

# Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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## SUNDAY MASS TIMES This weekend:

### **Bangor:** (BRUNSWICK RD)

Vigil 6.30pm;  
Sun 11.00am

### **Donaghadee:**

Sun 9.30am.

### **Ballyholme:**

Sun 12.30pm.

## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

### **BANGOR PARISH,**

### **BRUNSWICK ROAD**

### **WEEK DAYS AT 9.30AM**

## 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: **ST COMGALL'S  
CHURCH, BRUNSWICK RD.**

## St Comgall's Church MARIAN PRAYER GROUP

Every Thursday evening.  
Rosary of the Unborn,  
Reflections, Petitions,  
Thanksgivings. 6.30pm –  
7.30pm. All Welcome.

## WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY

INTER-DOMINATIONAL  
SERVICE FOR THE WEEK  
OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN  
UNITY will take place in  
St Comgall's Church,  
Brunswick Road, at  
7.30pm. All are welcome.

## The Baptism of the Lord – 12 January 2020

Fr Gunn and Fr Whyte wish to thank most sincerely all those parishioners who very kindly sent Christmas Cards and gifts over the Christmas period. All were deeply appreciated.

### St Comgalls SVP Society

(Bangor, Ballyholme/Donaghadee Conferences)

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our Annual Appeal, launched in the 1st week of December. We raised the sum of £9,100 to the end of December, of which £4,390 was Gift Aided adding a further £1,097 from HMRC to the total, at no extra cost to the gifters. Thank you for your continued generosity, on behalf of the Society, and those whom we help.



### Your prayers are requested for:

**Recently Deceased:** Brendan McDowell,  
Kevin Grimley (Jnr), Peter Jennings, Caron Watters.

### Anniversaries:

Angela McKee, Brian Quinn, Vincent O'Regan,  
Michael McConville, Maureen Murray, Sheila Currie,  
Harry Currie, John McAloon, Lily McIlmurray, John Ellis,  
Miram Ellis, Michael Carlin, Daniel O'Kane, John Walsh,  
Jim McDonagh, Rita Flynn, Freddie Burns, Ethna Taylor,  
James Keenan, Ann Mc Caughey, Joe Donaghy, Vera Farley,  
Gerry Donaghy, May Mc Kenna.

**Ards CCE Trad Music Classes** start Saturday 18th Jan in  
St Columbanus' College for all trad instruments and all levels.  
More info contact Niall Mc Clean 07960072218.

## SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock

Year 7 Pupils and Parents, Open Morning in 9.15 am – 2.30pm.  
Principal's Address 9.15 am and 11.00 am. Anyone considering  
entry to our Sixth Form is also most welcome.

## Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel of Saint Matthew 3:13-17

1. The Baptism of Jesus marks a turning point in his life, and the start of his public ministry. Recall moments when your life changed and you moved into a new phase.
2. The experience was one in which Jesus had a new sense of his own identity. What have been the experiences which have helped shaped your sense of who you are?
3. How have you come to an awareness of being a child of God, beloved by God, one on whom rests the grace of God?
4. It is surprising that Jesus, the Saviour of the world, asks to be baptised by John. The request symbolises his desire to identify with us. At the same time he is filled with the Holy Spirit. That step of identifying with us is an important element in his being able to help us. Have you ever found that when someone identifies with you, it is easier for him/her to help you? Has your ability to identify with others had any impact on your effectiveness in helping others?

John Byrne OSA, E: [jbpbymeosa@gmail.com](mailto:jbpbymeosa@gmail.com)

We are currently looking for Church Cleaners to help with the existing Rota. Volunteers will be asked to help for one 2 hour session per month. Please leave your contact details in the parish office.

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

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

## WELCOME ROTA DURING JANUARY 2020

**6.30pm** Mass  
Gerry Fox and  
Maura Fox  
**11.00am** Mass  
Una Graham  
and Anne Rea

St Comgall's Church  
Refurbishment Fund.

**Many thanks to the  
parishioners who  
donated £178.00  
this week.**

We are very grateful for  
all the generosity that  
has been shown by so  
many parishioners  
towards the fund.

## PARISH CENTRE GROUPS

<b>Badminton Club</b> Venue: Main Hall.	Every Wednesday: 8.30pm - 9.30pm
<b>Bible Study</b> Venue: St Dymphna's Room.	Every Thursday: 7.30pm - 9.00pm Starts back 16 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Bridge Club</b> Venue: Minor Hall.	Every Monday: 7.30pm - 10.00pm
<b>Charismatic Prayer Group</b> Venue: Pre-School Room.	Every Monday: 7.00pm – 8.30pm
<b>Christian Meditation Prayer Group</b> Venue: St Columbanus Room.	Every Wednesday: 11.20am – 12.30pm <i>(up the stairs to the top floor of St Comgall's Parish Centre)</i>
<b>Irish Language Group</b> Venue: St Columbanus Room, Ceili Dancing-Minor Hall.	Every Thursday: 7.00pm - 8.00pm St. Colum.Rm Every Thurs Ceili Dancing: 8.15pm-9.30pm M.Hall <i>Contact: Harry 9146-2055 [Language 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Year 7.00pm-8.00pm]</i>
<b>Friendship Club</b> Venue: Minor Hall.	<u>Restarting back</u> – Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020 Every Tuesday: 10.00am - 12noon
<b>Mothers &amp; Toddlers Group</b> Venue: Minor Hall.	Every Thursday: 10.30am - 12noon
<b>Mulvenna Academy Irish Dancing</b> Venue: Main Hall.	Every Tuesday: 6.00pm - 9.00pm
<b>St. Comgall's Briggins</b> Venue: Main Hall.	Every Thursday: Cygnetts: (p1/p2) 5.45 - 6.30pm      Aged 6-10: 6.30 - 8.00pm
<b>St Vincent de Paul</b> (Bangor Conference) Venue: St Dymphna's Room	Every Wednesday: 8.00pm – 9.30pm
<b>Trocaire &amp; Traidcraft</b> Venue: Minor Hall.	Weekend Dates: February-15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup>    March-14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup>    April-18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>    May-16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Youth Club</b> Venue: Youth Room, Sports Hall.	Every Mon, Wed, Fri: 6.30pm – 8.30pm P6, Monday    P7, Wednesday    Yr8+ Friday
<b>Whist Club</b> Venue: Minor Hall.	Every Friday: 1.30pm - 3.30pm

<b>Baptism Course</b> – Pre-Sacramental Parents & God-parents Evening.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month 7.00pm until 7.45pm	<u>Venue:</u> St Columbanus & St Cecelia Rooms <i>[Through the green fence 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Parish Centre]</i>
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<b>SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES</b>  All classes held after 11am Mass in the Parish Centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holy Communion Date - <b>16<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b> at 10am &amp; 1pm.</li> <li>• Holy Communion and First Penance Classes - Venue: St Dymphna's Room.</li> <li>• Service of Light Date – <b>23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020</b> at 1pm</li> <li>• Confirmation Date – <b>20<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b> at 5pm.</li> <li>• Confirmation Class - Venue: St Columbanus Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Parish Centre.</li> </ul>
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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY! AND OTHER NOTICES....

#### SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

St Pauls GAC Holywood - Gaelic Football for girls aged 10-16 indoors in Queens Hall Holywood starting Sunday 12th January. All skill levels welcome. 12pm to 1pm. Contact Brian McElroy for information 07740554578.

#### TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY

Public Lecture – The Global Persecution of Christians  
Dr Michael Kinsella from Aid to the Church in Need will address the issue of the global persecution of Christians in a public lecture at Queen's University Catholic Chaplaincy, 28 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

**Interested in studying the teachings of Saint John Paul II?** A new home group will be starting in the New Year. Thursday evenings at 8.00pm. Contact 07756-225114 for more information.

#### WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

*"The Paris Peace Conference 1919"* with Dr Johnston McMasterDrumalis, Larne – commencing from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Taking place at Drumalis over three evenings (Wednesday 15 Jan, Thursday 30 Jan and Thursday 13 Feb), this short course remembering Paris 1919 will reflect critically on the history and legacies still haunting us and take critical stock of the European and global context of now. Attention will be given to the ethics of a just peace and the crucial importance of justice in preventing war and violence, and building sustainable peace. Each session takes place from 7:00pm until 9:00pm and costs £30 for the series, including light refreshments. For further information or to book a place, please contact 028 28276455/28272196 during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) or email [drumalis@btconnect.com](mailto:drumalis@btconnect.com)

**Extra notices on the website page!**  
**4 page Bulletin.** All notices and anvs. notices need to be received by Wednesday at 1pm to be included.

### **SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

HUMAN LIFE INTERNATIONAL - You are invited to a morning of Reparative Prayer by Human Life International (Ireland) on **Saturday 11th January 2020** after the **10.00am** Mass finishing at **1.30pm**, in **St. Patrick's Church, Downpatrick, Co. Down**. This is a time to focus our prayers as a community, to counteract the growing indifference in our culture to the LIFE in the womb. Where 2 or 3 are gathered together, Jesus is asking us to come together.

### **SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

The Living Church Office will host the second of three Development Days for leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word in our offices at, 120, Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT14 6LA. The day will commence at **9.30am** and finish at **3.30pm**. Development Days are designed to nourish, support, and resource, all those involved in leading Children's Liturgy of the Word in their parish. Due to the popularity of these days, early registration is advised. As usual, there will be time for prayer, input, discussion and activities. There is no charge for the day and lunch and all necessary resources will be provided. To book your place, please contact Caren at [c.collins@downandconnor.org](mailto:c.collins@downandconnor.org) or ring the Living Church Office on 02890690920

### **TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

You are invited to participate in a Day of Reflection from 10:00 to 15:00 with the Alzheimer's Society South Eastern Service Team. To register your interest contact by email: [invite@eventbrite.com](mailto:invite@eventbrite.com) La Mon Hotel and Country Club, 41 Gransha Road, Comber BT23 5RF.

### **FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY – SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY**

A MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND offers married couples of all ages in a good relationship, private time to rekindle the joy of their love. The next (residential) Weekend (Fri 8pm to Sun 4:30pm) will be held in Dromantine, Newry. For information and to book, visit our new website [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) or phone **0770 281 2321** Tom and Madeline McCully with Fr. Seán Coyle (National Leadership team, Catholic Marriage Encounter, Ireland) [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)--

### **FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY - SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

This Inter-Denominational Arts Festival aimed at promoting reconciliation runs from January 31 to February 9. You are invited to attend as many as possible of nearly 20 events throughout Belfast, including a talk by Fr Peter McVerry SJ, the famous champion of the homeless. The theme this year is "Building a City of Grace" and the intention is to promote through music, drama and prayer discussion about the need we share for the gift of grace in our divided society. One of the keynote events sees Church of Ireland bishop, Alan Abernethy, return to St Anthony's Catholic Church, Willowfield, where as a horrified fifteen-year-old he witnessed a sectarian attack that he says changed his life. The Festival was co-founded in 2012 by Falls Road priest, Fr Martin Magill and Presbyterian minister, Rev Steve Stockman. The events are free and further details can be found at the website [4cornersfestival.com](http://4cornersfestival.com)

### **St Mary's University College, Belfast**

St Mary's is at present accepting applications for courses beginning in September 2020. On offer are places on undergraduate courses for the BEd (Hons) Primary teaching degree, the BEd (Hons) Post-Primary teaching degree, and the BA (Hons) Liberal Arts. The closing date for applications for these undergraduate courses is Monday, 13 January 2020. Also on offer are places on a postgraduate course for the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (Irish-medium Education) Primary. The **closing date** for this postgraduate course is Friday 28 February 2020. For further details contact the College on +44(0) 28 90268320 or visit the College website at [www.smucb.ac.uk](http://www.smucb.ac.uk).

### **FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**RETRouvaille** – A Lifeline for Married Couples: Do you want to improve the communication with your spouse? Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. Next programme starts 7th – 9th February 2020. For information contact Tony & Anne (01) 495 3536, Mike & Anne (01) 450 0922, text or call 086 413 5440, or email [info@retrouvaille.ie](mailto:info@retrouvaille.ie) or visit [www.retrouvaille.ie](http://www.retrouvaille.ie).

### **SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> - SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH**

Preparing for Marriage? Catholic Engaged Encounter. A two day non-residential course will be held in Castle Community Centre, Ballymoney on 21-22 March 2020. This weekend is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship. Information/Booking: [marriageencounter.ie](http://marriageencounter.ie) or 028276 38512

### **EASTER PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA 8<sup>TH</sup> – 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL.**

All Easter Ceremonies in Fatima Mass in Santarem where the bleeding host took place and Prayers, and Hungarian Stations of the Cross in Fatima. Contact James Treacy 00353 (0)86-0572216

### **TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY - SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Ni Cancer Pilgrimage to Lourdes - The price of £695 (with price reduction for Cancer Patients) will include: Return flights from Belfast International Airport, operated by JWT License T.O. 052. Full board and accommodation at the Hotel Agena in Lourdes for five nights based on twin/double/treble rooms. Travel insurance cover for persons up to 85 years on date of return. 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: 07933938981; Email: [mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk](mailto:mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk) or contact: Mrs Jean Clarke, N. I. Cancer Pilgrimage, c/o Drumbo & Cartyduff Parish, 546 Saintfield Road, Carryduff, Belfast, BT8 8DL. Chairman:- Dr Gerard Walls, accompanied by Dr Seamus McAleer & Spiritual Director.

**MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2020:** 7 Night Stay and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €266 per person sharing. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or email [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com). MEDJUGORJE: 00387 36 651 518 IRELAND: 00353 1 443 4510 N. IRELAND: 0044 28 8224 1888 Email: [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com) Website: [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com)

**YOUTH FESTIVAL AT MEDJUGORJE - 2020  
29<sup>th</sup> July – 7<sup>th</sup> August**

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).

**HEALTHCARE VISITOR TRAINING.** Are you a lay person who might be interested in healthcare visitation either within your local parish context or within a chaplaincy context? Are you a lay person who visits healthcare facilities as part of your church responsibilities? Do you sometimes feel unsure what to do, what to say or how to react to the different pastoral situations you meet or could meet in a healthcare setting? Please consider attending training for healthcare visitors: Venue: Edgehill House, 9 Lennoxvale, Belfast BT9 5BY; Dates: **Thursday 23rd to Thursday 19th March 2020**, 7-9pm. Fee: £75. T:028 9066 5870, Edgehill Theological College.

## The Baptism of the Lord

