

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

Fifth Sunday of Easter - 14 May 2017

Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of the Gospels

John 14:1-12

1. 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me. 'Trust in another person can help us in difficult times. Remember and give thanks for the people you were able to trust in difficult moments. Remember also when your faith in God helped you through anxious moments.
2. Thomas struggled with the desire, which is in all of us, to know exactly the destination before we set out. Jesus invites us to make an act of faith and to take one step at a time. Can you recall times when it helped you to take that trusting attitude to life?
3. Jesus proposed himself to Thomas as the way, the truth and the life. In what ways has Jesus been the way, the truth and the life for you on your faith journey?
4. Philip wanted Jesus to give him a glimpse of God and got the surprising answer 'Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.' Jesus put a human face on the love of God. He gives us a glimpse of the divine. We are Jesus in the world today, called to follow Jesus and to put a human face on the love of God for those who meet us. Who are the people whose love has helped you to believe in the love of God? To whom have you given an occasional glimpse of the divine?

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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 - Thurs 9.30 am
Friday as announced.

Ballyholme: Monday and Friday 9am.

Confessions: Sat 5.30 pm.

Children's Liturgy: Sunday at 10.30am Mass for children from P1-P7.

Baptisms: 1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month at 2pm. Contact the Parish Office to register.

Exposition and Holy Hour: 1st Sunday of the month at 3pm in St Comgall's Donaghadee, organised by the Prayer Group.

Musings: The Centre Holds

The Gospel presents Jesus as the guide in life, the 'way, truth and life.' The Christian centre is the person of Christ. Our work for Jesus and our love for people, no matter what our calling in life, flow from this. Mother Teresa was once asked why she did what she did, and she simply said 'for Jesus.' This centre always holds, it cannot be unhinged. It is a deeply personal relationship: we are led by Jesus 'one by one', known by name, not as one of a group.

Prayer is the way of keeping our centre of conviction and motivation strong.

We can get so caught up in small or even big truths and doctrines that we miss other centres of faith. All faith needs the balanced approach to Jesus - the way, truth and life.

Gospel Reflections by Donald Neary SJ

Your prayers are requested for:

Recently Deceased:

Sadie O'Kelly

Month's Mind:

Jamie McCallum (9 yrs of age),
Maimie Doherty, Mary Heery.

Anniversaries:

Maura McPadden, Marie Coulter,
Gerry Scollan, Thomas Scollan,
Kathleen and James McMahan,
Fr Pearse Gallagher, Marion McAuley,
James Patrick McQuillan.

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

*Grateful thanks for donations of £150
received this week for the Church
restoration fund.*

Perpetual Adoration

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

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Thurs 25 May, 7.30pm in the Church
of the Nativity. Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament, singing of the
Divine Mercy Chaplet. Mass 8pm.

Cappella Caeciliana Concert

2017 is the 50th anniversary of St.
Bernadette's Church, Rosetta Road,
Belfast, and as part of the celebrations
Cappella Caeciliana are presenting a
choral concert of bright and uplifting
music, with conductor Donal
McCrisken, tenor soloist Fr Eugene
O'Hagan and organist Stephen
Hamill. The concert takes place on Fri
19 May at 7.30pm. Tickets £15,
available from www.caeciliana.org,
entry is free for students and under
25s. Programme includes "Hallelujah
Chorus" and Widor's "Toccata".

Ministers of the Word/Eucharist

New rotas are available for collection in
the Sacristy after Mass.

Day of Prayer to find God's Peace
and Healing in Clonard Monastery on
Sat 20 May 1pm-5pm. Come and go as
you please. Opportunity to pray for the
future of our country! More details on
Poster in Church Porch.

Easter Duty:each of the faithful
is obliged to receive Holy Communion
at least once a year. This precept must
be fulfilled during Paschal time (Ash
Wed to Trinity Sunday) unless for a
good reason it is fulfilled at another
time during the year". Canon 920.

Trocaire 2017

Thanks to all who have now returned
their Lenten box. These have now been
counted and the amount sent to
Trocaire from our Parish is £10,745.

Trocaire and Traidcraft

are holding a sale on 20/21 May. Tea
and coffee will be served after Masses
on Sunday.

Coffee Morning in aid of The Hope
Christian Trust working with
Communities in Bethlehem, Gaza, West
Bank. Saturday 20 May 10am-12.30pm
in Walter Nelson Hall, Groomsport.
Please come and support us if you can.

Natural Fertility Awareness

Presentation: The D&C Theology of
the Body Team will host a Natural
Fertility Awareness presentation in
Christ the Redeemer Church, 12
Lagmore Drive, Belfast on Tues 23 May
at 7.30pm. The presentation will be
given by Dr Deirdre Gleeson, Course
Director of the Natural Family Planning
Teacher Association of Ireland.

Festival Brass concert with special

guest Peter Corry: Holywood Parish
Asha Support Group fundraiser on Fri
26 May at 7-45pm in Holywood Parish
Church. Tickets £15 can be purchased
from the parish office 9042 3622,
Matchetts or Belfast Music or on line at
[www.hollywoodparishchurch.co.uk/
event/festival-brass-in-concert/](http://www.hollywoodparishchurch.co.uk/event/festival-brass-in-concert/)

Hollywood Parish Retreat,

Drumalis Sat 3 - Sun 4 June.

The Joy of Rest - Rediscovering the
Sacred Rhythm of Sabbath Rest. Life for
many of us has become very busy with
very little time to pause and reflect on
what really matters. "Keeping holy the
Sabbath" reminds us to slow down and
rest in the presence of God and pamper
our souls. For further information
contact Una Dobbin 9042 5575.

Marian Prayer Group

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

Support for the Bereaved

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

**Annual Diocesan Collection for
our Student Priests Sun 21 May**

There are currently eight young men in
training for priesthood for the diocese,
one of whom, Manuelito is a deacon.
The other students are Christopher,
Tony, Stofan, David, John, Kevin,
Christopher. Please remember them in
your prayers.

The second collection next
Sunday is the yearly collection for the
education of our student priests. Thank
you for your support of this collection
last year. Your continued support of
this annual church collection is again
requested. Your financial contribution
is another concrete way of supporting
our students as they journey towards
priesthood for service in our parishes.

The Rosminian Fathers wish to
announce the Annual Novena in honour
of St Jude in Calvary, Omeath, Saturday
3 June to Sunday 11 June.

Down and Connor Living Church

Three Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg,
Fri 23 - Sun 25 June 2017. Transport to
be confirmed. Cost: £60. Please contact
Geraldine Mullan 90690920 or email:
livingchurch@downandconnor.org

Lough Derg 2017:

Season opened for
One Day Retreats Advance booking is
essential. Tel. 071 9861518 (or email
info@loughderg.org). The Three Day
Pilgrimage season begins on Thurs 1
June, pre-booking not required. You are
invited to walk in the spiritual footsteps
of your ancestors and be part of the
unbroken link of Lough Derg as a place
of continuous prayer for over 50
generations (1,500 years).

The Village Nursery

at Conlig Day
Services have now their summer
bedding plants on sale. We are also offer
hanging baskets from only £10 and can
supply planters and tubs. We will also
refill your current planters. Please call
02891 479832 for info or to order.

**The Bethany Bereavement
Support Group**

(St Colmcille's Holywood)

monthly drop in listening service in
Iona (inside porch of St Colmcille's
Church, Holywood) on the first Friday
of each month from 6.15 to 7pm.
Anyone suffering the pain of loss is most
welcome to come along for a
confidential chat over a cuppa