

# Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

## Third Sunday of Lent - 4 March 2018

### CALLING ON FAMILIES TO VOLUNTEER AT THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

WE NEED 2 FAMILIES PER CHURCH TO VOLUNTEER - CAN YOU HELP?

THIS SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> March AT 4.30PM

WEEK 3: ST COMGALL'S CHURCH, DONAGHADEE

During Lent we will be praying the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

in the 3 Churches of Bangor Parish on alternate Sundays in Lent at **4.30pm**.

We would like a family to carry the cross for each of the stations during the read mediation in each of the Churches, **please contact the parish office during office hours**. The dates are as follows:

Week 3 - 4 March	-	St Comgall's Church, Donaghadee
Week 4 - 11 March	-	St Comgall's Church, Brunswick Road
Week 5 - 18 March	-	Most Holy Redeemer, Ballyholme
Week 6 - 25 March	-	St Comgall's Church, Donaghadee



### Amoris Laetitia – The Joy of Love Reflection Week 3

The quote from "Amoris Laetitia – The Joy of Love" this week is on the subject of God's Dream for Love. It is taken from the words of Saint Ignatius of Loyola:

"Love is shown more by deeds than by words." (P60, Par94)

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

- A three day congress from 22-24 August in the RDS, Dublin;
- A Festival of Families on Saturday 25 August, (Croke Park) comprising a reflective concert style event within a prayerful and joyful atmosphere, in which personal stories of faith will be shared by families from all continents;
- A Closing Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 26 August with thousands of people from Ireland and across the world. (Phoenix Park)

Don't miss out on these once in a generation events. REGISTER NOW! [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

### TROCÁIRE ROMERO AWARD

The Bangor Parish Pastoral Council are encouraging all within our parish family to sign up and take part in the Trocáire Romero Award to deepen our understanding of the lives and issues faced by families living in some of the areas where Trocáire is working. A Trocáire representative will be speaking at Masses this weekend 3 & 4 March to explain more about the initiative and how you can get involved.

See the website for more information. [www.bangorparish.com](http://www.bangorparish.com)

#### 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: As announced.

**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)

**Your prayers are requested for:**

**Recently Deceased:**

Brian O'Connor

**Anniversaries:**

Margaret McNulty, Mary Sharvin, Margaret Worland, Michael McKee, Paddy O'Neill, John Brannigan, Robert Busby, Peter Thompson, Peg and Sarah O'Hara, Patsy Goosen, Patricia Gray, Danny Small, Eileen and Bridget Rice.

*The second collection this weekend is the monthly stipend in support of your priests.*

*Grateful thanks for £250 received for the Church Restoration Fund.*

**Perpetual Adoration**

St Comgall's Church  
Monday 10.30am-9.30pm.

**Ministers of the Eucharist:**

A meeting for all ministers serving in St Comgall's Bangor will be held on Tues at 7pm in the church to organise new rotas.

**Holy hour and Exposition**

St Comgall's Church, Donaghadee today Sunday 4 March at 2.45pm sharp. Everyone welcome.

**Storehouse North Down**

Monthly collection this weekend. We need dried pasta, rice, tinned potatoes and potato products such as stew. Other foodstuffs and cleaning products are also acceptable. *With you help no-one in Bangor needs to go hungry.*

**Healing Mass Devotion** to St Pio Mon 5 March, 7.30pm in St Mary's Star of the Sea Church, Killyleagh. Relics of St Pio's will be available.

**How much longer will you set on a victim, all together, intent on murder, like a rampart already leaning over, a wall already damaged?" Psalms 62:3.**

Today we pray for the people of Eastern Ghouta in Syria. Hundreds of innocent civilians have been killed in the bombing of the past two weeks including many children. Trócaire's partners continue to work on the ground in horrendous conditions. We pray for those who can resolve this crisis to find the political will to do so. To find out more on Trócaire's work visit [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** for members will be held on Tues 6 March in the Parish Centre at 7.30 pm.

**Parish Ministry:** Are you aged between 14 and 18? Would you like to become more involved in your Parish? One way is to become a junior Minister of the Word. Training and support will be provided. Please leave your name and contact details at the Parish Office (9146 5522) during office hours or chat to Josh Hall (07921917026) or James McAllister (07751851444).

**Lourdes 2018:** The Diocesan Pilgrimage (11-16th July 2018) are currently seeking nurses (on the NMC live register - working in any area) to join the volunteer staff. For more info email [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org) or telephone the Pilgrimage Office 9064 6040. Subsidised fare for nurses £520.

**One Day Lenten Retreat** with St Teresa of Calcutta's nuns in Armagh is being organised on **Sat 24 March**, pickup at Bangor at 8.15am. Leaving Armagh at 4pm. Full retreat programme, Talks, Confession, Mass, lunch provided. Cost for bus only £12. Please contact Jacinta Crockford during office hours 10am-2pm on 9042-2167.

**Our Lady and St Patrick's, Knock** To mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of St Patrick's College, past pupils, parents, staff and former governors are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving on Fri 16 March at 7.30 pm in the College. For more details tel: 9040 1184 or email [office@olspck.org](mailto:office@olspck.org)

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** Bookings for 2018 Pilgrimage now open  
Seven nights (10-17 July) £725 pps,  
Five nights (11-16 July) £650 pps.  
Five nights for pilgrims requiring nursing/personal care staying in the Accueil Notre Dame (11-16 July) £550.  
Youth Team (8-17 July) £590.  
Forms available from the Parish Office or contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office 9064 6040 or email [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org)

**Music for a Lenten Evening** in St Brigid's Church 9 March 7.30pm. St Peter's Cathedral Schola Cantorum directed by Mr Nigel McClintock and St Brigid's Choir directed by Dr Niall Leonard. Programme includes: Allegri's Miserere and Faure's Requiem. All welcome – Retiring Collection

**Icon Painting Workshop**  
8-13 October 2018, Knock, Co Mayo  
Alexian Brothers Monastery  
[www.theodoreicons.com/knock](http://www.theodoreicons.com/knock)

**Rally to "Save the 8th"** – a massive pro-life Rally will be held in Dublin on Sat 10 March. Coaches to the Rally from towns across NI. For further details contact the 9027 8484 or click on [www.rallyforlife.net](http://www.rallyforlife.net)

**Bangor Parish  
7 Day Trip to Brittany and Normandy**

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. Day trips include; Places associated with St Therese, Mont St Michel, Dinard and more. (Courier: Kieran Troy who has led Bangor groups in the recent past). As there is great demand for hotel space in Brittany in this period prompt booking would be highly recommended. Details on the parish website, church notice board and from the Parish Office.

**Café Donaghadee:** Grateful thanks for the £500 donated to be used for cancer patients receiving treatment and for the Rough Sleepers in Belfast.

**St Comgall's PS** proudly present an adaptation of **'Matilda the Musical'** Tues 20 – Thurs 22 March 7pm in St Comgall's Parish Centre. Tickets: £7.50 available from the school office. Please come along to support us and enjoy a great evening's entertainment!

**Ards CCE St Patrick's night celebrations** featuring all Ards CCE groups, music song Irish dancing. Rabbit rooms function room, Sat 10 March 8pm. £5 at door. Includes a light supper. Great ballot prizes. More info Ards CCE Facebook.

**42nd Street**

St Agnes' Choral Society are excited to be producing the Broadway Classic, 42nd Street, from 10-14 April. The show is also currently running in The West End but why not avail of the chance to see it in The Grand Opera House? Tickets can be purchased online at [www.goh.co.uk](http://www.goh.co.uk) or via the Box Office on 028 9024 1919

**Parish Envelopes 2018-19**

The new parish envelopes will be available for collection for all the parish in St Comgall's Parish Centre on the weekend of 17/18 March. If any parishioner does not have envelopes and would like some please contact the parish office as soon as possible.