

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – 29th December 2024



Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock

OPEN MORNING

Saturday, 11th January 2025
9.00 am - 12.30 pm

The College Principal, Miss McLaughlin, will address visitors in the College Hall at 9.00 am and 11.00 am.



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MOST HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH BALLYHOLME

Sunday 29th December @ 9am

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD

Saturday 28th December @ 6.30pm and
Sunday 29th December @ 10am and 12noon

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK:

Monday 30th & Tues 31st December @ 9.30am

NEW YEAR'S DAY @ 11am

Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd January 2025 @9.30am

Sunday 9am Mass will be celebrated in St.Comgall's Donaghadee for the month of January

St Comgall's Parish Centre Committee

For all those wishing to donate to the Danny Mills Foundation as a thank you for a defibrillator but are unable to attend the fundraiser in person can donate via the following link

https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-comgalls-parish-centre-committee-1734527265482?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=WA

Invitation to Opening of Jubilee Year – 29th December

On Christmas Eve 2024, Pope Francis will open the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica and the Jubilee of Hope will begin in Rome. The theme the Holy Father has chosen for this year of special graces is 'Pilgrims of Hope' and he invites the whole People of God – clergy and laity – to celebrate God's Gift of Grace through their expressions of Deep Faith, Lively Hope and Active Charity. The Holy Year in the Diocese will begin on the Feast of the Holy Family.

All parishioners are warmly invited to join Bishop Alan McGuckian at the Solemn Opening Mass of the Jubilee Year of Hope on Sunday, 29th December at 3pm in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast. We encourage everyone to attend and be part of this celebration for the Jubilee Year. The webcam will allow for people to view the Mass from home: www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral

As we celebrate this Christmas season, we pray especially for all expectant parents who are worried about the practical means of supporting their child, that they would find hope and consolation in the story of the Holy Family and, by the power of God, be able to overcome all obstacles. Lord hear us.



DOWN & CONNOR LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2025

10 - 15 JULY 2025

We are seeking doctors, registered nurses and volunteers to care for pilgrims who need medical, nursing, personal care or assistance to make their pilgrimage to Lourdes possible.

This year we are especially seeking new brandcardiers (adult men helpers) in addition to our medical, nursing and handmaidens teams. For more information please email your contact details to lourdes@downandconnor.org



PARISH CENTRE – PARISH GROUPS 2024

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 10.00am [Minor Hall] IRISH DANCING CLASSES at 6.00pm to 8.30pm [Main Hall] SVP at 7.30pm to 9.30pm [St Dymphna's Room]	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]

BOOKING ENQUIRIES TO BE MADE TO THE NEW PARISH CENTRE COMMITTEE VIA EMAIL: stcomgallspcc@gmail.com

Your prayers are requested for

Recently deceased:

Anniversaries: PATRICIA JOHNSON, SARAH HELENA MCCONVILLE, MARY CARVILL, HARRY SKEHIN, AUSTIN GUNNING, GERARD O'LOAN (JNR), ENA BOWLER, MICK MONAGHAN, ISABEL REILLY, PATRICK REILLY, MICHAEL REILLY, BRIAN DONAGHY, PHYLLIS McPOLAND, MAUREEN MURRAY, CHRISTINE HIGGINS, MARY CASSIDY

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is seeking Doctors, Nurses and Adult Volunteer helpers for the 40th Diocesan Pilgrimage in 2025. The pilgrimage is from 10-15 July and volunteers receive a subsidised fare. For more information or to register your interest, please visit www.downandconnor.org/lourdes or email lourdes@downandconnor.org



**ST COMGALL'S
PARISH CENTRE**

We are delighted to announce that our new **Parents & Tots group** will be commencing on Wednesday 8th January at 10am. We have a fabulous team of new volunteers who are ready to welcome everyone.

Our **Holy Shop items** continue to be sold at each Cuppa & Connect. We hold a small stock of bibles, missals, candles, cribs etc, but can place an order for specific items if needed.

We continue to recruit volunteers to re-establish parish groups. Please register your details through our new email account: stcomgallspcc@gmail.com or by telephoning the Parish Office on 02891465522.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELPLINES

Bangor Conference 07703679384

(covering Bangor West, Clandeboy/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)

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 **077 325 13400**

- **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 Preparation Facilitators **Service seeking Marriage**

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

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!

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