

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

The Baptism of the Lord – 8 January 2023 –

Your prayers are requested for

Recently Deceased:

Mary Harron, May Carville,
Helen Jackson, William James.

Month's Mind: Brian Donaghy

Anniversaries: Margaret Devanney,
Patricia Johnson, Sean Jenkins, Alan
Nelson, Vincent Kerr, Noel Kelly, William
Fox, Peggy Rafferty, Eddie Hamilton,
Christina Bonar, Ann McCaughey, Peter
Doherty, Vera Farley, Gerry Donaghy, Joe
Donaghy, Arthur Watson, Kevin Grimley,
Brendan McDowell, Peggy Carroll, Rose
Davidson, Rosina Connor, Michael Carlin,
Mick Monaghan, Margaret Murray, Sarah
McConville, John & Miriam Ellis.

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

www.bangorparish.com

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

www.bangorparish.com

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Holy Hour in St Comgall's Donaghadee –
every 2nd Sunday in the month @ 2.45pm

[ST COMGALL'S CHURCH, DONAGHADEE](#)

8th January 2023 @ 9.00am

[ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD](#)

@ 10am & 12noon

**MASS TIMES FOR:
DAILY MASS NEXT WEEK – 9th to 13th January**

Morning Mass:
Tuesday-Friday at 9.30am

Requiem Mass – Monday 9th January at 10am – William James

A number of Masses including funerals are recorded.
These can be accessed by clicking on the link below:

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.

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

LINK FOR: 🙏 Sr Maura's PRAYING TOWARDS... SUNDAY
REFLECTIONS on the HOLY SCRIPTURES.

Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI will be celebrated by Archbishop Noel Treanor in **St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast on Wednesday 4th January at 7.30pm**. All Priests, religious and the lay faithful of the diocese are invited to attend this special Mass for Pope Benedict. *Clergy attending are kindly asked to vest in Choral Dress.*

For those who are unable to attend, Mass will be streamed live on St Peter's Cathedral webcam
via the link. www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral

St Vincent de Paul Helpline 077 0367 9384

The Society of St Vincent de Paul offers practical and confidential help to those in need throughout the North Down Area. Donations can also be made to SVP Giving Page at 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.

**Bethany
Bereavement
Support Group**
we are here to
support and listen.
Confidential. New No.
07732 513400

FRIENDSHIP CLUB
reopens on Tuesday
10th January 2023

We acknowledge with gratitude a donation of £100 towards St Comgall's Donaghadee from Donaghadee Local History Forum. This group offers 'Walking Tours' of Donaghadee free of charge - all voluntary donations go to charity.

PARISH CENTRE – PARISH GROUPS 2023

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS
BRIDGE CLUB at 7.15 until 9.45pm YOUTH CLUB 6.30pm – 8.30pm	FRIENDSHIP CLUB at 10.00am IRISH DANCING CLASSES at 6.00pm SENIOR CHOIR Starting 11 th October at 7.30pm	MENCAP Every fortnight at 6.00pm YOUTH CLUB 6.30pm – 8.30pm BADMINTON Every fortnight at 8.00pm	St Comgall's Guide Unit (Girls aged 6-18) at 6.30pm IRISH CLASS & CEILI DANCING at 7.00pm

BOOKING OF PARISH CENTRE:

Contact Thomas on T: 07305 746 263 or Email: mcmullanthomas481@gmail.com

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

D&C LIVING CHURCH COMMITTEE

Join us in the beautiful, picturesque surroundings of **Tobar Mhuire Monastery, Crossgar** for Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible (Jeff Cavin). The Bible is at the heart of our faith and our relationship with God. Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but many people find it hard to even begin. Why not begin with the Living Church office?

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible includes 8 sessions (6 weekly sessions and concluding with a retreat day which will incorporate the final 2 sessions.) The programme will be facilitated by Fr Paul Byrne and Aishling Steen from the Living Church office. Course participants will receive a resource pack and gather together for a time of teaching, discussion and prayerful reflection.

VENUE: Tobar Mhuire Retreat and Conference Centre, Crossgar, Co. Down. Beginning **Tuesday 10th January @7pm** for 6 weeks
Retreat Day 25th February 10am-4:00 pm Cost £30. To register your place please contact livingchurch@downandconnor.org or Tele: 02890690920

Booking early is advised as places are limited

BAPTISM REGISTRATION

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

This is a 2 Page Bulletin.

Full Copy of The Sunday Missalette can be found on The Parish Website Under "News"

Prayer to Saint Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us on the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage. Amen.

Dear Friend of Columbanus Bangor,

An Italian Columbanus friend sent me the link below which is a beautifully illustrated copy of a children's book written by Giovanni Caselli about the journeys of Columbanus across Europe through the eyes of a young trainee monk called Finbar. <https://rotharroutes.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/columbanus.pdf>

NI CANCER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES. Sun 28 May to Fri 2 June 2023

The price of £799 (with price reduction for Cancer Patients) will include: Return flights from Belfast International Airport, operated by Northern Star Travel Ltd. Full board and accommodation at the Hotel Agena in Lourdes for five nights based on twin/double/triple rooms. Service of JWT guides in Lourdes. The party will consist of patients, ex-patients, relatives and friends accompanied by medical, nursing and other staff. To enquire or to obtain a booking form please speak to a member of the committee on Tel. **07846 88388** or email mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk

A great opportunity to begin the New Year! Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible includes **8 sessions** (6 weekly online sessions and concluding with a retreat day in Belfast which will incorporate the final 2 sessions.) The programme will be facilitated by Fr Paul Byrne & Aishling Steen. Course participants will receive a resource pack and **gather together online** each week for a time of teaching, discussion and prayerful reflection. Beginning **Monday 9th January @7pm for 6 weeks online via zoom**. The Retreat Day will take place on **Saturday 18th February**. The cost of the program is £30. For further information or to book your place please contact livingchurch@downandconnor.org or Tele: 02890690920.

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

O Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, in this time of trial we turn to you. As our Mother, you love us and know us: no concern of our hearts is hidden from you. Mother of mercy, how often we have experienced your watchful care and your peaceful presence! You never cease to guide us to Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

We now turn to you and knock at the door of your heart. We are your beloved children. In every age you make yourself known to us, calling us to conversion. At this dark hour, help us and grant us your comfort. Say to us once more: "Am I not here, I who am your Mother?" You are able to untie the knots of our hearts and of our times. In you we place our trust. We are confident that, especially in moments of trial, you will not be deaf to our supplication and will come to our aid. Amen. www.vatican.va