

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.

PENITENTIAL SERVICES

APRIL – all at 7.30pm

except **6.30pm

N'ards – Thursday 11th

Bangor – Monday 15th

**Ballygallet – Tues 16th

Portaferry – Tues 16th

Ballycran – Wed 17th

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.

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.

### 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

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent - 31 March 2019

### MINISTRY OF SERVICE

The Pastoral Community Forum warmly invites all Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of the Word to journey into the Ministry of Service providing instructions, guidance and support on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April** from **10am until 3pm** in St Patrick's Parish Hall, Ballygalget. If you wish to attend please contact the Parish Office by email: [info@portaferryparish.com](mailto:info@portaferryparish.com) or by T:4272-8373 no later than **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**. Tea/coffee on arrival.

Soup/ sandwiches available for lunch.

New members most welcome.

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

### TROCAIRE EASTER BALLOT

Will take place on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April** in **Holy Redeemer Church, Ballyholme.**

### Prayer Petitions Boxes

The Parish of Bangor has number of prayer groups who are constantly praying for the needs of the parish. If you have a particular intention that you would like the groups to pray for, please use one of the prayer intention slips to write your intention and post it into the prayer box.

The intentions will be brought to the altar and your prayer petitions will be prayed for by our prayer groups.

Please keep your prayer intentions anonymous and do not put any money into the box. Saints of Bangor, Pray for us.

### Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospels Luke 15:1-3, 11-32.

1. Like many a parable, this story makes its point in what seems to be an unfair way: the spendthrift son is rewarded and the elder son is hurt and angry. Jesus is telling us that both sons failed to recognise the free gift of love offered by their father. Love is a free gift, not something we earn by our goodness. When have you experienced this truth in the love you have received from others? When has the experience of human love prompted you to reflect on God's love for you?
2. After some time, the younger son 'came to himself' and returned home. Where and when have you experienced a homecoming after a time of exile and alienation? What helped you to come to yourself and make that journey home?
3. The older son resented the welcome given to the younger son after his wandering and dissolute life. This contrasts with the welcome the father gave the younger son. Perhaps you have experienced these differing attitudes in yourself when people you knew 'came to themselves'. How did you move beyond those initial feelings?

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

### Happy Mother's Day

Where would we be without you? May God reward all mothers living and deceased.

### Trocaire & Traidcraft, St Comgall's Parish Centre.

Once again your support at the weekend has been phenomenal.

The attendance and donations raised **£770** for the Cyclone appeal. Thank you to everyone.

### WELCOME ROTA DURING APRIL

**6.30pm** Mass .....

Maura Fox &  
Dympna Lillie

**10.30am** Mass .....

Pauline Andrews &  
Joe Drew

**12.30pm** Mass .....

Louise Davidson &  
Anne Rea



### Your prayers are requested for:

**Recently Deceased:** Philip Gardner (Canada)

**Month's Mind:** John Robinson

### Anniversaries:

Alona McAuley, Cathy McStravick, Margaret Hall, Eugene Hughes,  
Alice Donaghy, Patrick Delargy, Claire Procter, Noel Oliver, Gerry Beck,  
Molly Murphy, William Lumley James, Rita Reilly.

**TROCAIRE BOXES AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.**

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES**

**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.

**BI-ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA** Led by The Most Reverend Bishop Noel Treanor DD **15-22 August 2019**. 7 Nights Full Board Hotel Avenida, £715 Includes: Taxes and Insurance. Pilgrimage Directors Fr G McCloskey and Fr S Gilmore For Further Details Contact Joe Catney – 028 9071 4001 or 077 7642 5631

**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.

**Camino Through the Mournes** – join with other young adults to spend time together in a faith environment, all through the medium of outdoor activities such as hikes, walks and outdoor adventures. Stay in Newcastle Co Down from 6<sup>th</sup>–9<sup>th</sup> August 2019, Cost:£125, Age:18 –25.

**WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> 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 5<sup>TH</sup> 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.

**SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

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 Sacrament of Reconciliation from 9.00am; Rosary 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> 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](http://www.micopenday.ie)

**SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> 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 6<sup>TH</sup> & 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**NORTHERN IRELAND HOSPICE ANNUAL WALK**. Step up for the Hospice Walk 2019 Join us on both or either Saturdays for our Annual Hospice Walk. For more information and to register [www.nihospice.org](http://www.nihospice.org) T: 9077-7123

**SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

The Elmwood Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Fr Gerard Magee (Chaplain, Queen's University Belfast), will give a concert in the Great Hall in the Lanyon Building at Queen's University **at 3pm**. Music by Arensky, Wagner and Mozart. Tickets at the door: Adult £10; Student £5.

**SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**Ceili Night in Pickie Bowling Club** at 8pm. Charity Fundraiser, The Forget Me Knot Cycling Team In aid of Alzheimers Society. Tickets £8. Available from Charlotte 07736 772 003

**HOLY THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> - SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

The Benedictine Monks, Rostrevor Co. Down, invite men (18-40) to an Easter Triduum Retreat Take time to reflect. Examine your life and consider your call. If interested, please contact:Fr Thierry: [benedictinemonks@btinternet.com](mailto:benedictinemonks@btinternet.com) / +44 (0)28 4173 9979 Facebook: Benedictine Monks Rostrevor / Twitter: @rostrevormonks

**Bangor Abbey Parish**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday alternative months. Hearing Aid User Support Service is a free service funded through the Health & Social Care Board – Dates: 11<sup>th</sup> April, 13<sup>th</sup> June, 8<sup>th</sup> August, 10<sup>th</sup> October, 12<sup>th</sup> December. Address: St Malachy's Way, Bangor, BT20 4JF. More details contact Hazel Wilson T:07342-994453 or E: [hazel.wilson@hearingloss.org.uk](mailto:hazel.wilson@hearingloss.org.uk)

**31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER FOR HALLOWEEN 8 NIGHTS**

**Special Belfast Christmas Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Also Special Belfast Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** Taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem Mount Tabor, Cana, Nazareth, Jericho, River Jordan, Dead Sea and Sea of Galilee. **Also Special Belfast Fatima / Lisbon Pilgrimage for Feast Day of Saint Anthony** 9<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> June Full Day trip to Lisbon Prayers, Mass and Hungarian Stations of the Cross in Fatima. Contact James Treacy 00353860572216 **Prices for:** Fatima is €675, Holy Land October €1685, Holy Land Christmas €1795

**Parish Envelopes 2019-2020.**

The new parish envelopes are now available for collection in the following locations.  
St Comgall's Parish Centre – Brunswick Rd  
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. Please contact the Parish Office during office hours.