

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.

## Confessions:

**Bangor:** Sat 5.30 pm.

## PENITENTIAL SERVICES

**APRIL – all at 7.30pm**  
except \*\*6.30pm

N'ards – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>

**Bangor – Monday 15<sup>th</sup>**

\*\*Ballygalget – Tues 16<sup>th</sup>

Portaferry – Tues 16<sup>th</sup>

Ballycran – Wed 17<sup>th</sup>

## 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.

## Children's Liturgy:

Will be taking a break on

7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

We are at present recruiting

new volunteers if you feel

you can help out on a Rota

Basis please contact the

parish office.

## Perpetual Adoration

St Comgall's Church, Bangor

Monday 10.30am to 9.30pm

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



## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent - 7 April 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.

**Meeting of Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.** (Only those visiting the sick) will be held in the Parochial House, 27 Brunswick Rd on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.**

**St Vincent De Paul Clare Lodge Holiday Home** in Newcastle Co Down are taking bookings for day trips lunches, tea, coffee and biscuits; overnight or weekly stay overs; conference meetings, etc. Everyone welcome. SVDP does not discriminate against Colour or Creed. Open all year round. Any information required contact Regina or Tom on Telephone 028437 22849 or email [clare.lodge@svpni.co.uk](mailto:clare.lodge@svpni.co.uk) Looking forward to meeting with you.

### Stations of the Cross, St Comgall's Church

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April @6.30pm**

St Comgall's Church, Brunswick Road. 6.30pm – 7.30pm

This service will be led by some of the John Paul II Award young people. Please lend your support and come to this prayerful reflection on the Passion of Christ.

All families and all ages welcome.

### Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel John 8:1-11.

1. Compassion for human frailty combined with a gentle challenge to a better life marked the response of Jesus. From whom have you experienced a compassionate challenge? What was that like for you? To whom have you given such a challenge?
2. The Pharisees and scribes self-righteously condemned the woman until Jesus brought them in touch with their own sinfulness. This was a conversion moment for them and they turned away from their quest for the death of the woman. Have there been times when your awareness of your own fragility and sinfulness has helped you to be less judgemental of others?
3. 'What do you say?' can be an embarrassing question. Jesus had the courage to voice an opinion, even though it was against the party line of the day. When you have seen that courage shown, by yourself, or by another? What was the result?

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



### Your prayers are requested for:

**Recently Deceased:** Patrick Keane, Brian McCaughan

**Month's Mind:** Brendan O'Reilly

### Anniversaries:

Joan Jennings, Brigid Doherty, Frank O'Neill, Patrick Linehan, Teresa Linehan, Patrick McGeough, Bertie Johnston, Anne Skehin, Patsy Curry, Annabella Moore.

**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 and Traidcraft** will be holding a sale on the 13/14 April after all the weekend Masses. Tea and coffee will be available in the Parish Centre.

**Sunday 7th April** Holy Hour and Exposition in St. Comgall's Church Donaghadee on at 2.45pm sharp. Everyone welcome.

### 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



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

**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.

**BE LIKE SAINT FRANCISCO!** On **Thursday, 4 April** it was the 100th anniversary of St. Francisco Marto, one of the three little shepherds of Fatima to whom Our Lady of The Rosary appeared with God's peace plan for the world. *Let us encourage children* to be like St. Francisco and keep "The Hidden Jesus" company in the tabernacle. Adults are encouraged to bring children to the chapel and pray to Jesus in front of the tabernacle for peace in our hearts, our families, our country and the whole world and for the intentions of the Holy Father, Pope Francis. Families are encouraged to pray the Rosary to Our Lady for peace in all families and for peace in the world and for every child, born and unborn. St. Francisco pray for us.

### 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.

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

All weekend Anniversary Mass intentions for St Comgall's Church, Brunswick Rd, and the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Ballyholme need to be booked through the parish office during office hours.

**TROCAIRE EASTER BALLOT**  
Will take place on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April** in **Most Holy Redeemer Church, Ballyholme**, in aid of Mozambique.

### THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

**Pro-Life Information Meeting:** Precious Life will be hosting an information evening regarding the upcoming elections with advice on candidates and their stance on abortion. This will take place @7pm Queen's University Students' Union, Belfast, Clubroom 4. All welcome. For more information contact **Precious Life on 02890278484** or email [info@preciouslife.com](mailto:info@preciouslife.com)

### 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 Alzheimer's Society. Tickets £8 incs light supper & bar available. Charlotte & Frances Denny 07736 772 003.

### SATURDAY 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

### THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

ARDS PENINSULA U3A is to hold its launch meeting at 2pm in the Donaghadee Community Centre. All retirees and semi-retirees are invited to come along and join in the fun, friendship and learning.

### 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

### 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.

### Parish Envelopes 2019-2020.

The new parish envelopes are now available for collection in the following locations.

St Comgall's Parish Office – 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.