

# Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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## SUNDAY MASS TIMES This weekend:

### Bangor:

Vigil 6.30pm;

Sun 10.30am & 12.30pm

### Donaghadee:

Sun 9.30am.

### Ballyholme:

Sun 11am.

## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

**Bangor** this coming week:

### NO MASS

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> &  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

as Fr Gunn will be attending the Diocesan Conference & Fr Whyte is unavailable.

**Mass as usual on  
Wednesday to Friday**  
@ 9.30am.

### Ballyholme:

**NO DAILY MASS** on  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup>, Friday 24<sup>th</sup>  
or Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

## Confessions:

**Bangor:** Sat 5.30 pm.

**TROCAIRE COLLECTION  
TOTAL TO DATE  
£10,354.79**

Thank you for your  
continued generosity.

## 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

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

# Fifth Sunday of Easter - 19 May 2019

## SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE *(date misprint last week)*

ST COMGALL'S CAFÉ DONAGHADEE is hosting a  
COFFEE MORNING in Aid of the Children's Hospice.

**From 10am – 2pm** in the 'SLICE OF HEAVEN'

**Donaghadee.** Lots of fun for all the family. There will be Street Music to add to the ambiance and for the children - Face-painting and Hair-braiding. Lady Sylvia Herman will be popping in for a cuppa too! so please put this charity event in your diary and come along and enjoy the great craic!

## REFURBISHMENT OF ST COMGALL'S CHURCH

Brunswick Road, Bangor

**The Church will be closed for 20 weeks.  
As yet we have no starting date for the work.**

The Mass times during the refurbishment period  
will be as follows:

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm – Bangor (Parish Centre)

Sunday 9.30am – Donaghadee

Sunday 11.00am – Bangor (Parish Centre)

Sunday 12noon – Ballyholme

Funerals will take place in Saint Patrick's  
Newtownards where there is ample parking.

Updates will follow when information is received.

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

## WELCOME ROTA DURING MAY

**6.30pm** Mass –  
Doreen Coran &  
Patricia Connery  
**10.30am** Mass –  
Charlie Taylor &  
Elaine Le Mahieu  
**12.30pm** Mass –  
Marian Murray &  
Charlie Mc Mullan

## 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



## Your prayers are requested for:

**Recently Deceased:** Maria Kelly (Liverpool)

## Anniversaries:

Mamee Doherty, Kathleen McCabe, Alex Rogan, Willie Magill,  
Frank Rafferty, Kathleen Rafferty, Jimmy Doherty,  
Catherine Brown, James Brown, Peg Burke, Teresa Burke,  
Josie McVeigh, Therese McVeigh, John McVeigh,  
Brigid McQuade, Frank McQuade, Vera Sharkey,  
Brian Sharkey, Geraldine Gorman, Teresa McCreesh,  
Margaret Barbour, Bernard Barbour, Harry Close,  
James McQuillan, Pepe Roche, Jimmy Caulfield.

**Bangor Parish  
Centre –  
TROCAIRE and  
TRAIDCRAFT** will be  
having a sale on the  
**18/19 May**. Tea and  
coffee will be  
available after all  
Masses on Sunday.

## Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel of John 13:31-35

1. Judas leaves, and Jesus announces that the moment has come for God's power to be made manifest. This is unexpected at a moment of imminent betrayal. Have there been times for you when the power of God was made manifest in strange circumstances?
2. 'I shall not be with you much longer.' Jesus announces a parting of the ways. There are places we have to go in life, where others cannot accompany them. When have you experienced this going on alone as necessary for a fuller life for yourself, or for someone else?
3. Jesus proclaims love as the distinguishing characteristic of his followers. Have there been times when reaching out to others has heightened your sense of walking in the footsteps of Jesus?
4. Who are the individuals or communities whose love for one another and for others has been a witness to you?

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

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

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.

### SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Book Launch- *Deeper into the Mess* by Fr Brendan McManus, SJ and Jim Deeds is to be launched at **7 pm** in Fitzroy Presbyterian Church, 77 University Street, Belfast. This is the eagerly awaited follow up to the bestselling, *Finding God in the Mess*. In this new collection the authors address tough issues such as fear, anxiety, suicide and anger. As well as offering a meditation or a way of praying, the authors suggest scripture and a simple ritual. Rev Steve Stockman will launch the book with music, readings from the book and discussion with the authors. All are welcome to come along as we find God in the mess together. <https://www.messenger.ie/product/deeper-into-the-mess-praying-through-tough-times/>

### TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY

LONG TERM FOSTER CARERS REQUIRED - INFORMATION EVENING, **7-9pm Crowne Plaza Hotel**, Shawsbridge, Belfast and South Eastern HSC Trusts are seeking permanent homes for a number of children who are unable to live with their birth parents. Resilience, flexibility and time to care for the demands of a child are key to the role. Foster carers receive financial allowances; in some cases a fee may also be available. You must register to attend by T: 028 9504 0302 or emailing [Mairead.sloan@setrust.hscni.net](mailto:Mairead.sloan@setrust.hscni.net)

### SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Groomsport Presbyterian Church are hosting a Coffee Morning 10.30am-12.30pm in the Walter Nelson Hall, Groomsport. Supporting the Lighthouse School in Gaza. All welcome.

### THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY

"*The Lumen Fidei Institute*" presents a meeting entitled - 'Crisis in the Catholic Church - The Lay Response' in the Holy Rosary Parish Centre at **7.30pm**. The Lumen Fidei Institute seeks to help lay Catholics in promoting, defending, teaching and living out our great calling as children of God. come and hear Anthony Murphy, Editor of Catholic Voice and John Lacken, secretary Lumen Fidei speak on the role of the laity in restoring the Catholic Faith to Ireland.

### SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place. (Pentecost Sunday) Contact Fr. Vincent Cushnahan. Diocesan Knock Pilgrimage Director E: [cush25@hotmail.com](mailto:cush25@hotmail.com) More information next week.

#### Parish Envelopes 2019-2020.

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

**FOR THE ENTIRE PARISH**  
**St Comgall's Parish Office – Brunswick Rd**

If any parishioner does not have envelopes and would like some please contact the parish office.

#### Prayer Petitions Boxes

The Parish of Bangor has number of prayer groups who are constantly praying for the needs of the parish. Please keep your prayer intentions anonymous and do not put any money into the box.  
All the Saints of Bangor, Pray for us. Amen.

The **Bible Study Group** continues every Thursday at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre in St Dymrna's Room.  
All welcome - Come and be nourished!

### FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> to SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE

Living Church Down & Connor Lough Derg Pilgrimage

The seventh Living Church Lough Derg 3 day Pilgrimage will take place this year from Friday 21st June to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019. The pilgrimage will be the traditional three day format. Those who took part in the pilgrimage over the last few years spoke of the many blessings they received from being on the island of Lough Derg, as countless people have throughout the years. There is quietness and deep spirituality to be found there that is very special. Please consider coming along. The cost of the pilgrimage is **£65**. *Departure will be from Glengall Street (side of Europa Hotel) Belfast at 9:30am on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June*. For details of travel arrangements and to book a place please call the Living Church Office on 02890690920 or email [livingchurch@downandconnor.org](mailto:livingchurch@downandconnor.org) by **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June**.

### WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

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. Please note there will be no events in July or August, please contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

### SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY

**SAVE THE DATE**. Pro-life Rally in Dublin, A bus is being organised from Bangor/Hollywood. Contact Claire on 07740 677256. STILL HUMAN, STILL ALIVE, STILL NEED YOUR VOICE! [www.rallyforlife.net](http://www.rallyforlife.net)

**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: 078 9611 9669.

#### **Marian Prayer Group**

Meet every Thursday evening for 1 hour. 6.30-7.30pm.  
Meditation on the Rosary for the unborn, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Prayer

**ACCORD TIME FOR A NEW CHALLENGE?** Are you interested in becoming a Facilitator or Associate Counsellor with ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service? Would you like to share your positive married experience with engaged and married couples? For further info contact the N. Ireland Regional Office on 02890 233002 or email [info@accordni.com](mailto:info@accordni.com)