2012-2017.

6pm (optional Dinner)  
7-9pm Lecture and discussion

Starts 13 Feb (Shrove Tuesday) and continues on Tuesdays in Lent: February 13, 20, 27, and March 5, 12, 19.

Book your place on Eventbrite ( Find the link on our Belfast Jesuit Centre Facebook page or website [www.belfastjesuitcentre.org](http://www.belfastjesuitcentre.org) )

### McClellan Family Concert – Bangor Swifts Fundraiser

All three generations will perform two unique concerts to fundraise for Bangor Swifts.

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024.**

Imperial Bar function room. Doors 7pm, concert 8pm.

Tickets £10 available at Thomas's Shop. Eventbrite sold out. Few tickets left. Get your tickets quick!

**PARISH CENTRE – PARISH GROUPS 2023**

<b>MONDAYS</b>	<b>TUESDAYS</b>	<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	<b>THURSDAYS</b>	<b>FRIDAYS</b>
<b>BRIDGE CLUB</b> at 7.15 until 9.45pm  <b>LECTIO DIVINA GROUP</b> 7.30pm – 8.30pm [St Dymphna’s Room]	<b>FRIENDSHIP CLUB</b> at 10.00am  <b>IRISH DANCING CLASSES</b> at 6.00pm  <b>SVP</b> At 7.30pm	<b>MENCAP</b> Every fortnight at 6.00pm  <b>BADMINTON</b> Every fortnight at 8.00pm  <b>FOLK GROUP</b> AT 7PM  <b>SENIOR CHOIR</b> At 8PM  <b>SET DANCING CLASS</b> At 8pm	<b>St Comgall’s Guide Unit</b> (Girls aged 6-18) at 6.30pm  <b>IRISH CLASS</b> At 7pm  <b>CEILI DANCING</b> at 8.15pm	<b>St Comgall’s Ju-Jitsu Club</b> (Juniors 5-15yrs) 6-7pm (Seniors 16+yrs) 7-8pm

**BOOKING OF PARISH CENTRE:** Contact Thomas **only** on 07305 746 263 or Email: [mcmullanthomas481@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:bangor@downandconnor.org)

**Looking for a New Year’s Resolution? Why not begin the new year and learn how to read the Bible and better understand the fascinating events, figures and connections between the Old and New Testament. We invite you to gather each week for a time of teaching, discussion, and prayerful reflection as we journey through the bible timeline and better understand how we too are involved in the unfolding of God’s plan of salvation history.**

**The Bible is at the heart of our faith and our relationship with God. Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but many people find it hard to even begin. Why not begin with the Living Church office learning how to read the bible, understand it and so experience its life changing power.**

**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible includes 8 weekly sessions. Course participants will receive a resource pack. The programme requires one hour of study per week.**

**Venue:** Online via zoom

**Beginning** Wednesday 17th January @7pm online for 8 weeks.

**The program will conclude with a Retreat Day on Saturday 23rd March 2024 Venue:** Holy Rosary Parish Centre, Belfast

**Facilitators:** Fr Paul Byrne & Aishling Steen

**The cost of the program is £30**

**To book your place click on the registration link:** <https://forms.office.com/e/HTLtfTXUaD>

\*Places are limited. Booking early is advised.\*

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**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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**"Calling Pioneers and Friends to the 25<sup>th</sup> Pioneer National Ball. An evening of celebration and fun on Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> 2024. Mass at 6pm in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar, followed by special guest speaker, dinner, music and dancing at the Annebrook House Hotel, Mullingar. Extra activities on Friday night and Saturday and Sunday afternoons. For details/ tickets contact Dermot Fagan 085-7201646 or Daisy Carey 087-6544626"**

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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 7864**

Totus Tuus Magazine is a Catholic magazine, full of articles from Irish priests and laity, which aims to highlight the beauty and joy of our faith. It is going into its 7th year and is run by donations. If you haven't come across Totus Tuus Magazine and would like a free copy, please contact Fiona Kiely on 086 8760058.

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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](mailto:email@familycareadoption.org)

Phone: 02890 691133

Website: [www.familycareadoption.com](http://www.familycareadoption.com)

We are waiting to hear from you!

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