

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 21 October 2018

Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospels

Mark 10:13, 35-45

1. Jesus spent much time teaching his followers that discipleship was a life of service, a life of giving oneself for others. In spite of that James and John were thinking of what they could get out of it. For Jesus, for the apostles, and for each one of us, the glory of God is revealed when we allow God to work through us as we give ourselves for others. When have you found that you reach a fuller life, and others benefit, when you act in this spirit of service?
2. One of the great problems in a community, a parish, or an organisation, is when you have some people jockeying for status and positions of power. The good of the group and the people it serves take second place to personal prestige. You have probably seen this happen. Perhaps you have also witnessed people with a spirit of service that allowed them to value the good of the group over personal rewards. Recall them and give thanks for their witness.
3. Jesus himself is the great model of this spirit of service. Think of the aspects of Jesus' life and ministry that have inspired you to imitate his giving of his life for 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: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9.30 am;
Wed 10 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

"...for over a thousand years, the Church has greeted Mary, the Mother of God, as 'Star of the Sea': Ave maris stella. Human life is a journey. Towards which destination? How do we find the way? Life is like a voyage on the sea of history, often dark and stormy, a voyage in which we watch for the stars that indicate the route. The true stars of our life are the people who have lived good lives. They are lights of hope. Certainly, Jesus Christ is the true light, the sun that has risen above all the shadows of history. But to reach him we also need lights close by - people who shine with his light and so guide us along our way. Who more than Mary could be a star of hope for us? With her 'yes' she opened the door of our world to God himself; she became the living Ark of the Covenant, in whom God took flesh, became one of us, and pitched his tent among us (cf. Jn 1:14)."

Benedict XVI, Spe Salvi 49

Your prayers are requested for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time

Paddy and Agnes Fox,
Ann McPadden, Betty Naylor,
Ethna Heaney, Cecilia Walsh,
James McMahon, Raymond Mooney,
Josephine Mooney, Molly Monaghan,
Jack Hamill, Seamus Anderson,
Kevan Hughes, Michael McAloon,

The second collection this weekend is the Diocesan collection for World Missions. This collection goes to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and is used to support the young churches throughout the world in the establishment of parishes, dioceses, training of catechists and building of seminaries etc.

Perpetual Adoration
St Comgall's Church
Monday 10.30am-9.30pm.

Mass in St Comgall's Church on Wed 24 October will be at 10am.

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 this weekend 20/21 October in the Parish Centre. Tea and coffee will be served after all Masses on Sunday.

Mass for the Deceased Teachers of Down and Connor.

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

Down and Connor Living Church
Faith Development Conference in the Crowne Plaza Hotel on **27 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.

Artisan Bazaar at St Gall's Sat 3 November 10am-3pm.

Featuring St Columbanus' College Choir and Traditional Group. Enjoy a browse through craft stalls eg jewellery, homemade cakes and jams, candles, etc. Games and activities available for all children.

Irish Inter-Church Meeting

The Annual Irish Inter-Church Meeting will take place this year from 2pm on Thurs 18 to 1pm on Fri 19 October at Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry.

Society of St Vincent de Paul (St Comgalls Conference)

A family in the Parish are in need of a set of bunk beds for their 6 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.

St Pauls GAC presents Hooley in the Harbour

Saturday 24 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.

The Living Church Office will be hosting a series of development courses throughout the year for Children's Liturgy Leaders. The first of these will take place on Saturday the 24 November in Holy Rosary Parish Hall, Ormeau Road, from 9.30am – 4.30pm. The other dates to save are: Sat 16 February and Sat 11 May 2019. Whether your Children's Liturgy Group is well established or just beginning, these days will encourage, nourish, support and resource those involved in leading it. Attendance at each day is free. To register to attend one, two or all three of the days, contact Caren at Living Church Office 90690920 or c.collins@downandconnor.org.

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service:

Tel No. 02890339944

St Comgall's Primary School

urgently require experienced cleaner(s) to provide emergency support due to staff illness. The position is likely to run until at least Christmas with possible extension. Please contact the school office ASAP if interested on 9146 3194.

Café Donaghadee:

£100 was donated to St Comgall's Church Refurbishment and £50 to St Vincent de Paul.

Anam Cara Armagh, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wed 31 October at 7:20pm in the Armagh City Hotel, Armagh. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

Rome/San Giovanni

Easter 2019 with Papal Ceremonies in Saint Peter's Square in Rome for the 7 nights Ex Dublin €995 pps. Payments can be made in instalments contact James Treacy on 061921470 or 0860572216. A few places still available.

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.

St Columbanus' College

will be celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2019/20. To that end we are in the process of creating an alumni. A number of special events will be taking place during this period. The College is keen to have as many past pupils and friends involved in the celebrations. Please get in touch on alumni@stcolumbanuscollege.org

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

Marian Prayer Group meet every Thursday evening for 1 hr at 6.30pm in St Comgall's Church, Brunswick Road. Rosary for the Unborn, Reflection, Music, Petitions and Divine Mercy Chaplet. All ages welcome.

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