

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

The Ascension of the Lord - 13 May 2018



THE GOSPEL
OF THE FAMILY
Joy for the World

Amoris Laetitia – The Joy of Love

PARISH CONVERSATIONS

Bangor Parish will be offering a series of three workshops on Love Is.... taken from the Pope's Exhortation Amoris Laetitia – The Joy of Love!

Consecutive Tuesdays in May – 15, 22, 29.

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 on 21-26 August 2018, Dublin Update REGISTER NOW! www.worldmeeting2018.ie

NEWS UPDATE FROM THE WMOF TEAM IN DUBLIN!

Online Ticket Price:

5 Day Ticket: 22nd – 26th August Cost €68

1 Day Ticket: Cost €38

Single Day Concession: Cost €33

For more information on the Daily Programme look on our parish website www.bangorparish.com

The World Meeting of Families Parish Team have been busy with coordinating 3 different areas:

Catholic Schools, Parish & Promotion of the WMOF Programmes. Last week we spoke of the Schools Programmes, this week it's the

PARISH INITIATIVES

TROCÁIRE ROMERO AWARD encouraging all within our parish family to sign up and take part in the Trocáire Romero Award. We had a Trocáire representative speaking at all the Masses on 3 & 4 March to explain more about the initiative and how to get involved.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS over the six weeks of Lent in each of our 3 Churches. One hour of prayerful meditation at each station with family representatives carrying the cross to each station. All parish families were invited to participate including the Indian & Polish Communities.

EASTER HOLY WATER BOTTLES distributed at the Easter Sunday Mass. Over 600 holy water bottles were given out.

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:

Nora Ryan

Anniversaries:

Maura McPadden, James McQuillan,
Sarah McGarry, Jean O'Kane,
Maureen O'Kane, Victor Hollywood,
Gerard and Eileen McLarnon,
James and Kathleen McMahon.

*The second collection this weekend is
for the parish development fund.*

Perpetual Adoration

St Comgall's Church
Monday 10.30am-9.30pm

St Comgall's Friendship Club are celebrating 25 years in the Parish on Tuesday 15 May. If you wish to join us for the Celebration in the Parish Centre between 10 and 12 noon, please leave your name in the parish office.

Trocaire and Traidcraft

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

**St Mary's Star of the Sea Church,
40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration**

Leading up to the Feast of Pentecost join us for Prayer for the Renewal of Faith in Family Life to Preserve The Sanctity of Life. Beginning With Mass on Friday 18 May at 7.30pm running continuously through to Solemn Mass on Sunday, 20 May 2018 at 10.30am. All Individuals and Groups are welcome to claim a particular hour. To choose your preferred hour (beginning on the half hour). Contact Sister Kathleen on 028 9086 3128 or E-mail : Kathleen_gill@hotmail.co.uk

**Sacred Heart Novena for
Protection of Human Life in
Ireland**

starts on Wed 16 May and runs to Thurs 24 May. Mass and Holy Hour on Wed 16 May in St Mary's Church, Chapel Lane, Belfast at 1pm and in St Patrick's Church, Downpatrick at 7.30pm with Rosary and the Novena to the Sacred Heart. All welcome. More info at www.anteaghlachnaofa.ie If your parish or prayer group wishes to join the novena you can order novena booklets and prayer cards from info@anteaghlachnaofa.ie.

**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.

**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.

Trinity Nursery School invite you to an Evening of Traditional Irish Music, song and dance on Fri 18 May in the Rabbit Rooms, hosted by The McClean Family. Starts 7.30pm. Supper included. Entrance by ticket only, can be purchased through Trinity Nursery School, £10 each.

St Agnes' Choral Society will host a Ceili in The Balmoral Hotel on Friday 18 May from 7.30pm. Tickets cost £10 which includes supper. Tickets can be obtained by contacting Maeve on 07753 222003. This promises to be a great night with a live ceili band and led by caller Deirdre McLoughlin. All welcome.

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 £12, available online from www.marionjordan.com. Signed copies of the CD available post-concert.

St Killian's College: "The Priests" will perform in a Fund Raising concert, in aid of the refurbishment of the College Chapel, at Garron Tower on Sun 27 May 6.30pm. Tickets £30 can be purchased from the College 2888 5202. Seating is limited to 320 so ticket allocation will be on a first come first served basis.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Some places are still available for the 7 nights (10-17 July) £725 pps, and the 5 nights (11-16 July) £650 pps.

Forms available from the Parish Office.

**"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 information, contact 028 28276455/28272196 during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9-5 pm). Details are also available on the Drumalis website - <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

**Dromantine Retreat/Conference
Centre - 028 30821964 email:**

admin@dromantineconference.com
www.dromantineconference.com

Nurturing Faith in the Family – In

view of the World Meeting of Families (August 2018) Two young couples and parents, Paula and Joe McKeown and Lynette and Bosco McShane well used to the pressures of modern family life, will lead us in a day of reflection, prayer and storytelling, focusing on how we can grow in our walk with God within the family setting, how best to nurture the faith of our children. Date: 16 June, cost £35. Registration 9.30am.

Restoration Through Friendship

Celebrating 30 years of Restoration Ministries and reflecting on the ongoing challenge of peace and reconciliation in our divided society. Speakers; V. Rev. Dr. John Dunlop, Former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church and Rev Dr Ruth Patterson, Director Restoration Ministries. Date 19 May, 10am-4pm, Cost £20 including lunch and coffee.

**"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

Family Care Adoption Services

presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children. for a free information pack please contact us on 028 90691133.- or email anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org

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