

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.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 20 October 2019

ST COMGALL'S, BANGOR TROCAIRE GROUP will be
having a **BALLOT** this weekend –

19/20 October after the **12.30pm Mass**

in Most Holy Redeemer Church, Ballyholme Many thanks for
your continued support and generosity.

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:

Recently Deceased: John Squires (England)

Month's Mind: Sean McPadden

Anniversaries:

Barry Armitage, Mary Donnelly, Daniel Donnelly, John
McNulty, Bernadette McNulty, Joseph A Hall, Alice Hall, Annie
McElroy, Cecilia Walsh, Eithne Heaney, James McGivern, Mary
McMahon, Ann McPadden, Betty Naylor, Patrick Wm. Naylor,
Helena McCullough, Tommy McCullough.

Friday 15th November - Trocaire Concert!

Frs. Martin and Eugene O'Hagan of 'The Priests' and Derry
soprano Margaret Keys have announced details of an Autumn
gala concert in aid of Trócaire. The concert will be held in
Clonard Monastery, Belfast on *Friday 15th November* at
7.30pm and will feature the three vocalists together with the
choir of St. Dominic's Grammar School in Belfast. Admission will
be free by ticket with a suggested donation on the night of £10.

To reserve tickets, visit www.eventbrite.co.uk and search
'**Trócaire Autumn Gala Concert**', e: infoni@trocaire.org or
call 028 90808030.

SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

Trócaire's Annual Remembrance Mass for deceased supporters
takes place this year on at 6pm in St Malachy's Church, Belfast,
BT2 8EN. The Mass will be concelebrated by The Most Reverend
Bishop Noel Treanor and by Fr. Michael McGinnity. We warmly
invite you to attend and help celebrate the lives and lasting
legacy of these wonderful people.

Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel of Saint John 17:11,17-23

1. In his prayer Jesus, asserts that eternal life consists in knowing God and Himself as one sent by God. We receive this life through hearing the word of God spoken to us by Jesus, receiving it, and believing in it. Bring to mind times when accepting and believing the words of Jesus was a source of life to you.
2. Jesus prayed that those who believed his word would be protected in time of trial. How have you experienced Jesus as a protector in life?
3. Jesus prayed that his followers would be one, something unfortunately still far from a reality. Perhaps you have experienced both the pain of division and the joy of unity with others. What lessons did you learn from the experience?
4. As Jesus was sent into the world by the Father, so he in turn sends us into the world. At this moment in your life, what do you see as the practical consequences for you of this mission from Jesus?

John Byrne OSA, E: jbpbymeosa@gmail.com

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

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

WELCOME ROTA DURING OCTOBER

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

**Extra notices on the
website page!
3 page Bulletin.**

**St Comgall's Church
Refurbishment Fund.
2 Donations
amounting to £25.00
have been gratefully
received this week.**

St Comgall's, Bangor
TROCAIRE GROUP
The ballot and teas
last weekend raised
£556 for Trocaire.
Thanks to all for
your support.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES

1st Penance & Holy Communion

Venue: St Dymphna's Room.

- **1st Penance & Holy Communion Classes – Started on Sunday 6th October for P4 children attending other primary schools from the Bangor area – after 11am Mass in St Dymphna's Room, first room on the right as you enter the Parish Centre, registration required.**

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: The first meeting will be on Sunday 27th October after Mass in the St Columbanus Room, 2nd Floor of the Parish Centre.

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....

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER

STORMONT ROSARY FOR LIFE - Please join us for a special Rosary Vigil for Life at Parliament Buildings, Stormont, (meeting at main gate entrance on Upper Newtownards Road) at 2.30pm on Saturday 19th October. For more information contact **Rosary Crusade for Ireland** on **028 9027 8484** or info@preciouslife.com

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.

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER

"An Evening with Phil Coulter" in the Great Hall, Downshire Estate, Downpatrick. Tickets £30 each (includes complimentary glass of wine/bottle of water). Confirmed ticket outlets: St Vincent de Paul Shop (Downpatrick), Bargainland (Downpatrick), McGraths Mace (Annacloy), Bells Supervalu (Crossgar) Parish Centre (Newcastle), JR's (Castlewellan), The Wool Shop (Newcastle), Vivo Xtra (Ballynahinch), Fatima Bibby, Mary Burns, Teresa Cheetham, Caroline Hanvey, Kevin Holland, Marie Holland, Paul Kelly, Margaret Magennis, Marian Magee, Declan McGrady, Pat Magee and Parish Office. Tickets can be purchased through Paypal saul@downandconnor.org

Pilgrimage To The Holy Land

May 26th – June 3rd 2020

Under the Direction of Fr John Murray PP (Downpatrick) Staying in three excellent hotels in Bethlehem, Tiberias and Jerusalem with visits to the principal sites with Masses at all the key places associated with the Lord.

Travel from Dublin to Tel Aviv via Heathrow. Cost £1590 Per Person Sharing. Single Room Supplement. For Details ring Downpatrick Presbytery 02844612084 or Email: Downpatrick@Downandconnor.Org.

Hurry – Places Limited !

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.

MONTH OF MISSION

Sunday 20 October – 2.30pm Mission Sunday Mass - Together We Are Mission – St Patrick's Church, Lisburn.

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. 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

Rachel's Vineyard retreats are healing opportunities for anyone struggling with the spiritual and emotional pain of an abortion. The weekend expresses the love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness of God. It offers peace and the transformation of past pain to a hope-filled future. For information call Marian in complete confidence on 07814 748 744 or e mail marianrvni@yahoo.co.uk and check us out on Facebook.

Storehouse North Down (food bank)

are now operating from our new premises at 12 Balloo Avenue Bangor, BT19 7QT. Our hours will be the same: MONDAY AND THURSDAY 2PM - 4 PM.

Church Music scholarships available at The Schola Cantorum, Mullingar, Co Westmeath

Applications are invited from boys and girls aged 12-18 for music scholarships at The Schola Cantorum. Excellent musical training provided with specialist training in liturgical music. Students from outside the Mullingar catchment area can reside with host families Monday to Friday (Accommodation grants available). Full details www.scholacantorum.ie.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society appreciate the generosity of the parishioners in Bangor, however due to the ongoing reorganisation of our storage facility, St Vincent de Paul cannot currently accept donations of clothes, household or furniture items.

WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER

Anam Cara Armagh, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents at 7:20pm in The Armagh City Hotel, Armagh, BT601E. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

Armagh Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission invite you to a conference on Climate Change AND the Church OR Climate Change IN the Church from 10 am-1pm in the O'Fiaich Library, Moy Road, Armagh BT61 7LY. Guest speakers on the day are world renowned eco theologian and Columban priest, Fr Sean McDonagh who was an advisor on the encyclical Laudato Si, Dymrna Mallon, SMA laity coordinator and two students from St Mary's Magherafelt.

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

Preparing for Marriage?

Catholic Engaged Encounter

A two day non-residential course will be held in Castle Community Centre, Ballymoney on **21-22 March 2020**. This weekend is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship. Information/Booking: marriageencounter.ie or 028276 38512

Living Youth/Habitat for Humanity Malawi Team

Living Youth are inviting all young people (18+) to sign up to be part of the Living Youth Habitat for Humanity partnership team and travel to Malawi in August 2020. Habitat strives to raise awareness about the need for decent housing and water sanitation in some of the poorest countries in the world. This opportunity will enable you to raise vital funds to help build homes in Lilongwe, Malawi for some of the families in need. *"The trip was one of the best experiences of my life. Seeing the happiness, hope and joy the partnership was bringing to homeowners was incredible"* Previous Team Member.

Dates: 10 August - 22 August 2020 (dates are to be finalised & are subject to flights)

Costs: Personal Donation £500; Personal Fundraising Target £1800.

For further information, please contact: info@livingyouthni.org or call the office on 028 90 232 432. To register, please go to the following website and select Living Youth from the drop-down list: <https://www.habitatni.co.uk/qvapplication>

Closing Date for Applications: Friday 15th November 2019.

SAVE THE DATE!!! 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

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)