

# Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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## SUNDAY MASS TIMES This weekend:

**Bangor:** (PARISH CENTRE)

Vigil 6.30pm;  
Sun 11.00am

**Donaghadee:**

Sun 9.30am.

**Ballyholme:**

Sun 12.30pm.

## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

**MOST HOLY REDEEMER**

at 9.30am Monday-Friday

## Confessions:

**Bangor:** Sat 5.30 pm and  
after all Masses.

**Weekend Mass in the  
Pastoral Communities**

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

**Newtownards:**

Vigil 6.30pm; Sun 11.30am.

**Comber:** Sun 10.00am.

**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  
EUCARISTIC  
ADORATION**

**Every Monday  
10.00am to 9.30pm**

Venue: **Most Holy  
Redeemer Church,**  
Ballyholme.

St Comgall's Church  
Refurbishment Fund.  
**Many thanks to the  
parishioner who  
donated £300 this  
week.** We are very grateful  
for all the generosity that  
has been shown by so many  
parishioners.

**Extra notices on the  
website page!  
3 page Bulletin.**

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

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

– 24 November 2019 –

### ST VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS DINNER

SVP Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner will be held in the Parish  
Centre on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 3.00pm.**

Do you wish to attend or do you know someone who would be  
interested? Please leave name, address and contact details,  
together with any dietary requirements on  
SVP Helpline 07703 679384. Transport to and/or from the  
venue can be arranged, if required.

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**SVP Christmas cards** now on sale after all  
weekend Masses. £3.50 per pack. Please support this worthy cause.



### Your prayers are requested for:

**Recently Deceased:** Robert Coulter.

**Anniversaries:** Maureen Duffy, Joe Smyth, Margaret

McKenna, Lily Campbell, Vincent Jamison(Snr),

Paula Campbell, Peg Connell, Alice Carvill, Mag Griffen,

Geraldine Hunter, Mary McDowell, Danny McDowell,

William Curry, Catherine Curry, Una Evans, Marie Jamison,

John McDermott, Gerry O'Neill, Rose Gethin, Walter Gethin,

Ellen Walsh, John Walsh, Margaret Cleary, John Cleary,

Mary McGuigan, Tom McGrory, Winifred McGrory.

### "Live in Christ, that Christ may live in you"

(St Columbanus)

On this the **Feast of Saint Columbanus** it is a great joy to  
announce the imminent arrival of two Sisters of the Society  
Saint Columban keen to establish a living link with the place  
of formation of their patron Saint. They will arrive in January  
2020 and reside in the parochial house attached to Most  
Holy Redeemer Church. They will primarily be involved with  
the Bangor Parish Family of Schools strengthening the  
chaplancy service offered to our four parish schools. We  
are very grateful to Bishop Treanor for his acceptance of the  
Columban Sisters' offer to come and serve the people of the  
Parish of Bangor. I know that you will extend a warm  
welcome to them as they and we strike out on another  
stage in our faith journey.

*Happy Feast Day of Saint Columbanus.*

*Ad multos annos! Fr J Gunn PP*

### Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel of Saint Luke 23:35-43

1. Today's feast puts before us Jesus as a person who never  
used power for his own selfish advantage. Who have you  
known who used power for the benefit of others rather  
than for their own self-interest? When have you used power in this way?
2. The power of God is shown in an unexpected way in the Crucifixion; not in a wonderful  
display of spectacular dominance, but in Jesus sharing our human weakness. When has  
the honesty of another sharing his/her human vulnerability with you had a powerful  
effect? When has your honesty in that way had a positive effect on another?
3. The scene also puts before us the liberating power of forgiveness. The forgiveness of Jesus  
brought new life to the criminal hanging on the cross with him. When have you found that  
forgiveness given, was a source of new life for yourself or others?

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

**Bethany  
Bereavement  
Support Group**  
we are here to support  
and listen. Confidential.  
**075 1085 2157**

**Hospitality after  
11am Mass, Bangor.**  
In the Cafeteria (Minor  
Room). All welcome.  
Fresh coffee & tea.

### WELCOME ROTA DURING NOVEMBER

**6.30pm** Mass  
Doreen Corran  
& Patricia Connery  
**11.00am** Mass  
Eileen Hanna &  
Frankie Denny

**Month's Mind Mass** for  
Monsignor Ambrose  
Macaulay will be held in  
St Brigid's Church on  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December  
at 7 pm.

### TROCAIRE SPECIAL CHRISTMAS BALLOT

weekend of 30<sup>th</sup>  
November & 1<sup>st</sup>  
December in the Parish  
Centre after 11am Mass.  
Christmas Fayre served  
with tea & coffee  
to bring lots of cheer!  
All welcome.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES

### CONFIRMATION CLASSES:

Classes every **Sunday** in St Columbanus' Room in the Parish Centre after Mass for around an hour 12 -1.

Please register your interest by contacting the parish office during office hours or by email. [bangor@downandconnor.org](mailto:bangor@downandconnor.org)

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

#### BANGOR PARISH FAMILY OF SCHOOLS



Bangor Parish Family of Schools

Open Days/Nights

**St Malachy's PS**, Bangor –  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at  
6pm

**St Comgall's PS**, Bangor –  
Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7pm

**St Anne's PS**, Donaghadee –  
Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> Dec & Thurs. 9<sup>th</sup> Jan, 11am~12noon

**St Columbanus' College**, Bangor –  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm.  
Principal's address 7pm & 8pm.

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**St Comgall's Pre-School**,  
St Comgall's Parish Centre  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 9.30am-10.30am.

#### SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Towards Bethlehem: An Advent Journey with Mary & Joseph. Discovering the true meaning of Advent, join us for 4 evenings of imaginative contemplation covering the Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Hosted by the Newtownards and Comber Parish Pastoral Council together with the Knights of St Columbanus. Join Fr Martin at 7pm-8.30pm in St Patrick's Church, Newtownards.

#### WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

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. **Contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888 for any queries.**

#### TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER

There will be a lecture in St. Brigid's Parish Centre, Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast at 7.30pm. Given by Monsignor Roderick Strange, Professor of Theology, St. Mary's University, Twickenham, London. The title of the Lecture is, "**Cardinal Newman: preparing an apologia for our times.**" Monsignor Strange has published several books and many articles with a particular focus on St. John Henry Newman.

#### SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

St Comgall's Bangor Marian Prayer Group invite you our *Annual Advent One Day Retreat* with the Mother Teresa nuns, Missionaries of Charity in their house in Armagh. A bus has been organised to pick up in Portaferry, Newtownards, Bangor, Holywood & Belfast. If you would like to book a seat, cost £10 each please contact Jacinta on Mob: 07756-225114.

#### MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

The Way Forward: Precious Life will be hosting an information evening regarding the change of the law on abortion here in the North, and on the upcoming elections with advice on candidates and their stance on abortion-@7:30pm in The Lansdowne Hotel Antrim Rd Belfast. For more info contact Precious Life on 02890278484 or email [info@preciouslife.com](mailto:info@preciouslife.com)

#### Storehouse North Down (food bank)

*Storehouse North Down supply food parcels to people in need throughout Bangor area. They will gratefully accept donations of all non perishable foodstuffs on first weekend of the month. Donations can be left in trolleys / containers provided at churches in parish.*

#### WELCOME ROTA DURING DECEMBER

**6.30pm** Mass -  
Anne Mc Cabe and  
Maxine Galway  
**11.00am** Mass -  
Joe Drew and  
Pauline Andrews

#### THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER at 7PM

St Columbanus' College – PTA Christmas Quiz Night!  
£20 per table and up to 8 players per table. (Players must be aged 19+) To book a table please email your name and number of players to [stcolumbanuspta@gmail.com](mailto:stcolumbanuspta@gmail.com). Raffle on the night. BYO drinks. Nibbles provided. All proceeds to the School Fund.

#### SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – SAVE THE DATE!!

*St Comgall's Church Donaghadee* invite you to a Christmas Fayre in the Copelands Fold, Cannyreagh Rd, Donaghadee BT21 0BS on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 10am – 1pm. In aid of the "**Night Shelter for Rough Sleepers**" Daddy & Mummy Claus will be there with gifts for everyone. There will be a Christmas Hamper Ballot drawn on the day. £1 per ticket. Lots of fun for all the family - Trombola. Traybakes, Tea & Coffee served. Bring all your family and friends. St Anne's Primary School Choir will be singing carols at 10.30am. *Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December the Night Shelter Team will be receiving a cheque after Mass.*

#### Living Youth/Habitat for Humanity Malawi Team

Living Youth are inviting all young people (18+) to sign up to be part of the Living Youth Habitat for Humanity partnership team and travel to Malawi in August 2020. This opportunity will enable you to raise vital funds to help build homes. **Dates: 10 August - 22 August 2020** (dates are to be finalised & are subject to flights) **Costs: Personal Donation £500; Personal Fundraising Target £1800.** For further information, please contact: [info@livingyouthni.org](mailto:info@livingyouthni.org) or call the office on 028 90 232 432. To register, please go to the following website and select Living Youth from the drop-down list: <https://www.habitatni.co.uk/gvapplication>

**Closing Date for Applications: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

## Extra Notices! For your information!

**Saint Vincent de Paul Society** appreciate the generosity of the parishioners in Bangor, however due to the ongoing reorganisation of our storage facility, St Vincent de Paul **cannot currently accept donations of clothes**, household or furniture items. Contact the helpline number. Please **do not** leave clothes in the Parish Centre.

### SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

*It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!*

Concert by St Colmcille's & St Joseph's primary school choir & renowned Soprano Marion Jordan @ 5.00pm.  
Venue: St Colmcille's Church, 191 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4 3JB. Hope to see you there!

### TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER

The Cursillo Movement offer a warm welcome to all Cursillistas, past and present, to our Christmas Ultreya, 8pm, at St Theresa's Hall Glen Rd Belfast. For more info on Cursillo email [downandconnorcursillo@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:downandconnorcursillo@yahoo.co.uk)

### FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> to SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Advent Retreat: "A Sabbath for the Lord" with Fr Brian O'Leary SJ *Drumalis*. These quiet days in the middle of Advent will offer us the opportunity to leave aside the busyness of our daily lives and rest, in silence, togetherness and worship, as we await the coming of the Son of God at Christmas. For further information or to book a place, please contact Drumalis - tel 28272196/28276455 (during office hours, Mon-Fri 9 am – 5 pm) or email [drumalis@btconnect.com](mailto:drumalis@btconnect.com)

### DOWN and CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST - VACANCY PRINCIPAL SAFEGUARDING PRACTITIONER

We are looking to recruit a knowledgeable safeguarding professional, to take on the role and challenges as Principal Practitioner within the Down and Connor Diocesan Trust Safeguarding Team. As part of our responsive service, you must be able to problem solve, prioritise quickly, identify risk, be able to build professional relationships, know and apply legislation and work with others to achieve the best possible outcome. You must demonstrate enthusiasm, dedication and the ability to think on your feet. The post holder will report to the Director for Safeguarding and will adopt the role of Designated Liaison Person for safeguarding children and young people, and the Adult Safeguarding Champion in relation to adult safeguarding. The role will extend to having a safeguarding oversight within the parishes, Diocesan Commissions and Committees across the Diocese of Down and Connor. The terms are based on a permanent appointment requiring 37.5 hours attendance each week. Out of hours availability will be a requirement from time to time. Salary and other relative terms are available within the application pack. If interested in making application for this post, please download an application form from the Diocese of Down and Connor website at:

<http://www.downandconnor.org/job-vacancies>

where details of the role are also available by way of an Application Form, Role Profile and Person Specification. **Closing date for applications will be 12 noon on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019.**

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**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December** in the  
Most Holy Redeemer Church after 12.30pm Mass.

### DONAGHADEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** Annual Santa arrival and parade which this year will take place on the evening of and will proceed to the Car Park and Tennis Court behind the market house.

**1<sup>st</sup> December** First Presbyterian Church Community Carol Service at 6.30 pm followed by switching on of the Christmas tree lights.

### St Vincent De Paul: Clare Lodge, Newcastle

Why spend Christmas or New Year alone when you can be among friends and have company.

- Christmas breaks from 24th December – 27th Dec
- New Year 30th December – 2nd January (Accommodation & full board meals) - (single room occupancy £175.00) (Sharing room £145.00)

Alternatively, if you just wish to spend the day having Christmas Dinner and Evening Tea or New Year's Dinner & Evening Tea in the company of others for the cost £20.00 (numbers for day visit limited to 20 people)

All bookings to be made in advance. For further information and any queries, please contact Clare Lodge Reception on 028 4372 2849 or email [clare.lodge@svpni.co.uk](mailto:clare.lodge@svpni.co.uk) (All special dietary meals catered for via prior arrangement.

### 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. There are also blue "thank you cards" thanking you for your support in the past. On the reverse of the cards are statistics showing the expenditure over the last three years, the number of students assisted, and the number of new Priests ordained. Please take copies of both.

### YOUTH FESTIVAL AT MEDJUGORJE - 2020

The LIVING YOUTH Summer Pilgrimage 2020 will be to Medjugorje. We will join more than 50,000 other young people from around the world to celebrate our Catholic Faith. Staying at the Medjugorje Palace Hotel we will take part in the youth festival and also visit the Waterfalls of Kravice, the capital Mostar and the Shrine of Vepric at Makarska, all the while journeying with other young people from across our Diocese.

Pilgrimage Dates: **29<sup>th</sup> July – 7<sup>th</sup> August 2020**, for those aged 17 – 25 Cost £799. For an Application Form and more information go to [www.livingyouthni.org](http://www.livingyouthni.org) or contact us on 02890 232 432 or [info@livingyouthni.org](mailto:info@livingyouthni.org).

### INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

Conference starts at 2pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December and ends on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm. The Conference takes place at Clongowes Wood College, Castlebrown, Clane, Co Kildare, W19 DN40. Price for the 4 day event is 150 euro inclusive. Age group 16+. Register: [www.afcmtreeamireland.org](http://www.afcmtreeamireland.org)