

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

Pentecost Sunday - 20 May 2018



THE GOSPEL
OF THE FAMILY
Joy for the World

PARISH CONVERSATIONS FOR EVERYONE over 16 yrs SECOND SESSION - 22 MAY

Love Is.... taken from the Pope's Exhortation Amoris Laetitia –
The Joy of Love!

Third Session 29 May

All those 16+ years are invited to be part of these conversations on
'What it Means to be Family!'

Where: 2nd Floor, St Comgall's Parish Centre, Brunswick Road,
Bangor. **Time:** 7.30pm - 9.00pm, All welcome.

World Meeting of Families – Final Mass, Sunday 26th August - REGISTER NOW! www.worldmeeting2018.ie

Our Pastoral Community (Ards & North Down), has provisionally booked five coaches to transport parishioners who have already registered for the Final Mass being celebrated by Pope Francis in Phoenix Park, Dublin. In order that we have some idea of numbers we would like families and/or individual parishioners to give their names in to the parish office by **31st May 2018**.

For those who have not yet booked to guarantee a ticket to the Final Mass you must first register for the Congress at a cost of Euro €38. If you would like some help with this process, please contact the parish office and we will help you with this.

There will be a cost for transport which the parish will help to subsidise.

Please note: After the Coach Drop-off Point there will be a 2-3km walk to get to the area where the Mass will take place. There will be no sitting at this Mass event but a folding chair can be brought for comfort. Those who need assistance will be offered a shuttle bus to bring them from the Coach to the area where the Mass will be celebrated.

PARISH INITIATIVES

MAY – The Indian Community will be arranging the flowers around OUR LADY'S statue during the month of MAY.

JUNE – The Polish Community will be arranging the flowers around the statue of the SACRED HEART OF JESUS during the month of JUNE.

We are very grateful for their participation and contribution to the parish.

WEDNESDAY 22nd AUGUST 2018

07:00 - 08:30 Breakfast Business Lecture
08:45 - 09:15 Morning Prayer
09:30 - 10:30 Panel Session & Workshops
09:15 - 12:15 Children's Programme
09:15 - 12:15 Youth Programme
11:15 - 12:15 Panel Session & Workshops

12:30 - 13:45 Lunch Programme

14:00 - 18:00 Keynote Address
Testimony
Celebration of the Mass

18:30 - 19:30 Panel Session & Workshops
18:30 - 19:30 Children's Programme
18:30 - 20:00 Youth Programme

09:00 - 20:00 Exhibition

THURSDAY 23rd AUGUST 2018

07:00 - 08:30 Breakfast Business Lecture
08:45 - 09:15 Morning Prayer
09:30 - 10:30 Panel Session & Workshops
09:15 - 12:15 Children's Programme
09:15 - 12:15 Youth Programme
11:15 - 12:15 Panel Session & Workshops

12:30 - 13:45 Lunch Programme

14:00 - 18:00 Keynote Address
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18:30 - 19:30 Panel Session & Workshops
18:30 - 19:30 Children's Programme
18:30 - 20:00 Youth Programme

09:00 - 20:00 Exhibition

FRIDAY 24th AUGUST 2018

07:00 - 08:30 Breakfast Business Lecture
08:45 - 09:15 Morning Prayer
09:30 - 10:30 Panel Session & Workshops
09:15 - 12:15 Children's Programme
09:15 - 12:15 Youth Programme
11:15 - 12:15 Panel Session & Workshops

12:30 - 13:45 Lunch Programme

14:00 - 19:00 Keynote Address
Testimony
Conclusion
Celebration of the Mass

19:00 - 20:00 Evening Gathering

09:00 - 18:00 Exhibition

Sunday Mass Times this week:

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

Hollywood: 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: Monday and Friday 9am.

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 then Sacramental Preparation.

Your prayers are requested for:
Recently Deceased: Mary Finnegan
Anniversaries:
Harry Close, Alec Rogan,
David Creed, Teresa McCreesh,
Willie Magill, Margaret Barber,
Frank and Kathleen Rafferty,
Daisy and Salvatore Gatt,
Jimmy Doherty, Eugene McGahran.

The second collection this weekend is for the Education of Diocesan students

Perpetual Adoration
St Comgall's Church
Monday 10.30am-9.30pm

Trocaire and Traidcraft
will be holding sales this weekend 19/20 May. Tea and coffee will be served after all Masses on Sunday.

Trocaire have nominated our parish group to go forward to the NI Finals as fundraiser of the year. Grateful thanks to our parishioners who without your support this would not be possible.

Cursillo are celebrating their 30th anniversary in the diocese with a Special Mass and Renewal Day on Sat 26 May from 10-4pm in St Bernard's Hall, Glengormley. Concludes with Mass. Suggest to bring packed lunch.

30th Anniversary Mass:
Tues 5 June, 7:30pm in St Teresa's Church Glen Road, followed by refreshments..
All Cursillo members are invited to attend, with an especially warm welcome to Cursillista's we have not seen in a while! For more info contact downandconnorcursillo@yahoo.co.uk

Capella Caeciliana – Love Divine
Holy Family Parish welcomes the wonderful and inspiring music of Capella Caeciliana to St Thérèse Church, Somerton Road, Sat 2 June at 8pm. Tickets £10 (under 25's free from Holy Family Parish Office (90743119), Matchetts, or at www.caeciliana.org. An occasion not to be missed!

The Living Church - Three Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg
Friday 29 June to Sunday 1 July 2018. This year we are having two coach departure points Belfast and Ballycastle to try and encourage a wider area of more pilgrims to attend. Our Spiritual Director is Fr Brian Daly.

The Falls Pastoral Community
welcomes all parishioners to join them for the Corpus Christi Procession from St Dominic's to St Peter's Cathedral on Sunday 3rd June, beginning at 3pm. First Communicants (in their dresses and suits) and the P7 Confirmandi (in school uniform), with their families, are especially welcome to take part.

Diocesan Annual Pilgrimage to Knock led by Bishop Treanor, Sun 10 June. We encourage Parishioners who usually visit Knock annually as a family or individuals to consider making their visit on this day. Due to the World Meeting of Families many Parishes who usually organize a Parish trip to Knock for the Pilgrimage are focusing their energies and resources on Parish trips to WMOF and the Papal Visit.

Clonard Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Belfast: 13 – 21 June 2018

We invite applications to volunteer as Eucharistic Ministers, stewards, car park attendants and church cleaners. Volunteer application forms are available from Clonard reception 9044 5950 or email: reception@clonard.com. To allow for processing applications to be returned by 1 June.

“Sacred Presence” Retreat Day Drumalis, Larne – Sat 26 May
“Sacred Presence” is the second in “Meeting God Mindfully” - four themed retreat days with Maria Garvey at Drumalis in 2018, bringing together the practices of Christian Contemplative Prayer and Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction . The day will run from 9:30 am to 5 pm. For further info, contact 28276455/28272196 during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9–5 pm). Details are also available on the Drumalis website: www.drumalis.co.uk

“Walking Together as Families Today”: Gathering in Preparation for the World Meeting of Families.
St Patrick's College, Maynooth, 19-20 June 2018. Speakers, workshops, prayer conversations and much more, on variety of topics relating to family life. Tickets available on www.eventbrite.ie (under “Walking Together as Families Today”). Further info: contact Aoife at specialevents@spcm.ie

SVP Helpline Number
077 0367 9384

The Society of St Vincent de Paul wishes to clarify that it embraces the Church's teachings and upholds Gospel values. Our Rule states that Vincentians are committed to supporting life from conception to its natural earthly end. We endorse the comments made last week by the General President of SVP, Renato Lima de Oliveira, when he described the charity as “a Christian organisation that defends the right to life”. Our General President also commented: “We reaffirm our position of defence of life, not only as a Christian duty but, above all, as an attitude to the sacredness of the life of the human being. We defend every stage of life and all the difficulties that it may encounter. We reject all arguments, threats and mechanisms that are contrary to life! We will not build a just society, of peace and prosperity, by admitting the right to kill human beings, especially the most vulnerable and innocent of them.”

Ards CCE Dinner Dance, Fri 20th April, Marine Court Hotel, tickets £22.50, includes meal, traditional music entertainment and DJ.

Columbanus Folk Festival
11-17 June, range of events including headline concert Friday 15 June in the parish centre, featuring 'Celtic Storm' from Ards CCE and the Dermot Mullholland Band. Tickets £10 available from Thomas' shop, late bar and great ballots. More info Ards CCE Facebook or Niall McClean on 079 6007 2218 for both.

Café Donaghadee
A boot sale will be held and the proceeds will go towards Kitty's Holiday and the Night Shelter. Any unwanted small items will be gratefully accepted. See June in the Tea Room.

Marion Jordan Concert
To promote her new album, “The Prayer”, St Malachy's Church, Belfast, Fri 1 June @ 7.30pm. Special guests include Arco String Quartet and Karl McGuckin. Ticket price £12, available online from www.marionjordan.com. Signed copies of the CD available post-concert.

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