

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 EUCARISTIC ADORATION

**Every Monday
10.00am to 9.30pm**

Venue: **Most Holy
Redeemer Church,**
Ballyholme.

HOLY HOUR with EXPOSITION

in Saint Comgall's
Donaghadee Sunday 3rd
Nov at **2.45pm** sharp.
Everyone welcome.

St Comgall's Church
Refurbishment Fund.
**Many thanks to the
parishioners who
donated £40 this week.**
We are very grateful for all
the generosity that has been
shown by so many
parishioners and others
towards the fund.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 3 November 2019

SUNDAY 10th 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: Marie T. Hamill,
Joyce Dyer (England)

Anniversaries:

Mary Dornan, Samuel Thompson, Peter McNally, Charlotte
Hutchinson, James Glenn, Rita Finlay, Billy Anderson.

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

FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER

ARDS CCE Musician of the Year Night, Imperial Bar
function room Bangor, 8pm, £5 at door.
Featuring all Ards CCE groups, Irish dancing and guest artists.
Great Ballot in aid of Marie Curie.

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 19:1-10

1. Zacchaeus showed himself open to the call of Jesus, to the surprise of his contemporaries who thought there was no good in tax collectors. Sometimes the people who give us lessons in goodness may be people we previously disregarded. Recall when this happened for you.
2. It was the eagerness of Zacchaeus to see what kind of a man Jesus was that opened him up to conversion. When you consider moments of change in your life, what were the interests or desires that prepared you for change?
3. The decision of Jesus to eat in the house of Zacchaeus broke the social norms of his day and scandalized those who saw him. When have you found table fellowship a useful way of breaking down artificial boundaries between people? When has a kind word had this effect?
4. Zacchaeus had become rich off the backs of the people and they thoroughly disliked him but he responded to Jesus's call and changed. What has helped you to see the grace of God at work in your life?

John Byrne OSA, E: jbpbbyrneosa@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

**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

CONFIRMATION CLASSES:

The classes will start on **Sunday the 10th November** in St Columbanus' room in the Parish Centre after mass for around an hour 12 -1.

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 9TH NOVEMBER

'Finding God in the Mass'

Fr. B. McManus SJ & Jim Deeds – starting at 9.30am – 5.00pm Cost including lunch £30 Phone: 02830821224 Email: admin@dromantineconference.com

SATURDAY 9TH 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 Cantiunculae have chosen the church as the venue for their 30th Anniversary concert 8pm. Tickets £10 available from buytickets.at/Cantiunculae/312013 or at the door. Under 16s free.

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 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: infolni@trocaire.org or call 028 90808030.

SATURDAY 16TH and SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

COLUMBANUS FESTIVAL TALKS, WALKS & A CONCERT ALL IN BANGOR.

SATURDAY 16TH – Talks & Lunch.

St Comgall's Parish Centre, Brunswick Road.
11am – 1.30pm. Free.

SATURDAY 16TH – Walk.

Meet at the Bangor Bell at 2.00pm. Free.

SATURDAY 16TH – Concert.

St Columbanus Church, Groomspoint Rd.
7.30pm – Cost £10

SUNDAY 17TH – Talk

St Columbanus Church, Groomspoint Rd.
2pm – Stained Glass Window Talk. Free.

SUNDAY 17TH – A United Celebration

First Bangor Presbyterian Church, Main Street.

Guest Speaker: Bishop Noel Treanor

More details on the parish website under News!! or www.friendsofcolumbanusbangor.co.uk

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST

In the month of November we remember all our dead.

You are invited to include the names of all those deceased friends and relatives whom you wish to have remembered in the 30 Masses offered in November for all those on the dead lists by Monsignor Macauley, Fr Whyte and Fr Gunn. Envelopes can be found at the back of the Church/Parish Centre and completed lists should be placed in the box beside the altar. They will then be opened and the lists placed on the altar of each Church in the parish.

Norms for Indulgences at the Commemoration of All Souls.

From 1 November to 8 November the faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead may gain a plenary indulgence once per day, applicable only to the Holy Souls by receiving Holy Communion, Confession & praying for the Pope's intentions: Reciting the Our Father and the Apostle's Creed.

What are Indulgences?

Indulgences are the remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven. The faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains the indulgence under prescribed conditions for either themselves or the departed. Indulgences are granted through the ministry of the Church which, as the dispenser of the grace of redemption, distributes the treasury of the merits of Christ and the Saints. See CCC. 1491-9,1448.

SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

Armagh Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission invite you to a conference on Climate Change 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.

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. This opportunity will enable you to raise vital funds to help build homes. **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

'Let the mind press onward, even as life presses onward, and let maturity of mind increase with the fullness of old age. And as our span of life grows shorter so let the number of our faults grow less, that we may leave the world to its own ways, as we go to the Lord. May this be so by the help of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be glory, for ever and ever. Amen' Columban, Sermon VI.

Extra Notices! For your information!

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. Donations can be left in trolleys / containers provided at churches in parish.

SUNDAY 10TH 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

WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

Bangor Hospice Support Group invite you to a COFFEE MORNING at Violet & Seamus Bowler's house, 23 Dellmount Road, Bangor, BT20 4TY. From 10.30am to 12.30pm. All proceeds for Northern Ireland Hospice.

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.

SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER

St Comgall's Bangor Marian Prayer Group invite you our *Annual Advent One Day Retreat* with the Mother Teresa nuns, Missionaries of Charity in their house in Armagh. A bus has been organised to pick up in Portaferry, Newtownards, Bangor, Holywood & Belfast. If you would like to book a seat, cost £10 each please contact Jacinta on Mob: 07756-225114.

SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Concert by St Colmcille's & St Joseph's primary school choir & renowned Soprano Marion Jordan @ 5.00pm. Venue: St Colmcille's Church, 191 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4 3JB. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the Parochial Hall. Escape the hustle and enjoy the uplifting celebration of Advent & Christmas. If you can't experience this magical evening in person why not watch it on our webcam live or the recording. Hope to see you there!

SATURDAY 7TH 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 7th 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.

MONDAY 4TH 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.

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".

THURSDAY 21ST 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.

DONAGHADEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Friday 29th 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.

1st 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 (All special dietary meals catered for via prior arrangement.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

Conference starts at 2pm on Friday 27th December and ends on Monday 30th 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

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