

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.

St Comgall's Church
Refurbishment Fund.
**Many thanks to the
parishioners who
donated £600 this
week.** We are very grateful
for all the generosity that
has been shown by so many
parishioners and others
towards the fund.

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.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 10 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:

Mgr Ambrose Macaulay

Month's Mind: Francis Doherty

Anniversaries: Betty Naylor, Sean McGreevy, Mary McGreevy, Frank Rice, Mary Anne Hinds, Joan Wright, Agnes Wilson, Patrick Reilly, Catherine Reilly, Maureen Reilly.

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. The question of the Sadducees suggests that how we will be in the afterlife is a continuation of how we are here. The reply of Jesus affirms that this is not so. We are important not because of any 'status' we might have but because we are children of God. Recall moments when you saw your worth, or the worth of another, as something other than worldly status.
2. A common tactic in an argument is to make fun of the position of another. Then one does not have to take seriously the view being expressed. Have you ever found yourself doing this? Have you experienced others doing it with you? What were the effects of such an attitude? Is there life here? If not, where have you found a fuller life?
3. Jesus' use of the phrase 'Children of the resurrection' to describe his followers, points to the fact that we believe in something that cannot be proven. Life can sometimes present us with that kind of a challenge – an invitation to believe in things we cannot prove: another person, a cause, the value of a course of action, etc. What has been your experience of believing and acting on this kind of faith?
4. At the heart of our Christian faith is belief that death is not the end. We believe that the relationship we have with God, and that starts in this life, survives death and continues after death in the resurrection. In this month of November we recall those we have loved and have died. How has belief in the resurrection helped you in thinking about those you have loved and who are no longer with you?

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

**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

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....

MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

Faith and Sport – **Mickey Harte** at the Catholic Chaplaincy QUB at 7pm 28 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast. One of Ireland's most successful Gaelic Football managers, Mickey Harte, will address the university community on how his Catholic faith has been an integral part of his life as a sportsman, husband, father and friend. It promises to be an inspiring evening. Everyone is welcome.

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 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: infoni@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 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.

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/gvapplication>

Closing Date for Applications: Friday 15th 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.

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.

Storehouse North Down (food bank)

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.

SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

St Paul's GAC Holywood Instrumental Group will be competing in the first round of Scor na nOg on at 4pm in Ballygalget GAC. The event will be a superb showcase of Irish culture, and we would be delighted to have as much support as possible for our young competitors. Please come and support your local club. If you'd like any further information please contact clairefox83@hotmail.com

*Since we pass through this world merely as pilgrims let us
keep our sights fixed on the end of the road,
where our real home lies. Columban, Sermon VIII.*

Extra Notices! For your information!

WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

Consider your call – QUB Catholic Chaplaincy

Sr Ann Swailes OP, assistant chaplain to Cambridge University, will lead a holy hour of prayer and reflection on the theme of vocation. Anyone discerning where their vocation lies – be it priesthood, religious life, marriage or the single life - is most welcome to attend. At 7pm, 28 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast.

MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

The Way Forward: Precious Life will be hosting an information evening regarding the change of the law on abortion here in the North, and on the upcoming elections with advice on candidates and their stance on abortion. It will take place @7:30pm in The Devenish Complex Belfast. All welcome. For more information contact Precious Life on 02890278484 or email info@preciouslife.com

TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER

The Cursillo Movement offer a warm welcome to all Cursillistas, past and present, to our Christmas Ultreya, 8pm, at St Theresa's Hall Glen Rd Belfast. For more info on Cursillo email downandconnorcursillo@yahoo.co.uk

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!

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

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".

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.