

# 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.

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## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

**BANGOR PARISH,  
BRUNSWICK ROAD  
WEEK DAYS AT 9.30AM**

## CONFESSIONS:

**BANGOR:** SAT 5.30 PM AND  
AFTER ALL MASSES.

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### Weekend Mass in the Pastoral Communities

**Holywood:** Vigil 6.30pm;  
Sun 10am & 12noon.  
**Newtownards:**  
Vigil 6.30pm; Sun 11.30am.  
**Comber:** Sun 10.00am.

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### 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 EUCCHARISTIC 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.

St Comgall's Church  
Refurbishment Fund.  
**Many thanks to the  
parishioners who  
donated £200 last  
week & £50 this week.**  
We are very grateful for  
all the generosity that  
has been shown by so  
many parishioners.

## The Presentation of the Lord – 2 February 2020

### TROCAIRE & TRADCRAFT – ARE BACK!!

**8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> February** in the Parish Centre **after all weekend  
MASSES.** Fairtrade goods new and nearly new bric-a-brac.  
Tea & Coffee served after the 11am Mass.



### Your prayers are requested for:

#### Recently Deceased:

Tommy Jennings, Eileen Morrow,  
Cynthia Baxter, John McMullan.

#### Anniversaries:

Catherine Quirk, William Quirk, Gerard Cassidy, Julia Coey,  
Patricia Hagan, Margaret Moore, Hazel Allen,  
May Gallagher, Mollie Hall, Winfred Savage, Esther Hill  
Patricia Simpson, Stephen Mc Kearney (Senior),  
Edward Mc Daniel, Phyllis Mc Veigh Mc Cabe,  
Mollie Sullivan, Kathleen Mc Mullan

**St Vincent de Paul needs the donations of the  
following items in good, clean condition:  
2 seater sofas, [with current fire labels];  
small wardrobes and chest drawers;  
kitchen tables; double divan bed bases  
[no mattresses]. Please contact the help line:  
077 0367 9384**

### Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospel of Saint Luke 2:22-40

1. It was a day that started without an expectation of anything. Simeon and Anna set about making a visit to the Temple that had become part of their daily routine. Joseph and Mary were going to make the presentation of their child in the Temple, an optional but common practice of God-fearing parents. What started out as an ordinary day turned out to be a day with a meeting they would remember for a long time. Perhaps you too have had significant meetings on what you expected to be just an ordinary day?
2. Simeon acknowledged that not all would accept the light that would shine through Jesus, and this rejection would be a cause of pain to Mary. It can be a source of pain to parents, teachers, church ministers, and all who work for others when some reject values, projects, or advice which would be for their good. Perhaps a sword has pierced your soul as well. What has helped you to maintain hope in such times?
3. Even within ourselves we can be aware of division, at times being open to the light of God and at other times resisting it. Have you known the pain of that struggle? What has helped you to keep seeking the light of God?
4. The final sentence speaks of Jesus as one who grew and became strong and was filled with wisdom. What has helped you to grow in wisdom? Have you seen others grow in wisdom through the experience of life? Recall times when you had a sense of growing up in some way. What brought that about? Think also of how you have seen growth in another person.

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Helpline 077 0367 9384**

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

**SUNDAY CAFÉ**  
in the  
**PARISH CENTRE**  
continues every Sunday  
after **11am Mass.**  
Fresh filtered coffee /  
tea and something  
sweet! All welcome.  
Let's build community  
together!

### WELCOME ROTA DURING FEBRUARY

**6.30pm** Mass  
Dorren Corran &  
Patricia Connery  
**11.00am** Mass  
Derek Le  
Mahieu & Elaine  
Le Mahieu

# PARISH CENTRE

**Baptism Course** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month Venue: St Columbanus & St Cecelia Rooms  
Pre-Sacramental Parents & 7.00pm until 7.45pm [Through the green fence 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Parish Centre]  
God-parents Evening.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES

All classes held after 11am Mass in the Parish Centre.

- Holy Communion Date - **16<sup>th</sup> May 2020** at 10am & 1pm.
- Holy Communion and First Penance Classes - Venue: St Dymphna's Room.
- Confirmation Date – **20<sup>th</sup> May 2020** at 5pm.
- Confirmation Class - Venue: St Columbanus Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Parish Centre.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY! AND OTHER NOTICES....

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

### TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

John Waters in conversation. Journalist and commentator John Waters will give a talk on 'Why I'm a lapsed agnostic in Ireland today' at Queen's Catholic Chaplaincy, 28 Elmwood Avenue Belfast on Tuesday 4 February at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

### THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

St. Brigid's Day Lecture 2020 given by Baroness Nuala O'Loan, "CHRISTIAN AND CITIZEN?" in St. Brigid's Parish Centre, 38 Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast, on at **7.30pm**. Everyone welcome.

The **PASTORAL COMMUNITY** have organised a training morning for the volunteers of the Children's Liturgy Team.

New members welcome. Venue: Holywood Parish.

**SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH** from **10am to 1pm**.

Please contact the parish office to leave your details.

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

This Inter-Denominational Arts Festival, (Belfast) aimed at promoting reconciliation runs from January 31 to February 9. You are invited to attend. The theme this year is "Building a City of Grace". The events are free and further details can be found at the website [www.4cornersfestival.com](http://www.4cornersfestival.com)

### WEDNESDAYS: 5<sup>TH</sup>, 12<sup>TH</sup>, 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Alzheimer's Society – A series of free talks and information sessions for anyone who cares for someone with dementia, has a family member or friend with dementia or anyone who has questions about dementia. Come along to: **Manor Court Community Centre**, Mill St, Newtownards at 6.30-8.30pm. 5<sup>th</sup> – Benefits, Which Ones & How to access them – Maura O'Neill. 12<sup>th</sup> – Dementia, Legal & Financial Planning – David Wilson, Johnsons Solicitor. 19<sup>th</sup> – Carers, Your Mental Health and Well-being – Tom McEaney, Aware. More info contact 028 9181 0083 or [northdownandards@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:northdownandards@alzheimers.org.uk)

### 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

## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Most Holy Redeemer Church, Ballyholme committee members, are having a fundraising **COFFEE MORNING** on **SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY** in the Walter Nelson Hall, Groomsport from 10.30am to 12noon. Admission £3. The funds raised will go towards the people of Zimbabwe who have prepared this year's theme: 'Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk'. They will be hosting later this year the yearly Women's World Day of Prayer on **6<sup>th</sup> March at 11am** in Most Holy Redeemer Church, Ballyholme. All welcome.

**Beginning Experience** - Are you suffering the pain of loss of a partner? Looking for help and understanding? Beginning Experience (a support group for widowed, separated and divorced people) meets **every Wednesday** evening from 8pm to 10pm, in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Malone Rd., Belfast. All welcome. For details please contact Phil Tel: 028 90 207645 or Marie Tel: 07896119669.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

**More volunteers are needed urgently to staff a rota for the C.L.G. Please leave contact details in the parish office. The group is being reordered so as to provide a better service for P3 to P6 children when it resumes. A letter for interested families is available at the rear of the Church. It explains current developments and further plans.**

### 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).

### SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Join us and follow in the footsteps of Padre Pio on this, our first Parish pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo Italy. Return flights from Dublin, **4-nights** from 13th September, accompanied by a Spiritual Director and includes a fully escorted religious programme. Tour package £595 per person. £200 deposit to be paid by **7<sup>th</sup> Febuary 2020** to secure places For additional details visit the website [www.kilmoreandkillyleagh.com](http://www.kilmoreandkillyleagh.com) or contact Joe Walsh tours Tel: 00353 1241 0800.

**The Dalgan Summer School  
July 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020**

The Dalgan Summer School will be led by Dr. John Feehan author of *God in a five-pointed star; A spiritual philosophy of Nature 2028*

Twice in *Laudato Si* Pope Francis refers to the created world as the 'other' book of revelation: the 'magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness;' 'a precious book "whose letters are the multitude of created things present in the universe."

This year's Dalgan Summer School sets out to open the pages of some of the volumes of this Great Book of Creation, especially those that can be read with special meaning in the unique geological setting of the north-east of Ireland.

The Summer School will consist of lectures, recognition of species and work with microscopes.

**PILGRIMAGES**

**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

**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).

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**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.

**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)