

COLUMBANUS FESTIVAL

Commemorating the life and legacy of Columbanus and Gall

PLACE, WORDS, AND MUSIC

In partnership with Carlow County Council, Friends of Columbanus Bangor are proud to present a programme of events which celebrates the rich, shared, monastic heritage on the island of Ireland. The programme has been designed in association with Turus Columbanus, Co Meath, and Friends of Columbanus Myshall, Co Carlow. It has been made possible by a grant from the Creative Ireland programme of the Shared Island Fund. Friends of Columbanus Bangor are delighted that Open House Festival/The Court House, Bangor, is supporting our signature event: **Bangor's Ghost: Place, Words, and Music.**



22nd - 23rd November 2025

For further information on events, please visit

www.friendsofcolumbanusbangor.co.uk

With the exception of Bangor's Ghost and the Columbanus United Church Service, all events must be booked online at

www.visitardsandnorthdown.com or in person at Bangor or Ards Visitor Centres or call the Visitor Centre on 028 9127 0069.

To book Bangor's Ghost please visit www.courthousebangor.com

22 November/Columbanus Lecture

'The making of Ireland's manuscripts, medieval and modern'/11:00 – 13:00/£10

SPACE Theatre, Castle Road, Bangor

This lecture by Pádraig Ó Macháin, Professor of Modern Irish at University College Cork, will range from Bangor to Cork and examine the relics of a wonderful tradition of writing and craftsmanship by Irish monks from the 6th to the 19th century. (Ticket includes light lunch)

22 November/ Calligraphy Workshop for Children/11:00 – 13:00/Free

Ballyholme Parish Centre, Groomsport Road, Bangor

Renowned calligrapher, Jacquie Brachi, will teach basic skills with pen and ink as practised by Bangor monks in the 6th century.

22 November/ Calligraphy Workshop for Adults/14:00 – 16:00/£10

Ballyholme Parish Centre, Groomsport Road, Bangor

Renowned calligrapher, Jacquie Brachi, will teach basic skills with pen and ink as practised by Bangor monks in the 6th century.

22 November/Bangor's Ghost: Place, Words, and Music/19:30 – 22:00/£15

Bangor Abbey, Abbey Street, Bangor

Award winning singers and songwriters Rachel McCarthy and David Lennon, along with the Bangor Ghost Collective, present a uniquely curated evening of ancient words, songs, and music celebrating place. This event is supported by Open House Festival/The Court House, Bangor. To book, please visit www.courthousebangor.com

23 November/Columban Way Walk/ 13:30pm – 15:00pm/Free

Meet at the Bangor Bell beside Bangor Abbey

This popular half mile walk follows the Bangor Bell Walk to North Down Museum. Local guides Brigid Watson and Barbara Boyle will tell the story of Columbanus' journey from Bangor to Bobbio. After the walk, participants may wish to retire to Café Cure for a cup of coffee or tea.

23 November/Columbanus United Church Service/18:30 – 19:30/All welcome

St Columbanus Church of Ireland, Ballyholme, Bangor

A cross-community church service officiated by Canon Simon Doogan of St Columbanus Church of Ireland. To support those in need, please bring a Christmas food gift or grocery item which will be distributed by a local food bank.



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