

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.

## 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.

## Grateful thanks to a donation of £53.80 to the Refurbishment Fund from the Collection Boxes in the Church.

## Children's Liturgy:

Will **not** be on the

## Easter Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

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  
Easter Monday  
10.30am to 9.30pm

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



# EASTER Sunday - 21 April 2019

## Volunteers Needed St. Comgall's Brigins and Guides

Do you like working with children? Have you a sense of humour? Are you over 18? Can you spare 2 hours a week? If YES! St. Comgall's Brigins (aged 6-10) are looking helpers on a Thursday evening from 6.30-8pm. No experience necessary, full support and training provided. If interest or for more information contact Yvonne 07851144222 or email [stcomgallsguideunit@gmail.com](mailto:stcomgallsguideunit@gmail.com)

## **"To follow Jesus Closely"**

This weekend we will be handing out the Pastoral Letter written by Bishop Treanor on priesthood and vocational discernment. In it, he invites us to pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life. He encourages us to contribute to a culture which supports young people to listen, discern and live God's call in their lives. Copies of the letter will be distributed at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses. Please take one and reflect on its themes with your loved ones. For further information on vocations to priesthood, please visit [vocationsdownandconnor.org](http://vocationsdownandconnor.org) or contact Fr Kevin McGuckien on 02890614567

## Vocations Prayer:

Lord, make me a better person,  
more considerate towards others,  
more honest with myself, more faithful to you.  
Make me generous enough to want to do your will,  
whatever it may be. Help me find my true vocation in  
life and grant that through it, I may find happiness  
myself and bring happiness to others. Amen.

## **Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel of Luke 24:1-12.**

1. 'You might identify with the women through the events of that morning. They came, searched, and found an empty tomb. Then they were told they were looking in the wrong place: 'Why look for the living among the dead.' Finally they had to cope with the staggering good news that Jesus was alive when they thought he was dead. Let their story remind you of when you found life again where you thought there was none – perhaps you discovered that you had been looking in the wrong place.
2. The women were the first witnesses to the resurrection. Remember the women in your life who have brought you good news, and the women who have been witnesses to you bringing you to faith in yourself, in others, or in God.
3. The women did not keep their discovery to themselves, but hastened to share the good news with the apostles. Have there been times when your heart has been full of good news that you were eager to share with others.

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

**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**

**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

**ALZMEIMERS CEILI**  
- A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make our night a great success. We raised £2,702.85 for the Alzheimers Society. Charlotte & Frances.



## **Your prayers are requested for:**

**Recently Deceased:** Barry McGuire

## **Anniversaries:**

Iain Lillie, Gerry Taylor, Lily McCready, Julian Greenwood, Marie Coulter, Margaret Malone, Patrick Malone, Jack Lawless, Mary Hinds, Peter Thompson, Dorothy Cooley, Nancy Anyon, Elizabeth Gormon.



## 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.

**£1,000** was raised through the **Homeless Ballot**. A very big thank you for your generosity. Maura.

### WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

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.

### SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY

**Lough Derg One Day Retreats** begin **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May** and continue on 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Why not take some time and space on Lough Derg personally or as a parish group this May? A NEW event for those who serve in lay parish ministry, is our Parish Ministry Day Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Booking essential. Tel: 0(0353) 71 9861518. Email: [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) Web: [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

### SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Living Church - Children's Liturgy Development Day: The Living Church will host its third and final 2018/19 Development Day for Leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word from 9.30am-3.30pm in the Living Church Offices at 120, Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT14 6LA. **Cora O' Farrell**, will be our guest speaker. Cora is an expert in Children's Spirituality and she has a passion for Montessori inspired forms of Religious Education and has undertaken training in both Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (levels 1 and 2) and Godly Play. Contact Caren at by email: [c.collins@downandconnor.org](mailto:c.collins@downandconnor.org); or telephone: 028 90 690 920 to register.

### 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)

#### **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.

**Trocaire Ballot - Ballyholme Church** There was a computer error the amount should have been £240 not £24.00

**Trocaire - Bangor** Raised £620 & €50 at the weekend. Many thanks for your continuous support.

#### **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. All the Saints of Bangor, Pray for us.

#### **SMA Retreat Centre, Dromantine, Newry**

is offering a short Retreat on,

**Forgiveness; the journey from hurt to healing, freedom and peace** Conducted by Fr. Des Corrigan SMA Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> June 9.30am - 5pm

Contact retreat Centre, Dromantine Tel. 028-30821964 E mail: [admin@dromantineconference.com](mailto:admin@dromantineconference.com)

**ACCORD** provides counselling services for couples who may be experiencing difficulties in their relationship. We also offer Marriage Preparation courses for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. The Belfast Centre is situated in Twin Spires Centre, Northumberland Street, Belfast. Tel No-028 90339944 [Email-belfast@accordni.com](mailto:Email-belfast@accordni.com)

**ACCORD invites applications** for the Certificate in Counselling (Marriage and Relationship), for the academic year 2019/2020. The Certificate, validated by St. Patrick's College Maynooth, is aligned to Level 8, 20 ECTS on the National Framework of Qualifications (Level 6 England, Wales and NI) and is aimed at qualified, experienced counsellors/psychotherapists who have:

- Degree/Diploma in Counselling/Psychotherapy
- Completed a minimum of 200 client hours and have a current supervised caseload
- Knowledge/Experience of the Person Centred Approach

Successful applicants' course and supervision fees funded by ACCORD. Training in Maynooth over eight weekends, September 2019 to June 2020 **Application Criteria and Form: Closing date 31st May 2019** <http://www.accord.ie/joining-accord/becoming-a-counselor>

#### **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.

If you are unable to call to the office to collect your envelopes if you telephone during office hours it can be arranged for your envelope to be left in the sacristy for you over the weekend Masses.

