

PARISH OF BANGOR, MEMBER OF ARDS FAMILY OF PARISHES

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First Sunday of Advent, Year A – 30th November 2025

Your prayers are requested for:

Recently deceased:

Helen Morton

Anniversaries:

George & Alice Hill

George & Marie Hill

Sean & Yvonne Hill

Bridget Gillen

Gerry McQuaid

Jim Jordan

John & Margaret Cleary

Mary McGuigan

Vincent Jamison Snr

Hazel Coyle

Lily Campbell

Mary & Thomas Martin

Peter & Rosetta McCullagh

Marion Treacy

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH, DONAGHADEE

Sunday 30th November 2025 @ 9am

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD

Saturday 29th November @ 6.30pm

Sunday 30th November @ 10am and 12noon

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK:

Daily Mass Mon 1st, Wed 3rd - Fri 5th December @ 9.30am

REQUIEM MASS Tues 2nd December @ 10am

Deacon James invites you to join him in a candlelit hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament with Taize chant on Wednesday 3rd December in the church of Our Lady of the Visitation Comber from 7:30 to 8:30pm.

This will be an opportunity so step out of the busy world and experience the peace and calmness of God's presence.

Vocations Society of St. Joseph

(formerly St. Joseph's Young Priests Society) 23 Merrion Square, Dublin 2, D02 XE02



Vocations Society of St. Joseph (formerly St Joseph's Young Priests Society) exists to help students on their journey to priesthood. The Society fosters vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It assists students for the priesthood both financially and by prayer. It promotes the vocation of the laity and fosters a greater understanding and love of the Eucharist and Holy Mass.

The second collection today is the annual collection for the support of the society. By promoting the work of the society through our prayers and financial support, we hope to create a greater awareness of how important Vocations to the Priesthood are, and the urgent need to provide Priests for tomorrow.

In 2023/24, 58 Irish and 602 overseas students were supported by your donations, and 139 students were ordained to the Priesthood.

Thank you for your continued support.

ST COMGALL'S PARISH

YOUTH CLUB

  

FUN GAMES & SPORTS **CHILL-OUT & MUSIC** **NEW FRIENDS & SNACKS**

PRIMARY 6 & 7

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
COMMENCING JANUARY 2026

Spaces are limited: email stcomgallsparishyc@gmail.com to request a form

CANTIUNCULAE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St Comgall's Church Bangor on Sunday 7th December @ 8pm.

The concert is in aid of parish funds.

Tickets £5 - available to purchase from Thomas's shop.

PARISH CENTRE – PARISH GROUPS 2025

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 10.30am [Minor Hall] IRISH DANCING CLASSES at 6.00pm to 8.30pm [Main Hall] SVP at 7.30pm to 9.30pm [St Dymphna's Room]	PARENTS & TODDLERS 10am [Main/Minor Hall] MEDITATION GROUP at 12pm to 1.30pm [St Dymphna's Room] FOLK GROUP AT 6.30 -7.30pm [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] Discussion Group At 7.30pm – 9pm [St. Dymphna's Room]

We'd love to see you at St Comgall's Primary School Open Night on Wednesday 3rd December! Join us for the Principal's Address at **6:00pm** and take the opportunity to explore our school. If your little one is starting P1 in September 2026, this is a great chance to find out what makes St Comgall's special. Please spread the word to family, friends and neighbours with children starting P1 in September 2026.

TROCAIRE

Many thanks to all who supported our Christmas Trocaire Coffee morning. We raised a wonderful **£2,385.00** to help ease FAMINE in SUDAN. Also **£110.00** was raised from the sale of Trocaire Christmas cards.

HOLY SHOP

This Sunday after all masses Holy shop will be in porch of church. Get all your stocking fillers of nativity sets, Holy Family snow globes and lovely candles.

St Columbanus' College – Santa Claus & Santa Paws Christmas Event

St Columbanus' College warmly invites parish families to a festive Christmas event on **Saturday 29th November, from 12.00 noon until 5.00 pm**. This will be a joyful afternoon filled with seasonal activities for children, families, and even pets.

Santa's Grotto – Pre-Booking Required

Visits to Santa's Grotto for children must be pre-booked via Eventbrite, and tickets are selling quickly.

Booking link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/santa-claus-at-st-columbanus-college-tickets-1820556937809>

Santa Paws

Dogs are also welcome for their own special "Santa Paws" visit in a separate grotto. These tickets do not require pre-booking and may be purchased on the day.

Additional Activities

Throughout the afternoon there will be:

- Face painting
- Glitter tattoos
- Children's Christmas craft areas

ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELPLINES

Bangor Conference 07703679384

(covering Bangor West, Clandeboye/Newtownards Road area, Kilcooley, Helens Bay and Crawfordsburn)

Ballyholme/Donaghadee Conference 07703679389. (covering Bangor city centre, Bangor East/Ballyholme, Balloo/Bloomfield Road area, Groomsport, Donaghadee and Millisle)

St. Comgall's Bereavement Support Group

The aim of the Bereavement Group is to provide support to the bereaved. If you wish to avail of this service, please contact the parish office **028 9146 5522**

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 is currently recruiting people to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators.

- 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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