

# 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 EUCARISTIC 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 £1,500 this  
week.** We are very grateful  
for all the generosity that  
has been shown by so many  
parishioners.

### 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.

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17 November 2019

### ST VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS DINNER

SVP Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner will be held in Parish  
Centre on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 3.00pm.**

Do you wish to attend or do you know someone who would be  
interested? Please leave name, address and contact details,  
together with any dietary requirements on  
SVP Helpline 07703 679384. Transport to and/or from the  
venue can be arranged, if required.

**SVP Christmas cards** now on sale after all  
weekend Masses. £3.50 per pack.  
Please support this worthy cause.



### Your prayers are requested for: Anniversaries:

Charlie Morrison, James Crockford, Charles Walsh,  
Tony Mulligan, Margaret Forte, John Barklie, Peter  
Mulholland, Marion McLarnon, Paddy Mulligan, Eileen  
Thompson, 5Charles Walsh, Tom Linehan, Maureen Fox,  
Catherine Storey, Patrick Rafferty, Patricia McGivern,  
George PT, Paul McKillop, Tom Lehrer.

### TROCAIRE SPECIAL CHRISTMAS BALLOT

weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> November & 1 December  
in the Parish Centre after 11am Mass.  
Christmas Fayre served with tea & coffee  
to bring lots of cheer! All welcome.

### St Columbanus' College – PTA Christmas Quiz Night! THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER at 7PM

£20 per table and up to 8 players per table. (Players must be  
aged 19+) To book a table please email your name and number  
of players to [stcolumbanuspta@gmail.com](mailto:stcolumbanuspta@gmail.com). Raffle on the night.  
BYO drinks. Nibbles provided. All proceeds to the School Fund.

### WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> - 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER

The students and staff of Our Lady and St Patrick's College,  
Knock proudly present '**School of Rock**' on Wednesday  
20<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 at  
7.00pm. Tickets (Adult - £10; Concession - £5) available  
from Reception (Tel: 028 9040 1184).

### Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel of Saint Luke 21:5-19

1. Luke presents Jesus as a prophet, capable of reading the signs of the times, and one who offered wise and insightful advice on how to cope with difficult times. Who are the people you see who act like this in the troubled times we live in today? Maybe you yourself have been a calming influence in the face of turmoil within your family, parish, church, workplace, or elsewhere. Can you claim that gift and give thanks for being such a person?
2. Jesus alerts his listeners to the transitory nature of human grandeur and splendour. How have you been reminded of this truth? What lessons has this given you about life?
3. In any walk of life, troubles will come. Jesus encourages his listeners to stand firm in such circumstances, telling them: 'your endurance will win you your lives'. When you are in the midst of inner turmoil and/or outer trouble or opposition, what has given you the strength and ability to endure?

John Byrne OSA, E: [jbpbymeosa@gmail.com](mailto: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

### Medical Missionaries of Mary (MMM)

The Sisters of the MMM  
thank you for your  
generous contributions  
which totalled:  
**£3,959.00**

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES

### CONFIRMATION CLASSES:

The classes will start on **Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bangor@downandconnor.org)

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

## SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> and SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER COLUMBANUS FESTIVAL TALKS, WALKS & A CONCERT ALL IN BANGOR.

### SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> – Talks & Lunch.

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

### SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> – Walk.

Meet at the Bangor Bell at 2.00pm. Free.

### SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> – Concert.

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

### SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> – Talk

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

### SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> – 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](http://www.friendsofcolumbanusbangor.co.uk)

### BANGOR PARISH FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

#### Open Days/Nights

**St Malachy's PS**, Bangor –  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm

**St Comgall's PS**, Bangor –  
Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7pm

**St Anne's PS**, Donaghadee –  
Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> Dec & Thurs. 9<sup>th</sup> Jan, 11am~12noon

**St Columbanus' College**, Bangor –  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm.  
Principal's address 7pm & 8pm.

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**St Comgall's Pre-School**,  
St Comgall's Parish Centre  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 9.30am-10.30am.

### 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.

### WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

There will be a Mass for Deceased Clergy and Religious - in particular we remember those who have died (1st November 2018 - 31st October 2019). In: St Peter's Cathedral (Belfast) At: 7:00 pm The Mass will also be broadcast online at: <http://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral> Parishioners, Clergy and Religious from throughout the Diocese are invited to join us.

**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.

### MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:info@preciouslife.com)

### SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

The Womens' Confraternity of Our Lady and St Alphonsus has officially ended this month. A Mass of Thanksgiving and Celebration will be held at Clonard Monastery at 3pm. All current and past members are invited to attend the Mass.

### 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. *Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December the Night Shelter Team will be receiving a cheque in the Donaghadee Café after Mass.*

### 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](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 30<sup>th</sup> November**

### 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".

## Extra Notices! For your information!

### 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 16<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:clairefox83@hotmail.com)

### WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

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.**

### SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

St Philip & St James' Holywood Parish Church are having an Asha Funding Breakfast at 9-15am. We would be delighted if you could come. Tickets £5 obtainable from Office, 71 Church Road, Holywood T: 028 9042 3622.

### TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER

There will be a lecture in St. Brigid's Parish Centre, Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast at 7.30pm. Given by Monsignor Roderick Strange, Professor of Theology, St. Mary's University, Twickenham, London. The title of the Lecture is, "**Cardinal Newman: preparing an apologia for our times.**" Monsignor Strange has published several books and many articles with a particular focus on St. John Henry Newman.

### TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> 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](mailto:downandconnorcursillo@yahoo.co.uk)

### SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> 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 15<sup>TH</sup> 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. Hope to see you there!

### 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.)

### Holy Land Pilgrimage - 2020

11 Day Pilgrimage to The Holy Land **Feb 12<sup>th</sup> to Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>** cost €1,475.00 deposit €450.00. Spiritual Director Canon Paddy McGinn, Still a small number of places left, further details contact Brenda Murray -Flynn on 041 6863390 or [brenda.murray-flynn@travelcounsellors.com](mailto:brenda.murray-flynn@travelcounsellors.com) Philip on 087 250 8043 or [pmcardle006@gmail.com](mailto:pmcardle006@gmail.com)

### Youth Festival at Medjugorje - 2020

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).

### 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)

### 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