

# Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23 September 2018

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### Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospels

#### Mark 9:30-37

1. Jesus uses the time they are travelling along the road to teach his disciples what it means to follow him. Think of the wisdom you have acquired about life, about faith, about what it means to be a Christian. Who have been your teachers? Remember them and give thanks for them.
2. One of the lessons Jesus gives them is that there is a dying to be endured as we move to a fuller life. That was the road he would travel. It is also our journey, not only at the end of this earthly life, but also in small ways through life. When have you found that by dying in some way you came to a fuller life?
3. Achievement, affirmation, recognition and status are attractive and enjoyable when they come our way. Yet we can be in trouble if, like the disciples, we become caught up in pursuit of them. Jesus tells them that true greatness lies in service of others. Who are the people whose support and assistance help you now? What has helped you to appreciate the value of loving service of others?

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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](http://www.bangorparish.com) under Sacramental Preparation. 4 week's notice must be given.

#### MUSINGS

'At times we see an obsession with denying any pre-eminence to the human person; more zeal is shown in protecting other species than in defending the dignity which all human beings share in equal measure...It is clearly inconsistent to combat trafficking in endangered species while remaining completely indifferent to human trafficking, unconcerned about the poor, or undertaking to destroy another human being deemed unwanted.....Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society.'

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si* 90-91

**Your prayers are requested for:**

**Recently Deceased**

Imelda McPoland

**Anniversaries:**

Matt Furlong, Mary Quinn,  
James Murdock, Paul McBrien,  
Edward Lindsay, Sandy Saunders,  
Leo, Ethna and Monica Caproni,  
Susan Curry, James Hart,  
Kathleen Brown, Joseph Brannigan,  
Mary Dornan, Emily McDowell.

**Perpetual Adoration**

St Comgall's Church  
Monday 10.30am-9.30pm

**Trocaire and Traidcraft**

are having the first sale of the year this weekend 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.

**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](http://www.faithandlifeconvention.org)

**The Friendship Club**

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

**The Parish Pastoral Council** invite you to a Mass of Thanksgiving on Mon 15 October at 7.30pm to celebrate the Ordination of James McAllister to the Permanent Diaconate. The Mass will be followed by hospitality in the Parish Centre.

**St Joseph's Young Priests Society.**

The latest addition of The Sheaf, the quarterly magazine of the Society, is available at the back of the church. Please take a copy.

The second collection next weekend is the annual collection for the support of the society. Envelopes are available at the rear of the Church, along with information leaflets on the work of the Society. By promoting the work of the society through our prayers and financial support, we hope to create a greater awareness of how important Vocations to the Priesthood are and the urgent need to provide Priests for tomorrow. The Society supports young men who wish to study for the Priesthood but who do not have the resources to do so on their own. In the year 2017/18, 82 Irish and 528 Overseas students were supported by your donations, and 118 students were ordained to the Priesthood. There are "Expressions of interest" forms at the back of the church. Anyone interested in joining the Society should complete the form with their name and phone number, and a member of the Society will contact you. Thank you for your support

**Introduction to Theology of the Body:**

This DVD and group discussion programme for adults will be held in Tobar Mhuire Monastery, Crossgar for 8 consecutive weeks beginning Thurs 11 Oct 2018 at 7.30pm, lasting 1 hour. For further enquiries contact [tobteam@yahoo.com](mailto:tobteam@yahoo.com)

**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](http://www.nihospice.org)

**Rome/San Giovanni**

Easter 2019 with Papal Ceremonies in St Peter's Square. 7 nights Ex Dublin €995 pps contact James Treacy on 061921470 or 0860572216.

**A day in Honour of Our Lady - "Calling all Families"**. Consecrate your families to Our Lady on Sat 6th Oct in Knock Shrine at the 3pm Pilgrimage Mass. Followed by testimony, food and music in the Rest and Care Centre and concludes with a Holy Hour to pray for our Priests, Bishops and their Dioceses. To book your FREE seat on Bus from Glengall Street, Belfast at 7am, please contact Human Life International in Knock on 094 9375993 or email: [mail@humanlife.ie](mailto:mail@humanlife.ie)

Donations Welcome, Booking Essential.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend**

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

**Legion of Mary**

There will be a Catholic Young Adult Conference at QUB Catholic Chaplaincy on Sat 20 October. Brilliant talks and workshops on how to be a courageous Catholic in today's world. Speakers include Fr Andrew Black, Fr Conor McDonough and Maria Steen. Cost: £10 inc. lunch. For ages 18-40. To book a place call 07753379110 or email [cyaconference16@gmail.com](mailto:cyaconference16@gmail.com)

**St Comgall's Parish Youth Club  
Job Opportunities:**

We have 2 vacant positions for Youth Workers - see [jobcentreonline.com](http://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](mailto:comgallsyc@gmail.com) call 07754 423571 or call into the club and have a chat.

**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

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