

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.

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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: ST COMGALL'S CHURCH, BRUNSWICK ROAD

Thursday 26th Dec –
St Stephen's Day at 9.30am
Friday 27th Dec at 9.30am

Confessions:

Bangor: Sat 5.30 pm and
after all Masses.

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Weekend Mass in the Pastoral Communities

Holywood: Vigil 6.30pm;
Sun 10am & 12noon.
Newtownards:
Vigil 6.30pm; Sun 11.30am.
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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PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Every Monday
10.00am to 9.30pm**

Venue: **St Comgall's
Church**, Brunswick Rd.

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The MARIAN PRAYER GROUP

will be moving back
to St Comgall's Church on
Brunswick Road. Starting
back on 2nd January. Rosary
of the Unborn, Reflections,
Petitions, Thanksgivings.
6.30pm – 7.30pm.
All Welcome.

**Extra notices on
the website
page!
3 page Bulletin.**

4th SUNDAY in ADVENT – 22nd December 2019

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

24th Dec - Christmas Eve 6pm & 8pm – Brunswick Rd
25th Dec - Christmas Day 9.30am & 11am – Brunswick Rd
25th Dec - Christmas Day 11am - Most Holy Redeemer
25th Dec - Christmas Day 9.30am - Donaghadee



Your prayers are requested for:

Recently Deceased:

Hugh Cameron, Philomena (Phylis) Harvey

Month's Mind: Robert Coulter

Anniversaries:

John McPadden, May Devlin, Joe Devlin, Annie Coan,
James McGarry, Michael Foley, Margaret Johnston,
Margaret Beggs, Billy Gardner, Maude McKillop, Archie
McKillop, Michael Thompson, Patrick Reilly, Michael Reilly,
Colm Burke, Mamie Smyth, Demond Gillespie, Frank
Reynolds, Ruby O'Prey, Nora Rea, Brian Duffin, George
Duffin, James McGreevy, Martha McGreevy, Jean Duffin,
Margo Duffin, Jean Flynn, Dave Tandy, Ernest Nannery,
Austin Gunning, Martha Woodhouse, Jack Woodhouse,
Gladys McFarland, Patrick McAvooy, Mary Devlin, Ena Bowler,
Rose Ringrow, Kingsley Ringrow.



Merry Christmas

FESTIVE FUN!! on

SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER join us after
11am Mass in the Parish Centre for an extra
special Christmas Coffee Morning with music &
festive treats. All welcome.

See website for more details.

As the refurbished St Comgall's Church on Brunswick Road opens this weekend many people deserve sincere gratitude for their contribution to the work. Firstly the Sacristan and personnel of Most Holy Redeemer Ballyholme who adapted so willingly to the increased use of the Church and all the extra work involved. The caretaker Mr Pat McAllister who set up the hall in the Parish Centre every week and who designed the temporary podium for the altar, all the while working along with the contractors giving invaluable advice, is owed special thanks.

The St Comgall's sacristan and her helpers who cleared out the Church before the work and who carried all the items back this week rendered invaluable service as they also did in ensuring the smooth preparation of Masses in the Parish Centre.

The contractor Peter McErlain and the architect Kieran McCambridge deserve the highest praise both for their professional proficiency and for their respect for the Church and the many visitors it received during the project.

Finally to you the parishioners, sincere thanks for your patience and your financial support without which nothing of what you see would have been possible.

The Church of St Comgall is only a building. It lives only if the parishioners come to worship and pray in it. Thank you all. Vivat Parochia Sancti Comgalli. J Gunn PP

**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 DECEMBER

6.30pm Mass -
Anne Mc Cabe and
Maxine Galway
11.00am Mass -
Joe Drew and
Pauline Andrews

**St Comgall's Church
Refurbishment Fund.**

**Many thanks to the
parishioners who
donated £1,800
this week.**

We are very grateful for
all the generosity that
has been shown by so
many parishioners
towards the fund.

WELCOME ROTA DURING JANUARY 2020

6.30pm Mass
Gerry Fox and
Maura Fox
11.00am Mass
Una Graham
and Anne Rea



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

NI CANCER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES.

Tues. 19th May to Sunday 24th May 2020

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 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.

St Mary's University College, Belfast

St Mary's is at present accepting applications for courses beginning in September 2020. On offer are places on undergraduate courses for the BEd (Hons) Primary teaching degree, the BEd (Hons) Post-Primary teaching degree, and the BA (Hons) Liberal Arts. The closing date for applications for these undergraduate courses is Monday, 13 January 2020. Also on offer are places on a postgraduate course for the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (Irish-medium Education) Primary. The **closing date** for this postgraduate course is **Friday 28 February 2020**. For further details contact the College on +44(0) 28 90268320 or visit the College website at www.smucb.ac.uk.

Application Deadline: 9th January 2020



Every day in Northern Ireland, 4 children experience the death of a parent. YOU can make a difference in the lives of bereaved children across

NI by volunteering with Cruse Bereavement Care. APPLY NOW for the 2020 NI Bereavement Support Foundation (BSF) Course + Children's & Young People's (CYP) Elective. Must have at least 100 hours experience working with CYP, and be available for training weekends on: *8 – 9th February *29th February , *28-29 March *25-26 April, *16th May. An application pack, contact: maria.mcentee@cruse.org.uk For more insights, see www.hopeagain.org.uk

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes are currently seeking volunteer registered nurses to work on the 2020 Pilgrimage (8-13 July). For more information or to register your interest, please email Lourdes@downandconnor.org

HEALTHCARE VISITOR TRAINING. Are you a lay person who might be interested in healthcare visitation either within your local parish context or within a chaplaincy context? Are you a lay person who visits healthcare facilities as part of your church responsibilities? Do you sometimes feel unsure what to do, what to say or how to react to the different pastoral situations you meet or could meet in a healthcare setting? Please consider attending training for healthcare visitors: Venue: Edgehill House, 9 Lennoxvale, Belfast BT9 5BY; Dates: Thursday 23rd to Thursday 19th March 2020, 7-9pm. Fee: £75. T:028 9066 5870, Edgehill Theological College.

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: **29th July – 7th August 2020**, for those aged 17 – 25 Cost £799. For an Application Form and more information go to www.livingyouthni.org or contact us on 02890 232 432 or info@livingyouthni.org.