

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 16 September 2018

Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospels

Mark 8:27-35

1. 'Who do you say that I am?' Imagine Jesus putting this question to you. How would you answer it? Not in words taken from a catechism or textbook, but from your own experience of the significance of Jesus in your life? What does Jesus mean to you? What does his gospel message mean to you?
2. Jesus went on to teach his disciples that following him would be hard at times. There would be a price to pay. Perhaps you also have found that imitating the love and compassion of Jesus is not an easy road? Nor does it come easy to have the constant trust in God that Jesus had. Yet Jesus tells us that this is the way to life. Would you agree?
3. There is a natural human tendency to shy away from what is painful or difficult. Yet if that is our standard pattern of behaviour we will not get far in reaching our potential. We will never find who we are capable of being. When have you found it worthwhile to face difficulties, persevere, 'carry your cross' for a while in order to achieve some goal that was important to you?

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Sunday Mass Times this week:

Bangor: Vigil 6.30 pm,
10.30 am, 12.30 pm.
Donaghadee: Sun 9.30 am.
Ballyholme: 11 am.

Holywood: 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 - Friday 9.30 am
Ballyholme: No Mass at present.

Confessions: Sat 5.30 pm.

Children's Liturgy:

Every Sunday at the 10.30am Mass for children in primary school.

Baptisms: 1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month at 2pm.
Register online at www.bangorparish.com under Sacramental Preparation. 4 week's notice must be given.

MUSINGS

'A family that fails to respect and cherish its grandparents, who are its living memory, is already in decline, whereas a family that remembers has a future. A society that has no room for the elderly or discards them because they create problems, has a deadly virus; it is torn from its roots. Our contemporary experience of being orphans as a result of cultural discontinuity, uprootedness and the collapse of the certainties that shape our lives, challenges us to make our families places where children can sink roots in the rich soil of a collective memory.'

Pope Francis,
Amoris Laetitia 193

Your prayers are requested for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

David Kenny, Maureen Taylor,
May Kennedy, Joe McNally,
James Hill, Stephen McKearney,
Lucy McDaniel, Elizabeth McKearney,
Ben Savage.

The second collection this weekend is the Autumn Offering in support of your priests.

Perpetual Adoration

St Comgall's Church
Monday 10.30am-9.30pm

Faith and Life Convention

Bishop Treanor invites you to attend our fifth Faith and Life Convention on *Sat 29 Sept 2018* in Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock. Registration from 8.45am. The Convention begins at 10am. The Faith and Life Convention is a forum for people from across the diocese, and beyond, to take part in a range of conversations about the meaning of faith and its relevance to every area of our lives. This year we are delighted to welcome Cardinal Óscar Andrés Rodríguez Maradiaga, S.D.B. as our keynote speaker. Each delegate will have the opportunity to take part in two workshops from a range of 27. The workshops fill up quickly so it's best to book now! Perhaps the best part of the day is the pleasure of meeting up with committed people from all over the diocese and beyond. Cost £20. We look forward to seeing you. Book online at: www.faithandlifeconvention.org

The Friendship Club

meet on a Tues morning in the Parish Centre at 10.30am. New members would be very welcome.

Annual Belfast Pioneer Mass

Tues 18 Sept in St Malachy's Church, Belfast at 7pm. Everyone is welcome. Light refreshments afterwards.

Trócaire at Culture Night

At Culture Night, Trócaire will screen an award-winning 12 minute documentary about life under Israeli occupation in the West Bank, told through the stories of Palestinian women. 'Sumud: Everyday Resistance' will be shown between 5-6pm in Room 21, Ulster University, York Street on Fri 21st Sept. Free and all welcome.

St Comgall's Sunday School

Sacramental preparation for First Penance and First Communion for P4 children not attending the parish schools will begin with registration on Sunday 7 October, 11.30am - 12.15pm in St Comgall's Parish Centre. Parents must attend with their child.

Trocaire and Traidcraft

are having the first sale of the year on the 22/23 September. Donations of bric-a-brac in good condition would be appreciated. Tea and coffee will be served after all Masses on Sunday.

Knights of St Columbanus.

The new council for Bangor/North Down and Ards has just been established. Anyone seeking further information can contact Derek on 07935678182 or dgkck4@outlook.com. and at www.knightsofstcolumbanus.ie

Overseas Volunteers Required!

Volunteer Carpenters, Builders, Media Specialists, Teachers, Accountants, Early Childhood Practitioners, Social Workers, Occupational Therapists, Farmers...required for placements on Missions in Africa, SE Asia and the Caribbean. No previous overseas exp required, no upper age limit! Volunteer training programme begins on 22 Sept in Dublin - open to all! Contact Viatores Christi for more information on +353 1-8689986, email apply@viatoreschristi.com

Marie Curie - 7km Twilight Walk

at the beautiful Barnett Demesne, South Belfast on Fri 28 Sep. You can sign up at www.mariecurie.org.uk/twilightwalk or call 90882060.

Beginning Experience

Are you suffering the pain of loss of a partner? Looking for help and understanding? Beginning Experience (a support group for widowed, separated and divorced people) meets every Wed evening 8-10pm in St Bride's Hall, Belfast. 1st weekly meeting and Information Session: Wed 26 Sept at 8pm. All welcome. For details please contact Phil Tel: 028 90 207645 or Marie Tel: 07896119669.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry 5- 7 Oct 2018. For more info or to book visit www.marriageencounter.ie or call 028 7135 9612 or (087) 784 0408.

St Comgall's Parish Youth Club

Club commences on Mon 17 Sept P6, Wed 19 Sept P7, Fri 21 Sept Yr8+ Membership is £15 per child and £10 for each family member thereafter.

Job Opportunities: We have 2 vacant positions for Youth Workers - see jobcentreonline.com for details.

Volunteers: Interested in being a Junior Leader or Volunteer? St Comgall's Parish Youth Centre needs volunteers to help in the Youth Club. Email comgallsyc@gmail.com or call 07754 423571 or call into the club and have a chat.

Rosary on the Coast for Life and Faith, Ireland:

Following the passing of the referendum removing the protection for unborn babies in Ireland we ask you to come and pray the Rosary on the Coasts of Ireland on 7 Oct 2018 for the protection of unborn babies and for the strengthening of the Catholic Faith here. Sign up to a location: www.coastalrosaryireland.ie

Ards CCE trad music classes for all traditional instruments start back Sat mornings in St Columbanus College Bangor. Beginners welcome. More info from Ards CCE Facebook or contact Niall McClean on 07960072218

Children's Liturgy: Volunteers are urgently required to help in a Rota of 1 in 4 weeks, please phone Lisa 07762788733. Any children attending the Children's Liturgy must have a parent consent form completed, forms at the back of the church.

NI Hospice Big Coffee Break: Get together with your church group to pop the kettle on and help raise vital funds for Hospice! You can host your coffee break any date from 20 Sept to 30 Nov. Register today at www.nihospice.org

Radio Maria Ireland

an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies - all commercial free - Listen via TV on Saorview Channel 210; Free App "Radio Maria Ireland", streaming on www.radiomaria.ie or via phone - get live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply). Please join our growing faith family!

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