

# Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

## Third Sunday of Easter - 15 April 2018



THE **GOSPEL**  
OF THE **FAMILY**  
*Joy for the World*

### Amoris Laetitia – The Joy of Love

The WMOF Team will be advertising in May a 3 week program offered to all parishioners aged 16yrs+ under the topic!  
'Let's Talk Family, Let's be Family!'

### World Meeting of Families on 21-26 August 2018,

Dublin Update REGISTER NOW! [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

### NEWS UPDATE FROM THE WMOF TEAM IN DUBLIN!

#### Pope Francis confirms visit to Ireland for WMOF2018!

Two Irish families, along with a delegation of staff from the WMOF2018 office were delighted to be present in St Peter's Square when Pope Francis himself announced that he will travel to Ireland to take part in the 9<sup>th</sup> World Meeting of Families in August 2018. The news was received with delight, with great celebrations and jubilation also in the WMOF2018 offices back in Dublin. His visit will bring great joy to Irish Catholics and others, as we prepare to welcome the Holy Father as well as thousands of families from all over the world to Ireland for this great event.

This will be the first Papal visit to Ireland since Pope John Paul II came to our shores in 1979. Pope Francis will attend the Festival of Families on 25th August and he will also celebrate the Final Mass of WMOF2018 on 26th August. Other elements of his itinerary have yet to be confirmed.

Preparations have been underway for WMOF2018 since Pope Francis announced Ireland as the venue for the 9th World Meeting of Families at the close of WMOF2015 in Philadelphia, USA. The World Meeting of Families, held every three years in a different country worldwide, is one of the biggest events of the Catholic Church. It brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. With the wonderful news that Pope Francis himself will attend, the World Meeting of Families 2018 promises to be the single largest occasion in Ireland this year.

#### Online Ticket Price:

5 Day Ticket: 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.bangorparish.com)

### WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

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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.

**Holywood:** 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](http://www.bangorparish.com) then Sacramental Preparation.

**Your prayers are requested for:**

**Recently Deceased:**

Brian Anthony Burke,  
Veronica Buckley, Mary McCarron

**Anniversaries:**

Elizabeth Gorman, Walter Lismore,  
Bill O'Hara, Maimie Doherty,  
Luciano and Victoria Taiwo,  
Sheila Hart, Frank Hughes,  
Mary Heery, Sally Dorrian,  
Tommy Gunning, James O'Prey,  
Patrick McMahon, Alice O'Malley,  
Pearl Connor, Patsy Maxwell,  
Anne McDowell, Irene Ellen Rhodes.

*The second collection this week is for  
the Parish Development Fund.*

**Perpetual Adoration**

St Comgall's Church  
Monday 10.30am-9.30pm

**Confirmation**

Bishop Treanor will confer the sacrament of Confirmation on the children of the parish at 5pm on Tuesday 17 April in St Comgall's Bangor. It is a particular pleasure to welcome the Bishop as he approaches the 10th Anniversary of his ordination as Bishop of Down and Connor.

**Bangor Parish**

**7 Day Trip to Brittany and Normandy**

**\*2 places still remaining!\***

From June 25th to July 1st joining the one day St Columbanus International Meeting in St Coulomb June 30th.

The cost is 895 euro pp sharing, all breakfasts and dinners included, 3 nights Lisieux, 3 nights St Malo.

Details on the parish website, church notice board and from the Presbytery.

**Trocaire Family Fast Boxes**

These should be returned to the Parish as soon as possible.

**St Killian's College**

The Friends of Garron Tower are pleased to announce that '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 at 6.30pm. Tickets are priced at £30 and can be purchased by contacting the College on the following number 2888 5202. Seating is limited to 320 therefore ticket allocation will be on a first come first served basis.

**Save Lives, Save the 8<sup>th</sup>**

Pro-life Rally in Dublin, Sat 12 May. The Referendum is fast approaching so NOW is the time to play our part. A bus is being organised from Bangor/Holywood. For further details contact Claire 07740 677256. [www.loveboth.ie](http://www.loveboth.ie)

**Climate change film screenings**

Trócaire & CADA NI are screening two films about climate change during Belfast Film Festival. *Wasted! The Story of Food Waste*, 17 April, 7pm in St George's Market. *An Inconvenient Sequel*, 18 April, 7pm in the Crescent Arts Centre. Tickets £5. [www.belfastfilmfestival.org](http://www.belfastfilmfestival.org)

**Jeff Cavins – Sat 21<sup>st</sup> April**

**The Gospel of the Family  
Joy for the World.**

The Living Church office is delighted to welcome Jeff Cavins, international author, guest speaker and the Director of Evangelization for the Archdiocese of St Paul and Minneapolis. As we prepare for the World Meeting of Families, Jeff will be leading a day where we can reflect on the Gospel of the family and consider how we share our faith within our families. Internationally renowned artists *The Priests* will be leading us in prayer and music and we will have a selection of workshops. Book online [www.livingchurchevents.com](http://www.livingchurchevents.com). The event takes place in Our Lady and Saint Patrick's College Knock. Tickets for the day are £15 including lunch and refreshments.

**St Comgall's Briggins and Guides**

are hosting an open evening for Cygnets on Thurs 19 April 6pm-7pm, in the parish centre. Girls aged 4-6 welcome!

**St Columbanus' College**

**Spring Concert – Friday 20 April**

The Principal, Staff and Pupils would be delighted if you were able to join them in the College Assembly Hall on Friday 20 April 2018 (7-9.30pm) for their Spring Concert. This entertaining evening will showcase pupils across all year groups and include pieces performed by the College Choir, Boys' Choir, Traditional Group, Ensembles, Soloists and the Staff Choir. Tickets are available from the College office and cost £5 per adult and £3 concession, light refreshments served during the interval in the College Canteen. Everyone is most welcome!

**Beginning Experience**

A support group for widowed, separated and divorced people, meets every Wednesday evening from 8-10pm in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast. Next meeting 8pm on 25 April. All welcome. For details please contact Phil Tel: 028 90 207645 or Marie Tel: 07896119669.

**Trocaire and Traidcraft** will be holding a sale next weekend 21/22 April in the parish centre. Tea and coffee will be served after all Masses on Sunday.

**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.

**Donaghadee Bowling Club** is offering an opportunity for anyone to try the game. Starting at the outdoor Bowling Green on 26 April at 6.45pm and running every Thurs for 6 weeks the Club is inviting anyone interested - all ages, male/female- to come along. Club members will be on hand to coach and pass on tips. There is no charge and bowls will be supplied. Please wear flat soled footwear. More information from Tommy Cheevers 07542179201 or email [tommycheevers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tommycheevers@hotmail.co.uk)

**Hooley at the Harbour**

As part of St Paul's GAC 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations the Club will be hosting this event in Titanic Building on Sat 24 Nov 2018. We are recruiting for aspiring Irish dancers, aged 16+, both men and women, to take part in an Irish dancing showdown which will be the highlight of the night. Dancers will be provided with 12 weeks training. For further info contact T McMullan 075 9930 8949.

**Parish Bulletin**

Any notices, including anniversaries, for the bulletin on Sunday 22 April, need to be received into the parish office no later than Tuesday 17 April.

**First Communion gifts**, prayer books, rosaries, and accessories are available in our convent shop, St Joseph's, Falls Rd, Belfast at very reasonable prices. Open Mon- Fri 9am to 5pm (except 11:30 -2pm). Tel 9024 7175 or 90 325 668 out of hours.

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