

PARISH OF BANGOR, MEMBER OF ARDS FAMILY OF PARISHES

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A – 13th September 2026

Your prayers are requested for:

Recently Deceased:

Gerry O'Loan

Tess Hughes

Anniversaries:

Jack Allen

Raymond & Alice Havlin

Mona Hinds

Mary Ellen McGeough

Bridget Agnes Rafferty

Kitty Campbell

June Boyd

Billy Grego

Ena Quinn

Joe McNally

Maureen Taylor

Maureen Cullen

Stephen McKearney

Patrick Coyle

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

DAILY MASS:

Monday 14th – Friday 18th September @ 9.30am

ST. COMGALL'S CHURCH DONAGHADEE

Sunday 20th September 2026 @ 9am

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD

Saturday 19th September @ 6.30pm

Sunday 20th September @ 10am & 12noon

BAPTISMS

Please register online SIDE BAR under Baptism registration
Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays @ 1.15pm



TRŌCAIRE COFFEE MORNING

In aid of disaster in Nepal

Sunday 20 September in Parish
Centre

Tea/coffee & traybakes
Big ballot
Tombola

Please support our appeal

Canon Ronnie Nesbitt

This weekend sees the retirement of Canon Ronnie Nesbitt as Rector of Bangor Abbey. He and his wife Carol have been firm and generous friends to both me since 2009 and to the parish of St Comgall during his term of office.

Whether it was in relation to St Columbanus celebrations in which he participated fully or in ecumenical co-operation he gave of himself with typical humour and warmth.

I know that he is hugely respected and loved in his parish and he has been a wonderful exponent of the friendship promised in the very name of St Comgall "the friend of the stranger".

May he go from strength to strength as he begins his retirement and may it be as long and fruitful as his ministry in the Abbey where he personified the words of St Comgall - *Sancti Venite – Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord.*

On behalf of the Catholic Parish of Bangor, Canon Whyte, Deacon James and Sr Maura I wish God's blessing on Canon Ronnie and Carol and every joy for the future.

Canon J. Gunn PP

PARISH CENTRE – PARISH GROUPS 2025

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
BRIDGE CLUB at 7.15pm until 9.45pm [Minor Hall] LECTIO DIVINA GROUP 7.30pm – 8.30pm [St Dymphna's Room] BADMINTON NOW WEEKLY at 8 to 9pm [Main Hall]	FRIENDSHIP CLUB at 10.30am [Minor Hall] IRISH DANCING CLASSES at 6.00pm to 8.30pm [Main Hall] SVP at 7.30pm to 9.30pm [St Dymphna's Room]	MEDITATION GROUP at 12pm to 1.30pm [St Dymphna's Room] FOLK GROUP AT 6.30 -7.30pm [St Dymphna's Room] SENIOR CHOIR At 7.30pm [St Dymphna's Room] YOUTH CLUB AT 6.30 -8.30pm [Main Hall]	St Comgall's Guide Unit (Girls aged 6-18) at 6.15pm to 8pm [Main/Minor Hall] IRISH LANGUAGE CLASS At 7pm to 8pm [St Dymphna's Room] CEILI DANCING at 8.15pm to 9.30pm [Minor Hall]	Ju-Jitsu Club (Juniors 5-15yrs) 6-7pm [Main Hall] Discussion Group At 7.30pm – 9pm [St. Dymphna's Room]

Discussion Group

The next meeting of the Discussion Group will be on Friday 18 September 2026 in the Parish Centre from 7:30pm to 9:30pm.

The topic for this meeting is: 'The Justice of God'.

Everyone is welcome.

Pioneer Gathering – Sunday 27 September

A meeting for all Pioneers who are interested in helping to renew and strengthen the Pioneer Association in Down & Connor will take place on:

Sunday 27 September at 3.00 pm in Holy Family Gathering Space, Holy Family Church, Newington Avenue, Belfast.

This gathering is open to all Pioneers, especially those who would like to support a fresh start, new energy, and renewed commitment within our diocese. We would be delighted to welcome as many Pioneers as possible.

CHOIR

New choir members welcome for 10am Mass and we would welcome tenors and basses.

No prior music reading experience required.

See timetable above for details.

Poetry & Presence begins on Thursday 1 October at 7pm in the **Belfast Jesuit Centre**, opening with the theme of **Water** in this **Season of Creation**. You're invited into a quiet, reflective evening of poetry, art, music, and Scripture: a space to pause, breathe, and let the imagery of water in God's story speak to the depths of your own heart.



Thursday 1 October 7.00pm



Belfast Jesuit Centre

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will be starting on the 27th September. New forms have to be filled in. Lisa will have them at back of church before and after mass this week.

Parishioners are kindly requested to submit notices for the newsletter and anniversary mass requests to the parish office by Wednesday of each week (Mon to Fri 10am – 1pm) or via bangor@downandconnor.org

ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELPLINES

Bangor Conference 07703679384

(covering Bangor West, Clandeboy/Newtownards Road area, Kilcooley, Helens Bay and Crawfordsburn)

Ballyholme/Donaghadee Conference 07703679389. (covering Bangor city centre, Bangor East/Ballyholme, Balloo/Bloomfield Road area, Groomsport, Donaghadee and Millisle)

