

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES This week:

Bangor:

Vigil 6.30pm;

Sun 10.30am & 12.30pm

Donaghadee:

Sun 9.30am.

Ballyholme:

Sun 11am.

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## Weekday Mass Times:

### Bangor:

Monday - Friday 9.30am.

### Ballyholme:

Mon & Fri 9am.

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Confessions:

Bangor: Sat 5.30 pm.

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Grateful thanks to a parishioner for the recent donation of £300 to the Refurbishment Fund.

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Weekend Mass in the Pastoral Communities Holywood:

Vigil 6.30pm;

Sun 10am & 12noon.

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### Newtownards:

Vigil 6.30pm;

Sun 11.30am.

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Comber:

Sun 10.00am.

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Baptisms: 1st and 3rd
Sunday of the Month at 2pm.

Register online at
www.bangorparish.com
under

Sacramental Preparation.
2 month's notice required.

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### Children's Liturgy:

Every Sunday at the  
10.30am Mass for children  
from P1-P7. Parents are to  
leave their children directly  
to the Parish Centre. Consent  
forms must be signed.

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Perpetual Adoration

St Comgall's Church, Bangor
Monday 10.30am to 9.30pm

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

3rd Sunday of Lent - 24 March 2019

Parish Envelopes 2019-2020.

The new parish envelopes are now available for collection in the following locations.
St Comgall's Parish Centre - Brunswick Rd (Sunday)
Most Holy Redeemer Church - Ballyholme
St Comgall's Church - Donaghadee
If any parishioner does not have envelopes and would like some please contact the parish office.
There is availability to donate to Gift Aid all contributions. If you would like more information on any of these items please contact the Parish Office during office hours.
Mon-Fri 9.30am-1.30pm.

LIVING YOUTH - Local Summer Pilgrimages 2019

Summer Madness - join with over 2,000 other young people, from all religious backgrounds, across the island of Ireland to celebrate, connect and explore your faith. This 5-day camping experience at Glenarm Castle is on from 28th June - 2nd July 2019, Cost: £120, Age: 15 - 18.

Ceili Night in Pickie Bowling Club

Saturday 13th April at 8pm

Charity Fundraiser, The Forget Me Knot Cycling Team
In aid of Alzheimers Society.

Tickets £8. Available from Charlotte 07736 772 003

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Full Board in hotel: 7 nights (9-16 July) £725 or 5 nights (10-15 July) £650. Full board for sick or infirm pilgrims with medical and nursing care in Accueil Notre-Dame: 5 nights (10-15 July) £550. Youth team (7-16 July) £590. All flights from Belfast Int'l Airport. Application forms available from the Parish Office.

Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospels Luke 13: 1-9

1. Jesus rejects the idea that personal misfortune is God's punishment for sin. Yet a serious illness or accident can serve as a wake-up call for how we live our lives. How have such experiences given you a greater appreciation of the value of your life and relationships, and of the time and opportunities at your disposal?
2. 'I'll wait till tomorrow to do that.' Have you ever said that and then found the chance is gone the next day? In the story we are called to recognise God at work in our lives and respond to Him. *Now* is the opportune moment. When have you been glad you did not put off action to the following day?
3. Perhaps there have been times when you saw yourself like the tree in the parable - useless, merely a waste of space, unable to achieve what you wanted. Think of friends who came to you at such a time, people who saw your potential and were prepared to give you another chance, people who also dug the soil around you and gave you the help you needed to grow. Perhaps in your turn you have been able to do this for others.

John Byrne OSA, E: jbbyrneosa@gmail.com




Your prayers are requested for:

Recently Deceased: Bernard Brady, John Conlan (Portaferry).

Month's Mind: Mary Hamilton

Anniversaries: Martina Smyth, Edith Hewitt, Mary McCart, Jimmy Starkey, Mollie Coyle, Kathleen McLaughlin, Austin Hinds, Martina Smyth, John McCausland, Marie Jenkins, Mary Leonard, Bernadette Leonard, Anna McVeigh, Nellie McCuskey, Teresa Donaghy, Anthony Donaghy, Mary MC Caughey, Barney MC Caughey, Ann Breslin, Jimmy Breslin, Leticia & Jose Peñas.

The Irish Language Collection amounted to **£585.00**. Go raibh maith agaibh. Go Leir. 

Trocaire and Traidcraft will be having a sale this weekend **23/24 March**. Tea and coffee will be available after all Masses on Sunday.

Support for the Bereaved

If you need to talk to someone about your bereavement, a member of the Bethany Bereavement Support Group can be contacted on the Confidential mobile number: 075 1085 2157

For inclusion in the Bulletin Notices, notices need to be in to the Parish Office before 1pm on Wednesdays

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

TROCAIRE BOXES AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

TUESDAY 26TH MARCH

Defend the Defenders – Trocaire screening.

Free screening of a short documentary by Trócaire examining the impact of serious human rights violations by some private companies on communities in Guatemala. A short discussion will follow. The Sunflower Bar, Union St, Belfast at 7pm.

WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH

Anam Cara Armagh, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on at 7:20pm in the Armagh City Hotel, Armagh, BT60 4FR. 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.

WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH

Tobar Mhuire, Crossgar - at 7pm "Finding Hope Through Dark Days - Personal Reflections on the Loughinisland Massacre" Is it possible to find hope in the midst of mindless violence? In this evening of conversation, Emma Rogan and other family members, will share the experience of this awful event and it's aftermath. Led by: Brian McKee.

SATURDAY 30TH MARCH

Cappella Caeciliania is delighted to return to the historic (1844) St Malachy's Church in Belfast. We will present a spring musical evening, featuring the premiere of *More than Gold* by Belfast composer Aneslm McDonnell. Full programme details are available [here](#). Tickets cost £12, with students and under 25s being admitted free of charge (no ticket required). Proceeds are in aid of the St Malachy's Church Restoration Fund. Tickets can be purchased [online](#), and from Matchetts 50 Wellington Place, Belfast.

SATURDAY 30TH MARCH

The Iona Institute NI welcomes you to our upcoming conference, "The Future of Conscience in an Age of Intolerance" 10 am - 1.30pm (Registration opens 9.30am) Wellington Park Hotel, Malone Road, Belfast BT 9 6RU £10 Adults £5 student (includes tea/coffee/scones). Speakers include Nuala O'Loan (DBE), Dr Helen Watt (Anscombe Bioethics Centre Oxford) Benedict Ó'Floinn SC, and David Smyth (Evangelical Alliance). To book or to request further information, please email ionainstitute@gmail.com or call 02892646861

LENTEN PIONEER PLEDGE

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during Lent. Please consider taking the short term Lenten Pledge and make a difference to someone's life. Daily prayer.

PRAYER: I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink during Lent.

SATURDAY 30TH MARCH

SLOW DOWN FOR LENT - Clonard 11am - 3.30pm.

Quiet prayer, gently guided reflection, led by Breige O'Hare. Space and time for you and God, to think, to pray, to rest. Popular day - booking essential. To book, ring Clonard: 02890445950. Suggested donation £5. Bring a packed lunch.

WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL

Tobar Mhuire, Crossgar at 7pm "Creating a Future of Hope - A Spirituality of Penance for a World in Need of Hope." The Passion of Christ is enfleshed in the lived experience of people and of communities dealing with suffering and trauma. It is an act of solidarity by the God who threw his lot in with the poor. Penance, rather than an individual act of sacrifice or denial, is a response by the Christian Community to the invitation from the Cross to bring hope and meaning to lives wounded and hearts broken. Led by: Brian McKee

FRIDAY 5TH APRIL

St. Patrick's in N'Ards is hosting 'Friday night is Music Night' in the Parish Centre at **8pm**. Tickets are £15 including a light supper and the proceeds will go towards the restoration of the interior of the Church.

FRIDAY 5TH TO SUNDAY 7TH APRIL

SHALOM RETREAT – in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne. Be a part of this exciting weekend where you will rekindle your identity in Christ! Prayer, praise, reconciliation, Mass and encouragement for the journey ahead. A retreat that will shine the light of Christ into your heart and lead you to forgiveness, freedom and healing. Book now £150 per person. Full board with coffee/tea breaks. Contact Roshni George T:07737 430 680 or Jacinta T:07756 225 114. Register at Fri 10am-Sun 4pm. www.shalommedia.org/retreat

THURSDAY 6TH APRIL

The MIC Thurles Student Experience Day will take place in MIC St Patrick's Campus, Thurles. If you're interested in a career in education then this is the event for you. Register your interest for the day and find out more at www.micopenday.ie

SATURDAY 6TH APRIL

Ards cce dinner dance, Marine Court Hotel 7.30pm champagne reception, live traditional music and disco dancing. Adult tickets £22.50/ kids £7.50 available from 07590 753422. More info Ards cce Facebook.

SATURDAY 6TH APRIL

A Spring Day in Dalgan THE STORY OF FARMING IN IRELAND with Dr John Feehan 9.30am – 3.30pm: (Registration 9.15am) **Venue;** Columban Ecological Institute St Columban's, Dalgan, Navan, Co Meath. If you wish to attend please book with Elizabeth Mc Ardle, devofficemail@gmail.com Cost €30 and includes full lunch and morning tea/coffee. Students €10.

QUB Catholic Chaplaincy – Come and Receive! starting Tuesday 12th March at 7pm, at the Bangor Room, 1st floor. For more information contact: 07727129929.