

# Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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## SUNDAY MASS TIMES This weekend:

### **Bangor:** (BRUNSWICK RD)

Vigil 6.30pm;  
Sun 11.00am

### **Donaghadee:**

Sun 9.30am.

### **Ballyholme:**

Sun 12.30pm.

## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

**BANGOR PARISH,  
BRUNSWICK ROAD  
WEEK DAYS AT 9.30AM**

## 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: **ST COMGALL'S  
CHURCH**, BRUNSWICK RD.

## St Comgall's Church MARIAN PRAYER GROUP

Every Thursday evening.  
Rosary of the Unborn,  
Reflections, Petitions,  
Thanksgivings. 6.30pm –  
7.30pm. All Welcome.

**Extra notices on  
the website page!  
3 page Bulletin.** All  
notices and anvs.  
notices need to be  
received by  
Wednesday at 1pm  
to be included.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26 January 2020

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2020

26<sup>th</sup> January to 2<sup>nd</sup> February

The Theme of this year's Catholic Schools Week is '**Catholic Schools: Living in Harmony with God's creation.**' The theme encourages us to see that we all have a responsibility to care for the earth, not just for our own future, but for the future of every one of God's creatures.

**DAILY THEMES: Day One** – Living in Harmony with God.

**Day Two** – Living in Harmony with our Neighbours.

**Day Three** – Living in Harmony with All Generations.

**Day Four** – Living in Harmony with the Earth.

**Day Five** – Living in Harmony in our Catholic School.

The parish will be celebrating *All Generations* by inviting all grandparents to a **Grandparents Day Mass at 10am** in Saint Comgall's Church, Brunswick Road on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January** and after in the Parish Centre for refreshments and delights!

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**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK** CONCLUDES WITH A **SPECIAL SCHOOL LED MASS** AT 11AM ON **SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY.**

ALL PARISHIONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE WELCOME!



### Your prayers are requested for:

#### Recently Deceased:

Tom Boyle (Downpatrick)

#### Anniversaries:

Noreen Gunn, PC Joy, James Dunwoody, Nell Coey, Paul Fox, Mick Seeley, Paula O'Driscoll, Hannah Flannery, Ann Fox, Gerry McCready, Comgall Storey, Patrick Hinds, John McAloon, Ellen Reilly, Luke McCann, Anne McGlinchey, Rosaleen Lennon.

### Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel of Saint Matthew 4:12-23

1. 'The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light' ... Jesus applies this to himself and his message. Who have been the Jesus people who have been a source of light to you? Have you been such a light for others?
2. His message was a call to repentance, to a change of attitude toward God, from seeing God as one to be feared, to seeing God as a God of love. When have you heard that call in your life? What was it like for you?
3. Jesus invited disciples to join him in his mission. In responding, the disciples 'left their nets' to follow Jesus. Sometimes we have to disentangle ourselves from other things to give ourselves freely and wholeheartedly to a commitment. Have you experienced being 'enmeshed' and being free? Where did you find life?
4. In v.23 we have a summary of the ministry of Jesus – 'proclaiming the good news of the kingdom' and witnessing to this by teaching and healing. Who have been the people you have known who have witnessed to the 'kingdom', the reign of God in our world? What have been the signs that accompanied their witness? When have you done this yourself?

John Byrne OSA, E: [jbpb Byrneosa@gmail.com](mailto:jbpb Byrneosa@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**

### WELCOME ROTA DURING FEBRUARY

**6.30pm** Mass  
Dorren Corran &  
Patricia Connery  
**11.00am** Mass  
Derek Le  
Mahieu & Elaine  
Le Mahieu

### SUNDAY CAFÉ in the PARISH CENTRE

continues every  
Sunday after 11am  
Mass. Fresh filtered  
coffee / tea and  
something sweet!  
All welcome.  
Let's build community  
by participating!

### SAVE THE DATE!! SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH!!

Bangor Parish will be hosting a Saint Patrick's Day Event in the Parish Centre.  
Eight to Late! Music (Cap on the Wall), Ceili, Irish Disco and much more.  
Full licensed bar with hot finger buffet. Strictly over 18's.

# PARISH CENTRE

**Baptism Course** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month Venue: St Columbanus & St Cecelia Rooms  
Pre-Sacramental Parents & 7.00pm until 7.45pm [Through the green fence 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Parish Centre]  
God-parents Evening.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES

All classes held after 11am Mass in the Parish Centre.

- Holy Communion Date - **16<sup>th</sup> May 2020** at 10am & 1pm.
- Holy Communion and First Penance Classes - Venue: St Dymphna's Room.
- Service of Light Date – **23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020** at 1pm
- Confirmation Date – **20<sup>th</sup> May 2020** at 5pm.
- Confirmation Class - Venue: St Columbanus Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Parish Centre.

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

**Ards CCE Trad Music Classes** every Saturday in St Columbanus' College for all trad instruments and all levels. More info contact Niall Mc Clean 07960072218.

*St Vincent de Paul needs the donations of the following items in good, clean condition: 2 seater sofas, [with current fire labels]; small wardrobes and chest drawers; kitchen tables; double divan bed bases [no mattresses]. Please contact the help line: 077 0367 9384*

### SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY - EWTN

A special Knock Mass will be celebrated by Pope Francis, and will take place in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome this Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at **9am** (Irish time) and **10am** (Rome time). It will be broadcast "live" on the EWTN channel on **SKY 588** or **Virgin Media 815**, and people can also watch it "live" on [www.ewtn.ie](http://www.ewtn.ie) Note:

It will also be "live-streamed" on the EWTN Ireland Facebook page for those who might like to watch through an iPad, iPhone or smart device.

### TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

You are invited to participate in a Day of Reflection from 10:00 to 15:00 with the Alzheimer's Society South Eastern Service Team. To register your interest contact by email: [invite@eventbrite.com](mailto:invite@eventbrite.com) La Mon Hotel and Country Club, 41 Gransha Road, Comber BT23 5RF.

### SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY

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.

### THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

St. Brigid's Day Lecture 2020 given by Baroness Nuala O'Loan, "CHRISTIAN AND CITIZEN?" in St. Brigid's Parish Centre, 38 Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast, on at **7.30pm**. Everyone welcome.

The **PASTORAL COMMUNITY** have organised a training morning for the volunteers of the Children's Liturgy Team.

New members welcome. Venue: Hollywood Parish.

**SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH** from **10am to 1pm**.

Please contact the parish office to leave your details.

### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Most Holy Redeemer Church, Ballyholme committee members, are having a fundraising **COFFEE MORNING** on **SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY** in the Walter Nelson Hall, Groomsport from 10.30am to 12noon. Admission £3. The funds raised will go towards the people of Zimbabwe who have prepared this year's theme: 'Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk'. They will be hosting later this year the yearly Women's World Day of Prayer on **6<sup>th</sup> March at 11am** in Most Holy Redeemer Church, Ballyholme. All welcome.

**Beginning Experience** - Are you suffering the pain of loss of a partner? Looking for help and understanding? Beginning Experience (a support group for widowed, separated and divorced people) meets **every Wednesday** evening from 8pm to 10pm, in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Malone Rd., Belfast. All welcome. For details please contact Phil Tel: 028 90 207645 or Marie Tel: 07896119669.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

**More volunteers are needed urgently to staff a rota for the C.L.G. Please leave contact details in the parish office. The group is being reordered so as to provide a better service for P3 to P6 children when it resumes. A letter for interested families is available at the rear of the Church. It explains current developments and further plans.**

### WELCOME ROTA DURING JANUARY 2020

**6. 30pm** Mass - Gerry Fox and Maura Fox

**11.00am** Mass - Una Graham and Anne Rea

### TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Foster Carers and Foster Families - You are warmly invited to join us as we launch HSC Northern Ireland Foster Care on Tuesday 25 February **9.30am-11.30am** at Girdwood Community HUB, BT14 6EG. Throughout Northern Ireland there has been an increase in the number of children coming into the care system and there is an increased demand for foster carers and foster families. This event will give an insight into different types of fostering and will provide accurate information about who can foster. Foster carers and fostering colleagues will be on hand to answer any questions. We will hear first-hand from Foster Carer of the Year 2019 and we will hear from a young person who has experienced foster care. We would be delighted if you could join us. Kindly RSVP by Friday 31st January to [karen.carson@belfasttrust.hscni.net](mailto:karen.carson@belfasttrust.hscni.net) or phone 028 9504 0302 for catering purposes.

**WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

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.

**FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY - SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

This Inter-Denominational Arts Festival, (Belfast) aimed at promoting reconciliation runs from January 31 to February 9. You are invited to attend. The theme this year is "Building a City of Grace" and the intention is to promote through music, drama and prayer discussion about the need we share for the gift of grace in our divided society. The events are free and further details can be found at the website [www.4cornersfestival.com](http://www.4cornersfestival.com)

**FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY – SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY**

A MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND offers married couples of all ages in a good relationship, private time to rekindle the joy of their love. The next (residential) Weekend (Fri 8pm to Sun 4:30pm) will be held in Dromantine, Newry. For information and to book, visit our new website [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) or phone 0770 281 2321 Tom and Madeline McCully with Fr. Seán Coyle (National Leadership team, Catholic Marriage Encounter, Ireland) [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) Website: [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com)

**WEDNESDAYS: 5<sup>TH</sup>, 12<sup>TH</sup>, 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

Alzheimer's Society – A series of free talks and information sessions for anyone who cares for someone with dementia, has a family member or friend with dementia or anyone who has questions about dementia. Come along to: Manor Court Community Centre, Mill St, Newtownards at 6.30-8.30pm. 5<sup>th</sup> – Benefits, Which Ones & How to access them – Maura O'Neill. 12<sup>th</sup> – Dementia, Legal & Financial Planning – David Wilson, Johnsons Solicitor. 19<sup>th</sup> – Carers, Your Mental Health and Well-being – Tom McEneaney, Aware. More info contact 028 9181 0083 or [northdownandards@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:northdownandards@alzheimers.org.uk)

**FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**RETRouvaille** – A Lifeline for Married Couples: Do you want to improve the communication with your spouse? Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. Next programme starts 7th – 9th February 2020. For information contact Tony & Anne (01) 495 3536, Mike & Anne (01) 450 0922, text or call 086 413 5440, or email [info@retrouvaille.ie](mailto:info@retrouvaille.ie) or visit [www.retrouvaille.ie](http://www.retrouvaille.ie).

**SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> - SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH**

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

**PILGRIMAGES**

**EASTER PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA**

**8<sup>TH</sup> – 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL.**

All Easter Ceremonies in Fatima Mass in Santarem where the bleeding host took place and Prayers, and Hungarian Stations of the Cross in Fatima. Contact James Treacy 00353 (0)86-0572216

**MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES**

APRIL - OCT 2020: 7 Night Stay and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €266 per person sharing. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or email [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com). MEDJUGORJE: 00387 36 651 518 IRELAND: 00353 1 443 4510 N. IRELAND: 0044 28 8224 1888 Email: [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com)

**TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY - SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Ni Cancer Pilgrimage to Lourdes - The price of £695 (with price reduction for Cancer Patients) will include: Return flights from Belfast International Airport, operated by JWT License T.O. 052. Full board and accommodation at the Hotel Agena in Lourdes for five nights based on twin/double/treble rooms. Travel insurance cover for persons up to 85 years on date of return. The party will consist of patients, ex-patients, relatives and friends accompanied by medical, nursing and other staff. To enquire or to obtain a booking form please speak to a member of the committee on Tel: 07933938981; Email: [mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk](mailto:mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk) or contact: Mrs Jean Clarke, N. I. Cancer Pilgrimage, c/o Drumbo & Cartyduff Parish, 546 Saintfield Road, Carryduff, Belfast, BT8 8DL. Chairman:- Dr Gerard Walls, accompanied by Dr Seamus McAleer & Spiritual Director.

**YOUTH FESTIVAL AT MEDJUGORJE - 2020**

**29<sup>th</sup> July – 7<sup>th</sup> August**

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)