

# Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – 18 September 2022 –

### Your prayers are requested for

**Month's Mind:** Helen Briollait

#### Anniversaries:

Maeve Murray, Michael Keenan, Teresa Gribben, Mark McClean, Catherine McClean, Patricia Small, Frank Moore, James Hill, Joe McNally, Imelda McPoland, Joseph A Hall, Claire Caldwell, Alice Hall, Maureen Taylor, James Murdock

Page 5, list of Anvs prayed for during August.

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES THIS WEEKEND

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH, DONAGHADEE

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September @ 9.00am

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD

Saturday vigil 17<sup>th</sup> September @ 6.30pm

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September @ 10am & 12noon

*Please note that the Covid sanitising regulations have not changed and will continue to be strictly observed.*

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#### DAILY MASS NEXT WEEK – 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Morning Mass: Monday to Friday at 9.30am

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A number of Masses including funerals are recorded.

These can be accessed by clicking on the link below:

[www.churchservices.tv/bangor](http://www.churchservices.tv/bangor)

**Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** takes place every Monday. Adoration will last from after Morning Mass until **4.00pm** with the intention of prolonging it later until 9.00pm as heretofore subject to there being sufficient adorers on the rota. Please let us know if you are interested in being part of the evening rota.

For more details on the different notices please go on to the parish website:

[www.bangorparish.com](http://www.bangorparish.com)

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**Mass is Live Streamed and can be accessed via the Parish Website**

[www.bangorparish.com](http://www.bangorparish.com)

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**Holy Hour** in St Comgall's Donaghadee – every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the month @ 2.45pm

### BAPTISM REGISTRATION

Please register online SIDE BAR under '**Sacramental Preparation**'

The Installation of the **NEW CANONS** into the Cathedral Chapter will take place at a concelebrated Mass at **3.00pm** in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September**. Very Rev Canon Joseph Gunn PP & Very Rev Canon Daniel Whyte (Bangor Parish).

All parishioners are welcome.

To view online link - click below:

<https://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral>

### PRAYING WITH THE ICONS

under **The Four Saints** found in 'Parish Today'



### BANGOR PARISH PODCAST

You can listen to the Parish Podcasts Praying with the Icons by

clicking on the audio files on the website or by searching for "Parish of Bangor Podcast"

in the apple or google podcast Apps.

Then subscribe to our channel so that you will receive all the latest podcasts straight to your device.

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

**St Vincent de Paul Helpline**

**077 0367 9384**

This is an **8 Page Bulletin** so please scroll down!

<https://www.bangorparish.com/the-parish-today/the-columban-sisters/>

LINK FOR: 

Sr Maura's PRAYING TOWARDS... SUNDAY REFLECTIONS on the HOLY SCRIPTURES.

Full Copy of The Sunday Missalette Can Be Found On The Parish Website Under "News"

## DONAGHADEE – ST COMGALL’S CHURCH & BALLYHOLME – MOST HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH

The repairs to St Comgall’s Church in Donaghadee have now been completed. It is now time to start on Most Holy Redeemer.

A survey report recommends a staged approach beginning with the roof to make the Church watertight. A new boiler has to be installed. This will be a lengthy process because the Church is treated as a non-domestic building the waiting list for which is much longer than for private houses. An application was lodged a few months ago but to date there is no indication of when gas will be installed.

A hammer test of the external plaster remains to be carried out but as this will involve placing a cherry picker crane in the middle of Sheridan Drive the road will have to be closed to traffic probably on a Sunday. Permission to do this will have to be granted by the civil authorities.

I realise and share the frustration of parishioners about the continuing closure of the Church. Unfortunately, it is not possible to indicate a date for reopening but as soon as I know it will be communicated to parishioners.

Please keep the parish in your prayers and all donations to defer the considerable expense as yet unknown will be gratefully received.

# FINDING COLUMBANUS

From Carlow to Bangor

## Saturday 24 September 2022

- 11.30am** Copeland Island Boat Tour (approximately 4 hours).  
Meet at Pickie Pier, Bangor, at 11.30am.  
Packed lunch provided.  
Guide onboard plus music, song and poetry.
- 4.30pm** Bangor Abbey Talk by Canon Ronnie Nesbitt  
followed by tour of Abbey Graveyard  
by Dander Down Tours.

## Sunday 25 September 2022

- 11.35am** Guided Columban Way Walk.  
Meet at Helen’s Bay Train Station at 11.35am.  
The 5 mile walk will follow the coastal path from  
Helen’s Bay to Bangor.
- 3.00pm** Talk on Bangor Saints Icons at St Comgalls’s Church,  
Brunswick Road.

All events are free of charge made possible by a grant from the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media in partnership with Myshall Muintir Na Tire and Friends of Columbanus Bangor.

To book, please email –  
[info@friendsofcolumbanusbangor.co.uk](mailto:info@friendsofcolumbanusbangor.co.uk)  
stating which events you wish to attend.

For further information, please visit –  
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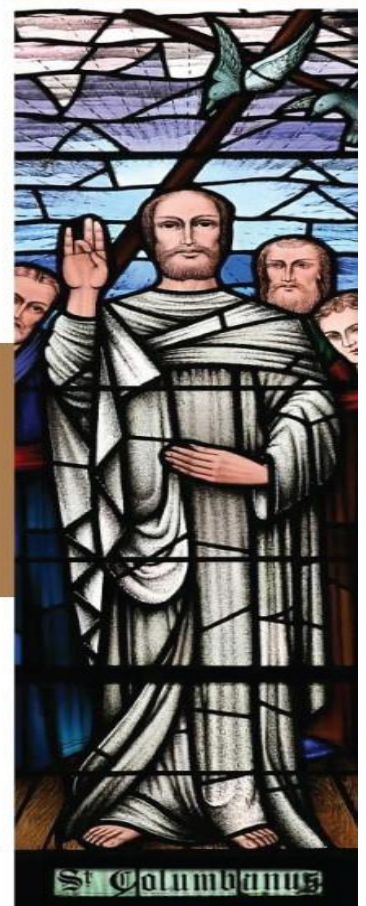


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St Columbanus

**Bangor**

Saturday 24  
- Sunday 25  
September  
2022

## PARISH CENTRE – PARISH GROUPS RESTARTING – SEPTEMBER 2022

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
<b>BRIDGE CLUB</b> Starting 5 <sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm	<b>FRIENDSHIP CLUB</b> Starting 6 <sup>th</sup> September at 10.00am	<b>MENCAP</b> Every fortnight Starting 7 <sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm	<b>IRISH CLASS &amp; CEILI DANCING</b> Starting 8 <sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm	
	<b>IRISH DANCING CLASSES</b> Starting 6 <sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm			

### BOOKING OF PARISH CENTRE:

Contact Thomas on T: 07305 746 263 or Email: [mcmullanthomas481@gmail.com](mailto:mcmullanthomas481@gmail.com)

**If you have a parish group and wish to advertise the times of starting or day in the Parish Newsletter please contact the parish office by email on:**

[bangor@downandconnor.org](mailto:bangor@downandconnor.org)

## AT A GLANCE – NEWS ITEMS IN THE PARISH AND AROUND THE DIOCESE

To see the fuller details please go to the parish website 'Parish Bulletin'

### MON 12 SEPT at 10am.

Queen's University Catholic Chaplaincy. The Chaplaincy at Queen's University Belfast looks forward to reopening for the new academic year. [qubcatholic.org](http://qubcatholic.org)

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### One Day Retreats at Lough Derg

One Day Retreats have resumed on Lough Derg, and continue on selected dates until the end of September: **September 17, 18, 24 & 25** *Booking is essential.* Admission fee of €45pp includes all refreshments, lunch, return boat service, full retreat programme, free car & coach parking.

**Knock Shrine** - Daily Masses continue to be broadcast at 12 Noon and 7.30pm, with Rosary at 7pm. For further details, please see [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

### Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre

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### PARISH NOTICES

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## STOREHOUSE NORTH DOWN

Storehouse continues to help **St Vincent De Paul** provide non-perishable food for those in need. **Non perishable foodstuff donations, for Storehouse, have recommenced. Donations can be left in the receptacle in the Bishops Porch at the rear of the Church** or Storehouse welcomes donations of foodstuff at their premises, 12 Balloo Avenue, Bangor on Mondays and Thursdays between 10.00am to 3.00 pm. Cash donations are also very acceptable.

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To help us to help others you can make direct payments to Conferences Bank Account.  
St Comgall's, Allied Irish Bank. Sort Code 93-82-03. A/C No is 25302098.  
Most Holy Redeemer Ballyholme, Allied Irish Bank. Sort Code 93-82-03. A/C No. 06885061.

Donations can also be made to SVP Giving Page at [www.svp-ni.co.uk](http://www.svp-ni.co.uk). If you are a UK income tax-payer please consider Gift Aiding your donation, which will enhance your donation by 25% at no extra cost to you. Gift Aid forms are available on the Parish website, or on request, via SVP Helpline number, as above.

The Society is always on the lookout for new Members, and if you are interested and can spare a few hours per week please speak to a Conference Member, or leave your name and contact number on the Helpline and we will return to you promptly. You will be warmly welcomed and full training will be given.

***We can now accept donations of Good quality furniture – please call our Helpline or speak to a member of the Society.***



### 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – 18 September 2022

**Lord Jesus, you have said, 'Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you.'** I come to you in faith and trust, in love and hope. Let me know your closeness to me and your care for me and for all who are dear to me.

**My intention:** Hear my prayer (*mention intention*); grant what I ask, and may I always trust that in all that happens in life, you will be close to me as my friend, guide and saviour. And so, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

**Penitential Act:** I confess to the almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

## PRAYERS AT HOLY COMMUNION

### Spiritual Holy Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present  
in the most Blessed Sacrament.  
I love you above all things and  
I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if you have already come,  
and unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you.  
Amen.  
*composed by Saint Alphonsus Liguori*

### ANIMA CHRISTI

#### Prayer to the Most Holy Redeemer

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, embolden me.  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
O good Jesus, hear me.  
Within your wounds hide me.  
Never permit me to be separated from you.  
From the evil enemy defend me.  
At the hour of my death call me  
and bid me to come to you,  
that with your Saints I may praise you  
for age upon age. Amen

**GREETINGS FROM DROMANTINE RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTRE NEW WORKSHOPS 2022 - BOOKINGS NOW OPEN** - Please contact Jacinta or Louisa to reserve your place: TEL: 028 (048 from ROI) 3082 1964 EMAIL: [admin@dromantineconference.com](mailto:admin@dromantineconference.com)

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Please find below the link to the Safeguarding Office 2022 E-Bulletin. Newsletter - available to view on our website <https://downandconnorsafeguarding.com/newsletters/>

## ANNIVERSARIES PRAYED FOR DURING THE SUNDAY WEEKEND MASSES – August 2022

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Year C – 28 August 2022

**Recently Deceased:** Helen Briollait (France)

**Anniversaries:** David Anderson, Ann McCausland, Sean O’Kane, Fenton Lyons, John McAlinden, Bernie Denvir, William L James, Loretta Brennan, Frank Rafferty, Elizabeth O’Brien, Thomas Leonard, Kathleen Griffen, Austin Kernan, Paddy McIlroy, Philip Gunn (snr), John McCloskey.

### 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Year C – 21 August 2022

**Recently Deceased:** Kieran Murray, Maureen Dempsey (Co.Meath)

**Anniversaries:** Eilish Grummy, Patricia McManus, Frank Cullen, Geraldine McBrearty, Michael Conway, Thomas Telford, Pauline McCausland, Bridget Rafferty, Joe Carville, Fr Harry Donaghy, David Anderson, Lucy McDaniel, Elizabeth Devlin, Joe McDaniel, Daniel McCart, Paddy Walsh, Elizabeth McKearney, Alex Turnbull, Sr Elizabeth Grey, John Rea, Kathleen McDonagh, Frank Callihane, Shamus McKearney.

### 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Year C – 14 August 2022

**Recently Deceased:** Margaret (Maureen) Anderson, Jim Gillespie (Houston, USA)

**Anniversaries:** Joyce Bacon, Rene Hughes, Letty O’Reilly, Paddy Healy, Fr Tom Gartin, Anthony Donaghy, Sr Elizabeth McKeown, Mary Hudson, Patrick & Mary Larkin, Dorothy McTrusty, Jimmy McTrusty, Doreen Beale, Kathleen Rafferty, Brendan Hehir, Margaret Craig, Sadie Campbell, Kath Kelly, Rory O’Connor, Patrick Campbell, Elizabeth McDowell, Joe McHugh, Anne McHugh, VP Augustine, Archie Walls, Jacqueline Callihane.

### 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Year C – 7 August 2022

**Recently Deceased:** Francis Joseph McVeigh

**Anniversaries:** Elizabeth Donohue, Thomas McDade, Ciarán Burke, Tom Bowler, Rosemary Farley, Mary Keenan, Nadine Stilges, John Quinn, Jim Quinn, Duncan McLean, Paddy Healy, Angela Murdock, Victor Fusco, Michael McDowell, Stephen Delaney, Edward Walsh.

## CALENDAR OF SAINTS DAYS

### SEPTEMBER 2022

#### Wednesday 14 September

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

#### Tuesday 20 September

Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Companions, Martyrs

#### Thursday 15 September

Our Lady of Sorrows

#### Wednesday 21 September

Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

#### Friday 16 September

Saint Cornelius, Pope & Saint Cyprian, Bishop

#### Friday 23 September

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (Padro Pio)

#### Saturday 17 September

Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor

#### Saturday 24 September

Blessed Virgin Mary

#### Sunday 18 September

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26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

#### Monday 19 September

Saint Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

#### Monday 26 September

Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

**Prayer Online:** Come and join us at... [www.soulparemission.com](http://www.soulparemission.com) Who are we? We are a new interactive prayer website created by Jacinta Crockford DipTH, Spiritual Director living in Down and Connor. What’s on offer? A variety of PDF meditations on Scripture, Mother Teresa, Ignatius Spirituality to name but a few. Lots of content to Dive into! There you will find - Podcasts on Faith, Friendship & Knowledge; Rosaries, Prayers and Marian Consecration, Videos of Reflective Prayers during Adoration. Come and join us and be part of the local prayer movement online!

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**TROCAIRE** thank you for your help. You can donate in the following ways:

- Online at [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org).  
T: 0800 912 1200 (NI)
- By post:  
Trócaire, 50 King Street, Belfast, BT1 6AD (NI).

**Free draw: Win a trip to Medjugorje with the Irish Centre**

Win one week's all included package trip to Medjugorje for one person. This includes 7 nights B&B, return airport transfer and flight (up to €300 flight & luggage value). To be in with a chance to win go to our website [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com) For more details tel. 00353 1443 4510 or email [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com)

The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. **Beginning Experience** is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (**September 24**, October 29 and November 26.) Booking essential. To find out more, contact Phil: 02890 207645 or Marie 07896119669 or email [belfastbe@yahoo.com](mailto:belfastbe@yahoo.com)

**Bangor group of Alcoholics Anonymous** has restarted our Open Meetings. Open Meetings are, as the name suggests, open to everyone and anyone who wishes to know more about alcoholism, how it effects the individual and how they can recover. Bangor AA Open Meetings, The last Friday of the month, every month. Doors open at 8pm for an 8.30pm start. **Bangor Community HUB**, Hamilton Road, Bangor. BT20 4LF.

**South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust Carer Support Service  
Are you an unpaid carer who cares for a family member or friend?**

You are invited to come along to the Carer Support Service Carer Hub in Bangor.

**When:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month

**Where:** North Down Community Wellbeing Hub, Main Street

**Time:** 10.30 – 1pm

No need to book, just call in at any time during the morning for carer information advice and guidance. Join us for tea/coffee and scones, we would love to meet you.



**Follow these links for more information about ACCORD NICMCS:**

<http://www.4ni.co.uk/c/1763/accord-ni-catholic-marriage-care-service-belfast>

<http://www.4ni.co.uk/c/40788/accord-ni-catholic-marriage-care-service-crossgar>

<http://www.facebook.com/accordmarriagecare>

**MON 12 SEPT at 10am.** Queen's University Catholic Chaplaincy. The Chaplaincy at Queen's University Belfast looks forward to reopening for the new academic year from **Monday 12 September**. Open during term from **10am to 10pm Monday through Thursday and Fridays 10am to 3pm**, the Chaplaincy provides vital pastoral and faith supports to students, offering them a home-from-home during their time at University. More on what's on offer can be found at [qubcatholic.org](http://qubcatholic.org) Mosaic Café is open Monday through Friday from 10am to 3pm and the ever-popular Sunday evening Mass, open to the University community and wider public, resumes from **Sunday 18 September at 8pm**. Spread the word, especially with any incoming or returning students!

**SAT 17 SEPT at 2pm.** The Men for Christ Conference 2022 - a Catholic Conference for Men will be LIVE & EXCLUSIVE on Radio Maria Ireland Saturday 17th September from 2pm. Speakers for this year's Conference are Fr. Jamie Twohig SAC, John Pridmore, David Quinn and Fr. Marius O'Reilly.

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**SAT 24 SEPT 2022** - Volunteers Training Course Starts. Open to all! Viatores Christi, a faith-based development organisation has specialised in the recruitment, training and deployment of overseas volunteers since 1960. VC runs an online volunteer preparation course covering Community Development, Health, Global Awareness, Mission, etc. This is open to all! Once completed, participants can be considered for volunteer roles through VC volunteer programmes. This will also suit those working on Ireland based community projects too. If you want to know more, **click here** or visit the News section of our website **[www.vcvolunteers.ie](http://www.vcvolunteers.ie)** or email [venture@viatoreschristi.com](mailto:venture@viatoreschristi.com)

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The Diocese of Down and Connor Liturgy Commission warmly invites clergy, permanent deacons and those in liturgical ministry, in particular Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and members of Parish Pastoral Councils in the Diocese of Down and Connor to attend this Seminar. The cost is £10 per person and tea/coffee will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch. To help with seating and other arrangements it will be helpful to have approximate numbers and so if you plan to attend, please contact Malachy McKeever by e-mail at [liturgy@downandconnor.org](mailto:liturgy@downandconnor.org)

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In-Person Modules and Online Modules

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**[www.lumenop.ie](http://www.lumenop.ie)**

Email: [info@lumenop.ie](mailto:info@lumenop.ie) Call: 01-288 2075

Lumen Dominican Centre, Sion Hill Campus,  
Blackrock, Co. Dublin, A94 A3C7.



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### ACN offers aid to Pakistan flood victims

**WITH OVER A THOUSAND DEAD, AND MANY MORE IN GREAT NEED, THE CHURCH HAS MOBILISED TO HELP VICTIMS OF FLOODING IN PAKISTAN. TWO BISHOPS CONTACTED ACN TO EXPLAIN THE SITUATION, AND WE COMMITTED TO HELPING WITH PROJECTS IN HYDERABAD AND KARACHI, TWO OF THE DIOCESES IN SINDH PROVINCE, THE MOST AFFECTED ONE BY THE CATASTROPHE.** By Filipe d'Avillez

Fr. Zachaeus Visiting some families affected by the rains, Sindh Province.  
(Credit: Aid to the Church in Need)

The local Catholic Church in Pakistan is doing what it can to help the victims of the monsoon floods that have devastated large parts of the country over the past weeks.



Flooding in Sindh Province. (Credit: Aid to the Church in Need)

As the official death toll tops 1,500, with several thousand more injured and more than six million people directly affected by the worst flooding in the past 30 years, urgent aid is needed to prevent the aftermath of the rains from being worse than the flooding itself.

The situation in the Diocese of Hyderabad is tragic, according to information sent to ACN by Bishop Samson Shukardin. **All 19 parishes in the 22 districts of the Sindh province are severely affected by the flood.** "Thousands of families are surrounded by flood water and thousands are sitting by the roadside with improper facilities. **They have no food, no clean drinking water, no shelter, no latrines and no health facilities. The**



**children suffer the most.** Consumption of contaminated water is causing diseases, and the mosquito menace is causing different skin diseases and malaria in the communities affected by the recent floods", the bishop says.

"Many of the families have **taken refuge in local churches** as their houses have been flooded with rainwater, but many of the Churches are also flooded, which has caused damage to Church buildings and community centres in the diocese", claims Bishop Samson, adding that he has been fielding calls from priests and laypeople all over the diocese, asking for help. He felt the Church had to act swiftly and reached out to ACN.

A flooded Catholic church in Sindh Province.  
(Credit: Aid to the Church in Need)

In response to this catastrophe, ACN is sending emergency help to enable the Diocese of Hyderabad, **to provide emergency aid to over 5000 families**, in the form of food packages for one month, cash grants for the most vulnerable families, mobile health units, temporary shelters and even basic – but essential – items such as mosquito nets and repellent.

Damaged churches and community infrastructure must be repaired to shelter victims of the flooding. **At Bishop Samson's request, ACN committed 200 thousand euros of emergency help.**

**A further 30 thousand euros will go to the Archdiocese of Karachi**, which has prepared a response that includes the provision of 310 food packages and kitchen sets, made up of staple foods and essential cooking and cleaning items, to help local families whose houses have been destroyed, or rendered uninhabitable during the current crisis.

"The floods all over Pakistan have sent a wave of death and destruction which continues to take lives and devastate the country. From the heights of the Himalayas to the shores of the Arabian Sea, floods triggered by heavy rainfall continue to wreak havoc, destroying livelihoods and sweeping away entire settlements, leaving death and misery in their path", explains Archbishop Benny Travis, of the Archdiocese of Karachi, in a message to ACN.

"People are living under open sky, their houses damaged; floods have cut roads, commodity supply chains are badly disturbed; the risk of outbreak of diseases is imminent due to stagnant water and more rains forecasted."

Through this aid, **ACN is also answering the request of Pope Francis**, who has called on the international community to respond swiftly to the situation in Pakistan, assuring the local population of his solidarity and prayers.

