

# 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](http://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.

## 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 27 October 2019

### **SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER @ 5.00pm** **Annual Prayer Service**

for deceased members of the parish will be celebrated this year in **Saint Comgall's Parish Centre** at **5.00pm**. Every year our parish community holds a special Evening Prayer for all our deceased family members and friends. In particular, each year, we remember all our parishioners who have died since last November. All families are invited to join us for this special celebration of prayer for the happy repose of the souls of your relatives, friends and of all the deceased of this parish.



### **Your prayers are requested for:**

#### **Recently Deceased: Mary Adams** **Anniversaries:**

Anita Delaney, Mona Mulligan, Paddy Fox, Agnes Fox, Jack O'Driscoll, Stephen Lennon, Denis Gray, Kevan Hughes, Noreen Gunn, Jack Hamill, Frank Connolly, James Glenn, Kathleen Brown, Mary Dorrian, Molly Monaghan, Evelyn Robinson, John Robinson, Michael McAloon, Richard McKenna, Owen Taylor, Tom Carlin, Agnes McGrogan, Sean Leonard, Charles O'Hara, Livia Forte.

### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) and search 'Trocaire Autumn Gala Concert', e: [infony@trocaire.org](mailto:infony@trocaire.org) or call 028 90808030.

**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.** Contact the helpline number. Please **do not** leave clothes in the Parish Centre.

### **Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel of Saint Luke 18:9-14**

1. There can be an element of defensiveness in our relationships with others. We are reluctant to let another see us as we see ourselves. Occasionally we meet someone with whom we will be accepted. With whom have you had that kind of a relationship? What was it like for you to have that freedom?
2. Likewise with God, when we come to prayer pretending to be better than we are, we are hiding from God. What difference does it make when you pray to God, acknowledging your faults and limitation? Have you ever found that in prayer, when you are humble in this way, God lifts you up?
3. The parable is also a cautionary tale against judging others negatively on the basis of externals. Perhaps God, who looks into the heart, sees another picture. When have you discovered there was more to another person than the negative picture you got from first impressions?

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

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

**Hospitality after  
11am Mass, Bangor.**  
In the Cafeteria (Minor  
Room). All welcome.  
Fresh coffee & tea.

**WELCOME ROTA  
DURING  
NOVEMBER**  
**6.30pm** Mass  
Doreen Corran  
& Patricia Connery  
**11.00am** Mass  
Eileen Hanna &  
Frankie Denny

**Extra notices on the  
website page!  
3 page Bulletin.**  
For inclusion in the  
Bulletin Notices, notices  
need to be in to the  
Parish Office before 1pm  
on Wednesdays.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES**

Venue: St Dymphna's Room.

- **1<sup>st</sup> Penance & Holy Communion Classes –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 27<sup>th</sup> October** after Mass in the **St Columbanus Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor** of the **Parish Centre**.

Please register your interest by contacting the parish office during office hours or by email. [bangor@downandconnor.org](mailto:bangor@downandconnor.org)

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY! AND OTHER NOTICES....**

**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.

**WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

**SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER**

First Saturday Devotion of Reparation as requested by Our Lady of Fatima will take place in St Joseph's Church, Killough, Chapel Street, BT30 7QJ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.30am; Sacrament of Reconciliation from 8.30 to 9.45am; Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 9.00am; Meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary at 9.30am, Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 10.00am.

**SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> & SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER**

Art Sale in Tobar Mhuire. Join us for a 2 day Art Sale, donated by a local Artist, from 10am - 4pm. Proceeds in aid of Tobar Mhuire. For more information please contact 02844 830242.

**SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> 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.

**SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> 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.

**MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

Mass for the deceased teachers of Down and Connor will be held at The Good Shepherd Church (Holy Rosary Paris) Ormeau Road, Belfast, BT7 3GS at 7.30pm. Refreshments afterwards in Holy Rosary Parish Centre. Relatives of the deceased, teachers and retired colleagues, pupils and parishioners are all invited.

**ST COMGALL'S, BANGOR TROCAIRE GROUP**

Collected £155.00 in Most Holy Redeemer Church, Ballyholme. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

**THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER**

Faith Matters - Date for the Diary - What do you question about Faith, Practice, or the Church's Teaching? Want to discuss Scripture? Join Fr Martin, 7:30pm until it's over, in St Patrick's Church, Newtownards.

**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.

*Storehouse North Down supply food parcels to people in need throughout Bangor area. They will gratefully accept donations of all non perishable foodstuffs on first weekend of the month, November, 2nd and 3rd. Donations can be left in trolleys / containers provided at churches in parish.*

**SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER**

**Tobar Mhuire Retreat: Loss and Blessings:** November is a time when we remember loved ones who have died. At times of loss we are often too hurt or too busy looking after others to reflect upon the blessings we have received from those who have died. This day of prayer; reflection and symbols, will be a chance to take time aside; to reflect upon the memory of those who have gone before us, and to give thanks for those who have touched our lives. You are welcome to bring a picture or memento of the person you are remembering. 10.30am – 4.00pm. Day led by: Brian McKee Cost: £30 (includes tea/coffee and light lunch)

**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](http://www.scholacantorum.ie).

**SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – SAVE THE DATE!!**

*St Comgall's Church Donaghadee* invite you to a Christmas Fayre in the Copelands Fold, Cannyreagh Rd, Donaghadee BT21 0BS on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 10am – 1pm. In aid of the "**Night Shelter for Rough Sleepers**" Daddy & Mummy Claus will be there with gifts for everyone. There will be a Christmas Hamper Ballot drawn on the day. £1 per ticket. Lots of fun for all the family - Trombola. Traybakes, Tea & Coffee served. Bring all your family and friends.

## Extra Notices! For your information!

### SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> 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.

### SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

CELEBRATING ART AND MUSIC. Celebrating the centenary of Sir John Lavery's Triptych in St Patrick's Church Donegall Street, Belfast based chamber choir Cantiuiculae have chosen the church as the venue for their 30th Anniversary concert 8pm. Includes the superb Mozart M<sup>issa</sup> Brevis in Bb. Tickets £10 available from [buytickets.at/Cantiuiculae/312013](http://buytickets.at/Cantiuiculae/312013) or at the door. Under 16s free.

### SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Day of Renewal, Omagh Charismatic Prayer Group, Mellon Hotel, Omagh, Co Tyrone. Registration starts: 9am. Speaker Fr Brendan Walsh SAC, cost £25 including lunch, tea & coffee. Booking essential. Contact: 028 8224 2092 or Mobile 0787641 1435 or email: [evelynheaney@hotmail.com](mailto:evelynheaney@hotmail.com)

### SAVE THE DATE!!! THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> November if you would like to attend.  
HELEN : 028 9188 3452

### FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) or call 07702-812321 or +353 87 784 0408.

### NOVEMBER - Month of the Holy Souls

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the month of November and offer up their sacrifice for their deceased loved ones. **YOU CAN DO LIKEWISE.** Take the short term Pledge for November and say the Prayer daily - "I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink during November".

### 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

### 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](mailto: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/gvapplication>

**Closing Date for Applications: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019.**

### DONAGHADEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** Annual Santa arrival and parade which this year will take place on the evening of and will proceed to the Car Park and Tennis Court behind the market house.

**1<sup>st</sup> December** First Presbyterian Church Community Carol Service at 6.30 pm followed by switching on of the Christmas tree lights

### 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](mailto:clare.lodge@svpni.co.uk) (All special dietary meals catered for via prior arrangement.

### INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

Conference starts at 2pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December and ends on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm.

The Conference takes place at Clongowes Wood College, Castlebrown, Clane, Co Kildare, W19 DN40. Price for the 4 day event is 150 euro inclusive. Age group 16+. Register: [www.afcmteamireland.org](http://www.afcmteamireland.org)