

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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Sunday Mass Times This week:

Bangor:
Vigil 6.30pm;
Sun 10.30am & 12.30 pm
Donaghadee:
Sun 9.30am.
Ballyholme:
Sun 11am.

Weekday Mass Times:

Bangor:
Monday - Friday 9.30am.
Ballyholme:
Mon & Fri 9am.

Confessions:

Bangor: Sat 5.30 pm.

BEGINNING OF LENT

Wednesday 6th March
Mass Times
Bangor, Brunswick Rd
9.30am, 1pm, 7.30pm

**Ashes will be distributed
during all Masses.**

Weekend Mass in the Pastoral Communities

Holywood:
Vigil 6.30pm;
Sun 10am & 12noon.

Newtownards:
Vigil 6.30pm;
Sun 11.30am.

Comber:
Sun 10.00 am.

Baptisms: 1st and 3rd Sunday
of the Month at 2pm.
Register online at
www.bangorparish.com under
Sacramental Preparation.
2 month's notice required.

Children's Liturgy:
Every Sunday at the 10.30am
Mass for children from P1-P7.
Parent consent forms
must be signed.

Perpetual Adoration
St Comgall's Church, Bangor
Monday 10.30am to 9.30pm

St Vincent de Paul
Helpline No: 077 0367 9384

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 3 March 2019

After 27 years of dedicated service as Parish Secretary Mrs Patricia Prior has retired. The priests past & present and parishioners wish to acknowledge her irreplaceable contribution to the parish and wish her a long and happy retirement. We also welcome Jacinta Crockford as the new parish secretary and wish her well in her new position.

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 - The sale last weekend raised the wonderful amount of £690. Thank you to those who donated goods to sell and everyone who attended on Saturday and Sunday.

Parish Envelopes 2019-2020.

The new parish envelopes will be available for collection over the coming weeks. If any parishioner does not have envelopes and would like some please contact the parish office. There is availability to donate through Direct Debit and to Gift Aid all contributions. If you would more information on any of these items please contact the Parish Office during office hours. Mon-Fri 9.30am-1.30pm.

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 6th – 9th August 2019, Cost: £125, Age: 18 – 25. For more information and to apply go to www.livingyouthni.org or follow Living Youth on Social Media.

Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospels Luke 6:39-45

1. Can you remember an occasion when you were giving out about the behaviour of another person, and later realised you had some of the same fault yourself? Was that a wake-up call for you? Jesus tells us it is more constructive to correct our own faults, than complain about the faults of others.
2. If we want to help other people we need to have our feet on the ground, with a realistic awareness of our gifts and our limitations. Otherwise we will be impractical, like the blind leading the blind. What has helped you to be realistic about what you can and cannot do?
3. No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit. This parable invites us to examine the motivation behind what we do. If our basic motivation is love, then our lives will bear good fruit. If love is absent from our lives then the fruits will be conflict, disharmony and abuse of people for our own selfish ends.

John Byrne OSA, E:jbpb Byrneosa@gmail.com



Your prayers are requested for:

Recently Deceased:

John Robinson, Anne Patricia Byrne.

Anniversaries:

Margaret McAnulty, Paddy O'Neill, Patricia McKenna, Marie Leavey, Kevin O'Kane, Irene Thompson, Margaret Worland, Derek Morgan, Kathleen McMahan, John Brannigan, Peg O'Hara, Sarah O'Hara, Patsy Gooson, Brian McCartan, Sarah Doherty, Patrick McAloon, Annette Elmes.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY! –

SUNDAY 3RD MARCH

Holy hour and exposition in Saint Comgall's Donaghadee at **2.45pm** sharp. Everyone welcome.

SUNDAY 3RD MARCH

The Most Holy Redeemer Conference of St Vincent de Paul will be holding a cake sale after 11.00am mass in Ballyholme. This will help us raise additional funds to help meet the many demands on the Society, which are increasing all the time.

MONDAY 4TH MARCH

Healing Mass devotion to St Pio @ 7.30 PM in St Mary's Star of the Sea Church, Killyleagh. ST Pio's Relic will be available before and after mass.

TUESDAY 5TH MARCH

A meeting for the members of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre.

WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH

Tobar Mhuire Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer Our annual day of prayer is dedicated to prisoners; their families, and those who care for them. Chapel open all day for Adoration followed by Prayer Service at 7pm. Talk by Fr Ciaran Dallat (Prison Chaplain) at 7.30pm. All welcome.

THURSDAY 7TH MARCH

Vocations Prayer Evening – There will be an evening of prayer followed by refreshments in St Joseph's Church, Greystone Road, Antrim from **7pm–9pm** for those men discerning a vocation to the Priesthood. The event will conclude at 9pm. Anyone interested in coming to this evening is asked to contact Fr Kevin (Vocations Director) on 028 9061 4567 or by email – vocations@downandconnor.org

FRIDAY 8TH MARCH

Ards CCE - St Patrick's Night Special Concert and new CD launchdoors open 7.30pm, St Comgalls Parish Centre. Featuring Ards CCE Entertainment Groups, McClean Family, Irish Dancing, McGinn Family and guest artists. Tickets £5 from Thomas' shop, kids free, late bar, great ballots. More info Ards CCE Facebook.

SUNDAY 10TH MARCH

A Quick Journey through the Bible: A series of talks on an overview of the Bible by DVD. An excellent introduction for those who may not be too familiar with the Bible. They will be shown at the Monastery in Portglenone on the Sun evenings during Lent at 5pm. All welcome. Contact the Monastery or Thomas Carey on 079 6762 0435 for further details.

WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH

Tobar Mhuire. First of our Lenten Talk Series: The Beatitudes of Pope Francis with Dr Aidan Donaldson at 7pm. All welcome. Voluntary donation.

WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH

Down and Connor Youth Team 'Strictly Come Dancing' in aid of the Lourdes Pilgrimage. Join us for a superb evening of entertainment in Carryduff Parish Centre at 7.30pm. Ticket £15 for Adults, £7.50 for children. Can be ordered through the Carryduff Parish.

FRIDAY 5TH 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. Office on 9081 2238 or drumbo@downandconnor.org

FRIDAY 5TH to SUNDAY 7TH APRIL

Shalom Retreat: A retreat that will shine the light of Christ into your heart and lead you to forgiveness, freedom and healing! Will be held in Drumalis Retreat Centre (Sisters of the Cross and Passion) 10am-Sun 4pm. Cost £150. Full board with coffee/tea breaks. Register at www.shalommedia.org/retreat

THURSDAY 6TH 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

St Joseph's Young Priests Society. The latest addition of The Sheaf, the quarterly magazine of the Society, is available at the back of the church. Please take a copy.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to 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.

LENTEN PIONEER PLEDGE

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during Lent. Why not take this opportunity to perhaps help yourself or someone you know with an alcohol or drug problem by offering your sacrifice for freedom from addiction? Please consider taking the short term Lenten Pledge and make a difference to someone's life. Register your pledge with local Pioneers and say the daily prayer.

PRAYER: " I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink during Lent."

6 Night Parish Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi and Cascia: Some spaces now available due to cancellations. Spiritual Directors Fr McGrath and Fr McGrattan. Divine Mercy Sun in Rome, 27 April -3 May 2019, package price from £945 pps. Single rooms available. Application form available in the Parish Office or 9081 2238 opt 2.