

# Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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## SUNDAY MASS TIMES This weekend:

### **Bangor:** (BRUNSWICK RD)

Vigil 6.30pm;  
Sun 11.00am

### **Donaghadee:**

Sun 9.30am.

### **Ballyholme:**

Sun 12.30pm.

## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

**BANGOR PARISH,**

**BRUNSWICK ROAD**

**WEEK DAYS AT 9.30AM**

## 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](http://www.bangorparish.com)

under

**Sacramental Preparation.**  
2 month's notice required.

## PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**EVERY MONDAY**  
**10.00AM TO 9.30PM**

VENUE: **ST COMGALL'S  
CHURCH, BRUNSWICK RD.**

## St Comgall's Church MARIAN PRAYER GROUP

Every Thursday evening.  
Rosary of the Unborn,  
Reflections, Petitions,  
Thanksgivings. 6.30pm –  
7.30pm. All Welcome.

## WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY

INTER-DOMINATIONAL  
SERVICE FOR THE WEEK  
OF **PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN  
UNITY** will take place in  
St Comgall's Church,  
Brunswick Road, at  
7.30pm. All are welcome.

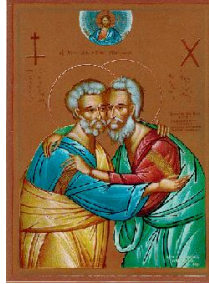
## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19 January 2020

The **PASTORAL COMMUNITY** have organised a training  
morning for the volunteers of the Children's Liturgy Team.

New members welcome. Venue: Holywood Parish.

**SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH** from **10am to 1pm.**

Please contact the parish office to leave your details.



The **Week of Prayer for Christian  
Unity** is traditionally observed from **18th  
to 25th January** – the octave of St. Peter  
and St. Paul. This year the theme is:  
'Unusual Kindness' (Acts 28: 2). The week  
will be marked in our Diocese by a Service  
in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast on  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7 pm** and the  
speaker on the occasion will be Fr Tony

Currer who is in charge of relations with Anglicans and  
Methodists at the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian  
Unity.



### Your prayers are requested for:

**Recently Deceased:** Marie McDade, John Elliott.

**Month's Mind:** Phyllis Harvey

### Anniversaries:

Rose Davidson, Coni Reihile, Danny Glackin, Thomas  
Dornan, Fred Feeney, Michael Jennings, Vincent Coulter,  
Joshua Kelly, Peggy Rafferty, John Mooney, John Walsh,  
Peter Doherty, Harry Morrow, Frank Sullivan, Lilian Sullivan.

**Ards CCE Trad Music Classes** starts Saturday 18th Jan in  
St Columbanus' College for all trad instruments and all levels.  
More info contact Niall Mc Clean 07960072218.

### *Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel of Saint John 1:29-34*

1. John is one who directs people to Jesus as the one who had a life-giving message for them. Who have been the people in your life whose example or advice pointed you in the direction of a fuller life? Who has helped you to appreciate the importance of Jesus and his message?
2. In the narrative, John recognised that Jesus had more to offer people than he himself had. John had the humility not to need to be the star of the show. Who have you known with that grounded sense of their own place?
3. John proclaims Jesus as one who takes away the sin of the world. Who have been the people who, for you, continued this mission of Jesus and let you from sin and guilt to forgiveness and freedom? For whom have you done this?
4. It was not just on the cross that Jesus gave his life as the Lamb of God. His public ministry was a constant struggle against injustice and oppression. When have you shared in this mission of Jesus? Who have been models of this for you?

*John Byrne OSA, E: [jbbyrneosa@gmail.com](mailto:jbbyrneosa@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 JANUARY 2020

**6.30pm** Mass  
Gerry Fox and  
Maura Fox  
**11.00am** Mass  
Una Graham  
and Anne Rea

**Many thanks to the  
parishioner who has  
donated £50  
& Café Donaghadee  
who have contributed  
£50 to the  
Refurbishment Fund  
this week.**  
Also a parishioner  
donated £500 to the  
Night Shelter through  
the Tea Room.

**Extra notices on  
the website page!  
3 page Bulletin.** All  
notices and anvs.  
notices need to be  
received by  
Wednesday at 1pm  
to be included.

### SAVE THE DATE!! SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH!!

Bangor Parish will be hosting a Saint Patrick's Day Event in the Parish Centre.  
Eight to Late! Music (Cap on the Wall), Ceili, Irish Disco and much more.  
Full licensed bar with hot finger buffet. Strictly over 18's.

## PARISH CENTRE GROUPS

<b>Badminton Club</b> Venue: Main Hall.	Every Wednesday: 8.30pm - 9.30pm
<b>Bible Study</b> Venue: St Dymphna's Room.	Every Thursday: 7.30pm - 9.00pm Starts back 16 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Bridge Club</b> Venue: Minor Hall.	Every Monday: 7.30pm - 10.00pm
<b>Charismatic Prayer Group</b> Venue: Pre-School Room.	Every Monday: 7.00pm – 8.30pm
<b>Christian Meditation Prayer Group</b> Venue: St Columbanus Room.	Every Wednesday: 11.20am – 12.30pm <i>(up the stairs to the top floor of St Comgall's Parish Centre)</i>
<b>Irish Language Group</b> Venue: St Columbanus Room, Ceili Dancing-Minor Hall.	Every Thursday: 7.00pm - 8.00pm St. Colum.Rm Every Thurs Ceili Dancing: 8.15pm-9.30pm M.Hall <i>Contact: Harry 9146-2055 [Language 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Year 7.00pm-8.00pm]</i>
<b>Friendship Club</b> Venue: Minor Hall.	<u>Restarting back</u> – Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020 Every Tuesday: 10.00am - 12noon
<b>Mothers &amp; Toddlers Group</b> Venue: Minor Hall.	Every Thursday: 10.30am - 12noon
<b>Mulvenna Academy Irish Dancing</b> Venue: Main Hall.	Every Tuesday: 6.00pm - 9.00pm
<b>St. Comgall's Briggins</b> Venue: Main Hall.	Every Thursday: Cygnets: (p1/p2) 5.45 - 6.30pm      Aged 6-10: 6.30 - 8.00pm
<b>St Vincent de Paul</b> (Bangor Conference) Venue: St Dymphna's Room	Every Wednesday: 8.00pm – 9.30pm
<b>Trocaire &amp; Traidcraft</b> Venue: Minor Hall.	Weekend Dates: February-15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup>    March-14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup>    April-18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>    May-16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Youth Club</b> Venue: Youth Room, Sports Hall.	Every Mon, Wed, Fri: 6.30pm – 8.30pm P6, Monday    P7, Wednesday    Yr8+ Friday
<b>Whist Club</b> Venue: Minor Hall.	Every Friday: 1.30pm - 3.30pm
<b>Baptism Course</b> – Pre-Sacramental Parents & God-parents Evening.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month 7.00pm until 7.45pm <u>Venue:</u> St Columbanus & St Cecelia Rooms <i>[Through the green fence 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Parish Centre]</i>

<b>SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES</b>  All classes held after 11am Mass in the Parish Centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holy Communion Date - <b>16<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b> at 10am &amp; 1pm.</li> <li>• Holy Communion and First Penance Classes - Venue: St Dymphna's Room.</li> <li>• Service of Light Date – <b>23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020</b> at 1pm</li> <li>• Confirmation Date – <b>20<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b> at 5pm.</li> <li>• Confirmation Class - Venue: St Columbanus Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Parish Centre.</li> </ul>
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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY! AND OTHER NOTICES....

#### **SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock  
Year 7 Pupils and Parents, Open Morning in 9.15 am – 2.30pm. Principal's Address 9.15 am and 11.00 am.  
Anyone considering entry to our Sixth Form is also most welcome.

#### **TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY**

Public Lecture – The Global Persecution of Christians  
Dr Michael Kinsella from Aid to the Church in Need will address the issue of the global persecution of Christians in a public lecture at Queen's University Catholic Chaplaincy, 28 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

#### **FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY - SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

This Inter-Denominational Arts Festival aimed at promoting reconciliation runs from January 31 to February 9. You are invited to attend as many as possible of nearly 20 events throughout Belfast, including a talk by Fr Peter McVerry SJ, the famous champion of the homeless. The theme this year is "Building a City of Grace" and the intention is to promote through music, drama and prayer discussion about the need we share for the gift of grace in our divided society. The events are free and further details can be found at the website [4cornersfestival.com](http://4cornersfestival.com)

#### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP**

**More volunteers are needed urgently to staff a rota for the C.L.G. Please leave contact details in the parish office. The group is being reordered so as to provide a better service for P3 to P6 children when it resumes. A letter for interested families is available at the rear of the Church. It explains current developments and further plans.**

We are currently looking for Church Cleaners to help with the existing Rota. Volunteers will be asked to help for one 2 hour session per month. Please leave your contact details in the parish office.

### **WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY**

Beginning Experience - Are you suffering the pain of loss of a partner? Looking for help and understanding? Beginning Experience (a support group for widowed, separated and divorced people) meets every Wednesday evening from 8pm to 10pm, commencing Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020, in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Malone Rd., Belfast. All welcome. For details please contact Phil Tel: 028 90 207645 or Marie Tel: 07896119669.

### **TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

You are invited to participate in a Day of Reflection from 10:00 to 15:00 with the Alzheimer's Society South Eastern Service Team. To register your interest contact by email: [invite@eventbrite.com](mailto:invite@eventbrite.com) La Mon Hotel and Country Club, 41 Gransha Road, Comber BT23 5RF.

### **WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

Anam Cara Armagh, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents at 7:20pm in the 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](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

### **FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY – SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY**

A MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND offers married couples of all ages in a good relationship, private time to rekindle the joy of their love. The next (residential) Weekend (Fri 8pm to Sun 4:30pm) will be held in Dromantine, Newry. For information and to book, visit our new website [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) or phone [0770 281 2321](tel:07702812321) Tom and Madeline McCully with Fr. Seán Coyle (National Leadership team, Catholic Marriage Encounter, Ireland) [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)--

### **MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL**

**- OCT 2020:** 7 Night Stay and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €266 per person sharing. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or email [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com). MEDJUGORJE: 00387 36 651 518 IRELAND: 00353 1 443 4510 N. IRELAND: 0044 28 8224 1888 Email: [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com) Website: [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com)

### **YOUTH FESTIVAL AT MEDJUGORJE - 2020**

**29<sup>th</sup> July – 7<sup>th</sup> August**

The LIVING YOUTH Summer Pilgrimage 2020 will be to Medjugorje. We will join more than 50,000 other young people from around the world to celebrate our Catholic Faith. Staying at the Medjugorje Palace Hotel we will take part in the youth festival and also visit the Waterfalls of Kravice, the capital Mostar and the Shrine of Vepric at Makarska, all the while journeying with other young people from across our Diocese.

Pilgrimage Dates: **29<sup>th</sup> July – 7<sup>th</sup> August 2020**, for those aged 17 – 25 Cost £799. For an Application Form and more information go to [www.livingyouthni.org](http://www.livingyouthni.org) or contact us on 02890 232 432 or [info@livingyouthni.org](mailto:info@livingyouthni.org).

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

The Most Holy Redeemer Church, Ballyholme committee members, are having a fundraising **COFFEE MORNING** on **SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY** in the Walter Nelson Hall, Groomsport from 10.30am to 12noon. Admission £3. These funds will go towards the people of Zimbabwe. They will be hosting later this year the Prayer Service. Date to be confirmed.

### **FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**RETRouvaille** – A Lifeline for Married Couples: Do you want to improve the communication with your spouse? Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. Next programme starts 7th – 9th February 2020. For information contact Tony & Anne (01) 495 3536, Mike & Anne (01) 450 0922, text or call 086 413 5440, or email [info@retrouvaille.ie](mailto:info@retrouvaille.ie) or visit [www.retrouvaille.ie](http://www.retrouvaille.ie).

### **SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> - SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH**

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](http://marriageencounter.ie) or 028276 38512

### **EASTER PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA 8<sup>TH</sup> – 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL.**

All Easter Ceremonies in Fatima Mass in Santarem where the bleeding host took place and Prayers, and Hungarian Stations of the Cross in Fatima. Contact James Treacy 00353 (0)86-0572216

### **TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY - SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Ni Cancer Pilgrimage to Lourdes - The price of £695 (with price reduction for Cancer Patients) will include: Return flights from Belfast International Airport, operated by JWT License T.O. 052. Full board and accommodation at the Hotel Agena in Lourdes for five nights based on twin/double/treble rooms. Travel insurance cover for persons up to 85 years on date of return. The party will consist of patients, ex-patients, relatives and friends accompanied by medical, nursing and other staff. To enquire or to obtain a booking form please speak to a member of the committee on Tel: 07933938981; Email: [mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk](mailto:mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk) or contact: Mrs Jean Clarke, N. I. Cancer Pilgrimage, c/o Drumbo & Cartyduff Parish, 546 Saintfield Road, Carryduff, Belfast, BT8 8DL. Chairman:- Dr Gerard Walls, accompanied by Dr Seamus McAleer & Spiritual Director.