

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

Fifth Sunday of Lent - 18 March 2018

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

THIS SUNDAY 18 MARCH AT 4.30PM

WEEK 5: MOST HOLY REDEEMER, BALLYHOLME

During Lent we will be praying the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

in one of the 3 Churches of Bangor Parish on the Sundays in Lent at **4.30pm**.

A family will carry the cross for each of the stations during the read mediation in each of the Churches.

Week 5 - 18 March - Most Holy Redeemer, Ballyholme
Week 6 - 25 March - St Comgall's Church, Donaghadee



Amoris Laetitia – The Joy of Love Reflection Week 5

This week our quote from Amoris Laetitia - the Joy of Love

Is about God's Mercy - No-one Excluded:

"The way of the Church is not to condemn anyone forever; it is to pour out the balm of God's mercy on all those who ask for it with a sincere heart." (P167, Par296)

World Meeting of Families on 21-26 August 2018

Dublin Update

REGISTER NOW! www.worldmeeting2018.ie

Each day of the Pastoral Congress will explore themes from *The Joy of Love*.

Festival of Families (Saturday 25th August 2018)

One of the most significant and beautiful events within every World Meeting of Families is the Festival of Families. This concert-type event will take place in a large venue in Dublin on the evening of the 25th August 2018. It is a celebration of family life around the world that will feature musical and dance performances, as well as five selected families from around the world giving witness to their family's faith.

Final Mass for World Meeting of Families 2018 (Sunday 26th August 2018)

The World Meeting of Families concludes with a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration that will gather individuals and families from all around the world in thanksgiving and communion. The Mass will mark the conclusion of the World Meeting of Families 2018 in Dublin and the next diocese to host the event in conjunction with the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life will be announced.

THE GOSPEL
OF THE FAMILY
Joy for the World

TROCÁIRE ROMERO AWARD - Get involved! See our website for more information.

www.bangorparish.com

Sunday Mass Times this week:

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

Holywood: Vigil 6.30 pm;
10 am and 12 noon.

Newtownards: Vigil 6.30 pm; 11.30 am.

Comber: 10.00 am.

Weekday Mass Times:

Bangor: Monday - Thursday 9.30 am.
Friday as announced.

Ballyholme: As announced.

Confessions: Sat 5.30 pm.

Baptisms: 1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month at 2pm.
Four weeks notice required. Register online at
www.bangorparish.com

Your prayers are requested for:

Recently Deceased:

Maureen McGarry

Anniversaries:

Matt and Josie Kelly,

Baby Edith Hewitt, Anna Gordon.

Cecilia Matthews, Veronica McBrien,

Molly Magee, Alice Barnes,

Francis Barnes, Philomena Davis,

Maureen McAlister, Molly coyle,

Bridget and Raphael Ryan, Pat Walsh,

Cornelius Murphy, Brian McCartan,

Winifred O'Neill, Annette Clery,

Annie and Patrick Gray,

Harry Shiels, Nellie McCluskey

*The second collection this weekend
is for Catholics Caring*

Perpetual Adoration

St Comgall's Church

Monday 10.30am-9.30pm.

**"...to lend your neighbour a
helping hand is to keep the
commandments."**

Ecclesiasticus / Sirach 29:1.

This St. Patrick's weekend we celebrate the huge change brought about in the developing world which is made possible by the generosity of people in Ireland. Trócaire reached 2.6 million people last year with support – parents trying to feed their children, communities struck by disaster, refugees fleeing conflict, men and women whose rights were being trampled. This support can only be provided by the ongoing solidarity shown by people here at home. www.trocaire.org

Parish Envelopes 2018-19

The new parish envelopes will be available for collection for all the parish this weekend in St Comgall's Parish Centre. Ballyholme and Donaghadee envelopes will be available in those churches the following weekend 24/25 March. Gift Aid forms will also be available for any parishioners who would like to sign up for it.

Trocaire and Traidcraft are holding a sale next weekend Sat/Sun 24/25 March. Tea and coffee will be served after all Masses on Sunday.

Penitential Services for Easter
will be held on

Sun 25 March: Ballygalget 6pm

Portaferry 7.30pm.

Mon 26 March: Newtownards 7.30pm.

Tues 27 March: Bangor 7.30pm.

Easter Duty:”each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during Paschal time (Ash Wed to Trinity Sunday) unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year”. Canon 920.

St Comgall's PS proudly present an adaptation of *'Matilda the Musical'* Tues 20 – Thurs 22 March 7pm in St Comgall's Parish Centre. Tickets: £7.50 available from the school office. Please come along to support us and enjoy a great evening's entertainment!

One Day Lenten Retreat

with St Teresa of Calcutta's nuns in Armagh is being organised on **Sat 24 March**, pickup at Bangor at 8.15am. Leaving Armagh at 4pm. Full retreat programme, Talks, Confession, Mass, lunch provided. Cost for bus only £12. Please contact Jacinta during office hours 10am-2pm on 9042-2167.

Bangor Support Group

Invite you to a Bridge Evening on Thurs 22nd March at 8pm in Bangor Golf Club. Tables £30.00. To book please call Marie Robinson 9145 4610. In support of NI Children's Hospice.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bookings for 2018 Pilgrimage now open

Seven nights (10-17 July) £725 pps,

Five nights (11-16 July) £650 pps.

Five nights for pilgrims requiring nursing/personal care staying in the Accueil Notre Dame (11-16 July) £550.

Youth Team (8-17 July) £590.

Forms available from the Parish Office or contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office 9064 6040 or email

lourdes@downandconnor.org

Anam Cara the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Wed 28 March at 7:30pm in the Armagh City Hotel, Armagh. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Tuesday 27 March or call the Information Line on 02895213120.

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.

Parish Ministry: Are you aged between 14 and 18? Would you like to become more involved in your Parish? One way is to become a junior Minister of the Word. Training and support will be provided. Please leave your name and contact details at the Parish Office (9146 5522) during office hours or chat to Josh Hall (07921917026) or James McAllister (07751851444).

Bangor Parish

7 Day Trip to Brittany and Normandy

A few places are still remaining!
From June 25th to July 1st joining the one day St Columbanus International Meeting in **St Coulomb June 30th.**

The cost is 895 euro pp sharing, all breakfasts and dinners included, 3 nights Lisieux, 3 nights St Malo.

Day trips include; Places associated with St Therese, Mont St Michel, Dinard and more. (Courier: Kieran Troy who has led Bangor groups in the recent past). As there is great demand for hotel space in Brittany in this period prompt booking would be highly recommended.

Details on the parish website, church notice board and from the Parish Office.

42nd Street

St Agnes' Choral Society are excited to be producing the Broadway Classic, 42nd Street, from 10-14 April. The show is also currently running in The West End but why not avail of the chance to see it in The Grand Opera House?

Tickets can be purchased online at www.goh.co.uk or via the Box Office on 028 9024 1919

First Communion gifts, prayer books, rosaries, and accessories are available in our convent shop, St Joseph's, at very reasonable prices. We also carry a range of items for baptism, confirmation etc. What we don't stock we can order! Adoration Convent, 63 Falls Road, Belfast. Open Mon to Fri 9-5pm (except 11:30-2pm). Tel 9024 7175

Parish of Drumbo & Carryduff

invite you to join their Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – *In The Footsteps of Christ & the Holy Family*, 22 - 30 May 2018

Package price - £1,440 pp sharing.

This includes return coach transfers from Carryduff to Dublin Airport, return flights with British Airways, 4* Hotels on a half board basis (3 nights Tiberias/4 nights Jerusalem) & all excursions. For further info contact the Parish Office on 028 90812238 **opt 2** or Anam Cara Travel - 02825 821 690.