

# COLUMBANUS FESTIVAL

Commemorating the life and legacy of Columbanus and Gall

## GALL

The man, the monk, and the bear



Gall, an Irish monk who was educated at Bangor Monastery, left Bangor for Europe circa 590 with Columbanus and 11 other disciples on a pilgrimage for Christ.

His memory and legacy lives on, not just in Bangor, but in the beautiful city of St Gallen, Switzerland, where he died in 645. Learn all about Gall and what he achieved in his lifetime by attending lectures, walks, cultural events and church services at various venues throughout Bangor.

22nd - 24th November 2024

For further information on events, please visit  
[www.friendsofcolumbanusbangor.co.uk](http://www.friendsofcolumbanusbangor.co.uk)

With the exception of the Church Services in St Comgall's Church, Brunswick Road, Bangor and St Gall's Church, Carnalea, Bangor, all events must be booked online at [www.visitardsandnorthdown.com](http://www.visitardsandnorthdown.com) or in person at Bangor or Ards Visitor Centres or call 028 9127 0069



St Columbanus

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## **22 November/Gall: the man, the monk and the bear/18:30 – 19:30/Free**

### **St Gall's Church, Carnalea, Bangor**

Join Rev'd Canon Michael Parker for a tour of St Gall's Church and a talk about Gall by Leanne Briggs.

## **23 November/Gall Lecture: An Irish Treasure Chest on the Continent/11:00 – 13:00/£10**

### **SPACE Theatre, Castle Park Road, Bangor**

Cornel Dora, director of the Abbey Library, St Gallen, Switzerland, will give a lecture on the incredible collection of Irish manuscripts and writings, many of which are attributed to monks in Bangor and Nendrum Monastic Site, that are kept in the magnificent Abbey Library. (Ticket includes lunch).

## **23 November/ Stained Glass Windows Talk/14:00 – 15:00/£6**

### **St Columbanus Church of Ireland, Ballyholme, Bangor**

An illuminated talk about the beautiful stained glass windows of Irish saints and additional modern stained glass windows. (Price includes a booklet on the windows).

## **23 November/ Columbanus Mass at St Comgall's Church/18:30 – 19:30/All Welcome**

### **St Comgall's Church, Brunswick Road, Bangor**

Canon Joe Gunn will conduct a special mass to mark the installation of a St Gall relic.

## **23 November/Columbanus Cultural Evening and Dinner/20:00 – 22:30/£30**

### **Bangor Golf Club, Broadway, Bangor**

A two course dinner followed by music, song and dance provided by award winning Ards CCE traditional Irish musicians, singers and dancers.

## **24 November/Bangor Bell Walk/13:30 – 15:00/£5**

### **Meet at the Bangor Bell, Bangor Abbey, Bangor**

A guided half mile walk from the Bangor Bell to North Down Museum tracing the European journeys of Columbanus and Gall following the Bangor Bell Trail of seven art installations led by Green Badge guides Brigid Watson and Barbara Boyle.

## **24 November/United Church Service/18:30 – 19:30/All Welcome**

### **St Gall's Church, Carnalea, Bangor**

A cross-community church service with guest speaker Fr Martin McGill. To support those in need, please bring a Christmas food gift or grocery item which will be distributed by Storehouse, a local food bank.

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