

# Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

## 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Year A – 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Your prayers are requested for

### Recently Deceased:

Alice Havlin

### Month's Mind:

### Anniversaries:

Maureen McGrattan  
Eilish Cummy  
Pauline & Ann McCausland  
Michael Conway  
Thomas Adam Telford  
Kathleen & Frank Rafferty  
Margaret Craig  
Rosemary Farley  
Fr Harry Donaghy  
Elizabeth McDowell  
Renee Hughes

### ST COMGALL'S CHURCH, DONAGHADEE

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023 @ 9.00am

### ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August @ 6.30pm and  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August @ 10am & 12noon

### MASS TIMES FOR:

**DAILY MASS NEXT WEEK 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

Morning Mass: Monday - Friday @ 9.30am

### BAPTISM REGISTRATION

Please register online SIDE BAR under 'Baptism Registration'

### Youth 200 Summer Festival

Join young people between 16 and 35 this August at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival. The festival takes place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare from Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023. The festival includes inspiring talks, music, prayer, concert, workshops, dramas, share groups, reconciliation and healing service and Mass. Donation only and we have buses going from all over Ireland. For more information and to book your place go to [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

### One Day Lough Derg Pilgrimage Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023

The Living Church Office are organising a one-day pilgrimage to Lough Derg as this is a One Day Retreat, fasting and walking barefooted is not required. Cost £55 includes luxury coach transfers, tea, coffee & scones on arrival, retreat day, light lunch, concluding with celebration of the Eucharist. Bus departs 7am From St Patrick's Church, Donegall Street. Places are limited so early booking is recommended. Contact Claire Tel: 02890 690920 Email: [livingchurch@downandconnor.org](mailto:livingchurch@downandconnor.org)

### Right to Life UK

"Let us pray for all those who work for the protection and enrichment of human life, that they might maintain a positive approach to lending their support in difficult situations.. Lord hear us".

## LOUGH DERG LOUGH DERG

2023 Pilgrimage Season



Living Church, Belfast

One Day Retreat

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2023

Cost £55

Includes: Return Coach

Tea, Coffee & Scones on Arrival

Light Lunch

Retreat Day - Concluding with Mass

For information & bookings contact:

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**PARISH CENTRE – PARISH GROUPS 2023**

<b>MONDAYS</b>	<b>TUESDAYS</b>	<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	<b>THURSDAYS</b>
<b>BRIDGE CLUB</b> at 7.15 until 9.45pm  <b>YOUTH CLUB</b> 6.30pm – 8.30pm  <b>LECTIO DIVINA GROUP</b> 7.30pm – 8.30pm [St Dymphna's Room]	<b>FRIENDSHIP CLUB</b> at 10.00am  <b>IRISH DANCING CLASSES</b> at 6.00pm  <b>SENIOR CHOIR</b> Starting 11 <sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm	<b>MENCAP</b> Every fortnight at 6.00pm  <b>YOUTH CLUB</b> 6.30pm – 8.30pm  <b>BADMINTON</b> Every fortnight at 8.00pm	<b>St Comgall's Guide Unit</b> (Girls aged 6-18) at 6.30pm  <b>IRISH CLASS &amp; CEILI DANCING</b> at 7.00pm

**BOOKING OF PARISH CENTRE:** Contact Thomas on 07305 746 263 or Email: [mcmullanthomas481@gmail.com](mailto:mcmullanthomas481@gmail.com)

**The Parish Centre is closed for the summer and classes will recommence in September 2023**

**If you have a parish group and wish to advertise the times of starting or day in this Parish Newsletter please contact the parish office by email on: [bangor@downandconnor.org](mailto:bangor@downandconnor.org)**

**Singing For Boys 2023**

**Monday 14 August – Friday 18 August**

St Dominic's Grammar School

135 Falls Road, Belfast BT12 6AE

This five-day course is aimed at boys aged 8–16 who want to improve their singing voice and musical skills. It is ideal for boys who have a passion for music and want to take their singing training to the next level.

We will be running two groups across the week. Morning sessions will be for younger boys (8–12) who are beginning their musical training. The afternoon sessions will be for boys (11–16) who already have some experience singing.

The summer school will conclude with a showcase at the end of the week to which parents and guardians are invited to attend. The scheme is an excellent entry point into the Schola boys' choir.

Please contact James McConnell at [schola@downandconnor.org](mailto:schola@downandconnor.org) for more information and an application.

**Young Adult Catholic Conference - Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th August 2023**

'Under Mary's Mantle' is a conference on faith and culture for young adults (18-35) with talks, prayer, Mass, Confession, workshops, food and social in the historic All Hallows campus, DCU, Dublin. A chance to build your faith in friendship with young men and women from across the country.

Keynote speakers include poet and convert Sally Read, a one-time radical feminist who embraced the Faith, Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan, Cistercian Fr Aelred McGee, Marian theologian Professor William A Thomas and many more. The talks and workshops range widely from poetry to reading the Bible, vocations and Mary in the Liturgical Year! Mass and Confessions take place both days.

Two day ticket (Saturday & Sunday) – €60

Day rates – Saturday €40; Sunday €30

STUDENTS get a 10% discount – contact [deusetpatria@gmail.com](mailto:deusetpatria@gmail.com) for discount code.

There is a limited amount of accommodation available in DCU, contact [deusetpatria@gmail.com](mailto:deusetpatria@gmail.com) or call 085 144 2423 for rates and more information.

**European Family Weekend, 25 – 27 August 2023, Co. Kildare:** an opportunity to energise family relationships and faith, suitable for children ages 6 and older. Visit: [FamilyWeekend2023.blogspot.com](http://FamilyWeekend2023.blogspot.com)

**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible.**

The Bible is at the heart of our faith and our relationship with God. Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but many people find it hard to even begin.

Why not begin with the Living Church office to learn how to read the bible, understand it and so experience its life changing power.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible is an 8-week programme. Course participants will receive a resource pack and gather online for a time of teaching, discussion, and prayerful reflection. The program will conclude with a Retreat Day. Venue: Holy Rosary Parish Centre, 503 Ormeau Road, Belfast BT7 3GR Date: Saturday 18th November 10:00am - 4:00 pm.

Beginning: **Monday 18th September for 8 weeks.** Online Via Zoom

Facilitators: Aishling Steen & Fr Paul Byrne from the Living Church Office.

For further information or to book your place please contact [livingchurch@downandconnor.org](mailto:livingchurch@downandconnor.org) or Tel: 028 90690920