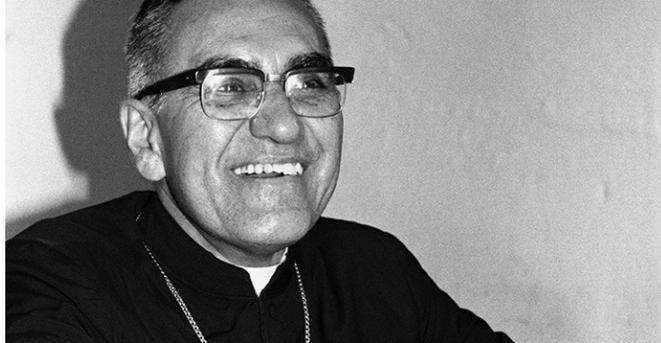


# Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14 October 2018

This Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018, at a ceremony in Rome, Pope Francis will officially recognise the sainthood of Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador. It is a fitting tribute to an extraordinary man, whose life still influences the work of Trōcaire and similar organisations working for human rights around the world.



***“It is not God’s will for some to have everything and others to have nothing”. Blessed Oscar Romero***

Archbishop Romero was a great friend of Trōcaire. His leadership, conviction and compassion still guide Trōcaire’s values of solidarity, participation, perseverance and courage in our work today. In 1979, we began funding the El Salvador Human Rights Commission, which was set up by the Archbishop, in response to the unlawful killing of 8,000 people. Trōcaire received a letter from Monsignor Romero dated 1 March 1980 asking for funding to restore the broadcasting unit. He wrote *“Not having the radio deprives us of a means so important here”*. He also wrote in the same letter *“I would like to thank your kindness and preoccupation for our country and our Church and the kindness of the Irish Bishop’s Conference and Trōcaire’s”*. Two weeks after writing this letter, Archbishop Romero was brutally murdered.

Archbishop Romero’s death was not in vain. Today his legacy continues to be deeply embedded in the work of Trōcaire. Here are some ways in which you can remember this extraordinary man in parish and community life over the coming weeks:

Become closer to Archbishop Romero by reading the articles and blogs and watching videos about his life on [www.trocaire.org/romero](http://www.trocaire.org/romero)

Show the Oscar Romero animation on the Trōcaire website at meeting for young people and encourage the young people to participate in the Romero Award Programme ([www.trocaire.org/getinvolved/romeroaward](http://www.trocaire.org/getinvolved/romeroaward))

## Trōcaire

### 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.

### Prayer of Oscar Romero

It helps now and then, to step back  
and take the long view.  
The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts,  
It is beyond our vision.  
We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of  
the magnificent enterprise that is God’s work.  
Nothing we do is complete,  
which is another way of saying  
that the kingdom always lies beyond us.  
No statement says all that could be said.  
No prayer fully expresses our faith.  
No confession brings perfection.  
No pastoral visit brings wholeness.  
No programme accomplishes the church’s mission.  
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.  
This is what we are about:  
We plant seeds that will one day grow.  
We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future  
promise.  
We lay foundations that will need further development.  
We provide yeast that produces effects beyond our capabilities.  
We cannot do everything  
and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.  
This enables us to do something,  
and to do it very well.  
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way,  
an opportunity for God’s grace to enter and to do the rest.  
We may never see the end results,  
but that is the difference between the master builder and the work-  
er.  
We are workers, not master builders,

**Your prayers are requested for:**

**Recently Deceased:**

Michael Egan, Lily Prior

**Anniversaries**

Mary McNally, Terence Mulligan  
Mary Sweeney, Joe Jackson  
Annie McElroy, Colum McGrattan  
Thomas and Helena McCullough  
Kathleen Ward, Mary McArdle  
Mick McArdle, Patrick McDonagh  
Cecil Hyland  
Rosiland and Michael McWilliams

*The second collection this weekend is for the parish development fund.*

**Perpetual Adoration**

St Comgall's Church

Monday 10.30am-2pm. Please note change of time this week to allow church to be prepared for Mass of thanksgiving following Ordination of Deacon James McAllister.

**Thanksgiving Mass**

for James McAllister after his Ordination to the Diaconate will be held in his home town of Bangor in St Comgall's Church, Brunswick Rd, at on Monday 15th October at 7.30pm. All parishioners are warmly invited. Light refreshments will be served in St Comgall's Parish Centre after the Mass.

**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.

**Trocaire and Traidcraft** will be holding a sale on the 20/21 October. Tea and coffee will be served after all Masses on Sunday

**Message from Fr Gunn**

Fr Gunn wishes to thank sincerely Fr Whyte, Monsignor Macauley and the other visiting Priests who supplied Mass cover during his recent absence, and also to all those parishioners who sent him Prayerful good wishes for a speedy recovery. All where very deeply appreciated.

**Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service:**

Tel No. 02890339944

**Rome/San Giovanni** Easter 2019 with Papal Ceremonies in St Peter's Square. 7 nights Ex Dublin €995 pps Payments can be made in instalments contact James Treacy on 061921470 or 0860572216.

**Mass for the Deceased Teachers of Down and Connor.**

Wednesday 7th November 2018, Good Shepherd Church, Ormeau Road Belfast. Refreshments afterwards in adjacent Good Shepherd Centre. Relatives of deceased teachers and retired colleagues, pupils and parishioners are all invited.

**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)

**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](mailto:dgkck4@outlook.com)

**National Adoption Week**

**15<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018**

Family Care Adoption Services is seeking adoptive families for babies, young children aged 3 years and older; and brothers and sisters.

To find out more information please contact us at:

Family Care Adoption Services:

Telephone: 028 71 368592

or 028 90 691133

Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m

E: [anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org](mailto:anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org)

Web: [www.familycaresociety.co.uk](http://www.familycaresociety.co.uk)

**First Bangor Presbyterian Church**

Main street, warmly invites parishioners to a Harvest Festival today at 7pm.

**Invitation to the Irish Inter-Church Meeting**

**18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

The Annual Irish Inter-Church Meeting will take place this year from 2pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> to 1pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October at Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry.

**Society of St Vincent de Paul (St Comgalls Conference)**

Urgent Appeal

A family in the Parish are in need of a set of bunk beds for their 6 yr. old and 8 yr. old sons. Do you have a set you no longer need?. If so please contact SVP Helpline 07703 679784, or speak to any SVP Member, to arrange collection. The Society is always in need of good quality furniture.

The Society thank you sincerely for your continued very generous response to our monthly appeal for non-perishable foodstuffs.

**Support for the Bereaved**

If you need to talk to someone about your bereavement, a member of the Bethany Bereavement Support Group can be contact on the Confidential mobile number: 075 1085 2157

**Down and Connor Living Church**

Faith Development Conference in the Crowne Plaza Hotel on **27<sup>th</sup> October from 9.30am - 4.30pm**. The aim of this event is to encourage and resource any parishioners who are already involved in, or who might like to become involved in leading Faith Development Programmes within Parishes.

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

The annual collection for the support of the society held recently, raised £1900.

The Society is very grateful for your continued support, both financially, and in your prayers. The Society is also very grateful for the support of the clergy, and of our Diocesan President Jean Clarke, who spoke at 3 Masses over the weekend.

In the year 2017/18 the following numbers were financially supported by the Society through the donations it receives.

118 students were ordained to the Priesthood,

82 Irish and 528 overseas students assisted with their studies.

**St Pauls GAC presents Hooley in the Harbour**

Saturday 24th November 2018

Titanic Belfast

Tickets £70 per person and include 3 course meal and an abundance of popular irish dancing. Tickets on sale from Mace Brunswick Road.

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