

# Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13 September 2020

### MASS NEXT WEEK:

WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER at 10am – **NO ONLINE REGISTRATION NEEDED.**

**in St Comgall's Church, Brunswick Road**

SATURDAY VIGIL 19<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm &  
**SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> September at 10am & 12.30pm**  
**online registration required.**

When registering please specify which Mass you would like to attend.

[You will be contacted by text when you have been allocated your seat(s), please allow 48hours, Mon-Fri.]

**BOOKING BEFORE MONDAY IS RECOMMENDED.**

PLEASE REGISTER USING THE CONTACT FORM on the parish website

<https://www.bangorparish.com/re-opening-of-bangor-parish-for-public-mass/>

Dear Parishioner,

Please sign up for **MASS** in St Comgalls Church, Brunswick Road. Using the **two metre** distancing rule the Church can hold fewer people than the hall so please register early.

**For the time being it will no longer be necessary to register for the WEEK DAY MASSES. People attending these Masses will be asked for their name which will be recorded and then will be shown to a seat by the Steward. Please note that online registration for weekend Masses are still necessary.**

The Covid-19 virus is still circulating and all necessary sanitising advice supplied by the Diocese following government recommendations will be strictly observed. We need **volunteers to steward and to clean** and anyone over the age of 18 who would like to do so is invited to contact the parish by email as soon as possible.

As part of Track and Trace everyone will be required to apply for Mass online. This will also prevent people from having to be turned away because the number of permitted attendees has been reached. I do not want people who have made the considerable physical and psychological effort to come to Mass to be turned away at the door. **Applications will be dealt with on a first come first served basis.** A seat(s) will be allocated to you. If you cannot avail of this allocation please let us know so that someone else may do so. I am fully aware that this will cause many difficulties and it goes against every custom and every tradition that we hold dear but the aim is to provide Mass to as many people as possible while keeping everyone safe.

International experience has shown churches can be a source of infection spikes. The places you occupy will be cleaned after you use them and time must be given for them to dry before the next Mass. The doors of the centre will remain open to provide ventilation and the toilets will remain CLOSED. Masks must be worn.

I realise that these are onerous conditions to impose for the celebration of the Mass which is a coming together of the Parish but the primary aim is the safety of all. I should be very grateful if you would tell as many people as possible about this notice and the means of applying for Mass.

Upon receipt of your online form we will contact you to confirm the allocated Mass, day and date. **Communication with all parishioners is very difficult at the moment please alert other parishioners to this notice.**

With every best wish and sincere thanks for your assistance in this important but complicated matter.

Fr J Gunn PP



**Your prayers are requested for**  
**Recently Deceased:** Mary Robinson.

### Anniversaries:

Maureen Taylor, Fr Harry Donaghy, Fr Terence McLoughlin OP, Stephen McKearney, Elizabeth McKearney, Joe McNally, Lucy McDaniel, David Kenny, Emmanuel Sheilds, Edwin Bana, Harry Sheilds, Billy Grego.

**5 page bulletin** this weekend includes the readings for Mass.

**Saint Vincent de Paul Ballyholme and Donaghadee** are selling washable face masks to raise much need funds. The masks have 3 layers and are available in child's, adults and large sizes from the Centra, Donaghadee Road/Windmill Road junction and from the porch at 20 Deanfield, Bangor, for a donation.

**Bethany Bereavement Support Group**  
we are here to support and listen.  
Confidential. **075 1085 2157**

**St Vincent de Paul**  
**Helpline 077 0367 9384**

### List of Directions for attending Mass in line with the Government Guidelines.

1. Enter through the main doors of the Church only.
2. Exit through the doors at the Baptismal Font only. If you are unable to use the steps please wait in your seat until the majority of people have left and the Stewards will direct you out.
3. There will be hand-sanitisers on entering the Church in the foyer and the steward will confirm your seat number and direct you to your seat(s). Families / households are seated together – (2 metre rule) please respect social distancing as you enter the Church. There will be a time for prayer after Mass so reverence on exiting will permit personal silent prayer.
4. Confession will be offered after all Masses.
5. Envelope collections or donations can be given to one of the stewards when entering or leaving.
6. A mask must be worn at all times within the Church.
7. Distribution of Holy Communion will be given directly to you at your seat. You will receive Holy Communion on the hand only. The host will be placed on your hands. The Priest will sanitise his hands before distribution of Holy Communion and will wear a face mask.
8. When Mass is over please remain in your seats until the Stewards direct you to leave one row at a time. Please keep 2 metres distance as you leave the Church and please move quickly once outside to the carpark to allow others to safely exit the Church.
9. The parish secretary will be in the parish office from Monday to Friday 9.30am to 1.00pm. Those who have no access to the online registration can telephone and book in for Mass with Jacinta.

**We are all in a new way of attending Mass to ensure the safety of everyone coming to Mass.  
We will continue to keep you informed as and when the regulations change.  
The most important thing is that everyone feels safe.**

**THE PARISH CENTRE IS CLOSED to groups** until further notice due to social distancing as recommended by the Diocese of Down and Connor, which is following the government's advice.

If you would like your deceased family & friends to be prayed for please email your names to the parish office: E: [bangor@downandconnor.org](mailto:bangor@downandconnor.org)  
all names will then be mentioned on the weekly Sunday bulletin.

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**PRIVATE PRAYER** will take place before public Mass in St Comgall's Church.

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#### **BAPTISM REGISTRATION**

Baptisms will be starting back mid to late September and the team is working on how best to support the parents. Please register online under '**Sacramental Preparation**'

**Podcast audio Mass is available on the parish website**  
[www.bangorparish.com](http://www.bangorparish.com) (Daily) **by 11.00am.** [Sat vigil] **by 7pm.**

### Bangor Parish Podcast

Fr Gunn offers Mass daily in the oratory of the Parochial House and podcasts it on the parish website. You can listen to the Parish podcasts by clicking on the audio files on the website or by searching for "**Parish Of Bangor Podcast**" in the apple or google podcast apps. You can download these apps from [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#)

If you use these apps please '**subscribe**' to our channel so you receive all the latest podcasts straight to your phone or tablet.



As you will have noticed we have refreshed our website and have given some new prayer resources: Look under **The Parish Today**

- Daily Mass – uploaded by 11am.
- Prayer Resources & articles from the Columban Sisters – Sr Maura & Sr Suzanna.
- Family Creative Prayer & SUNDAY LOOK SHEETS.

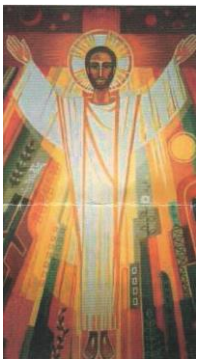
**SVP**-The Society continues to help those in need who seek their assistance, albeit on reduced resources with the suspension of Parish Masses. Many thanks to those Parishioners who have donated to date.

If you are in a position to assist, donations can be made via St Vincent de Paul website ([svp.ie](http://svp.ie)) Follow the on screen instructions and when prompted indicate if your donation is for St Comgalls Bangor or Most Holy Redeemer Ballyholme. Alternatively a payment can be made direct to the Conferences Bank Accounts with First Trust Bank-Sort Code 93-82-03. St Comgalls A/C 25302098. Most Holy Redeemer Ballyholme A/C 06885061. For account reconciliation purposes please provide a note of your name where indicated.

Donations of furniture and good clothing are suspended temporarily.

Non-perishable food donations can continue to be made to Storehouse at their premises at 12 Balloo Avenue, Bangor only on Mondays and Thursdays 2.00pm to 4.00 pm. Again many thanks for your continued support.





## Readings at Mass – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, 13 September.

**Penitential Act:** I confess to the almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

### Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Sir 36: 18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

### Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### Gloria

*Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.*

*Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex cælestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.*

*Domine Fili Unigenite, Iesu Christe, Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis; qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostrum. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.*

*Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu: in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.*

### First reading - Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9

*Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you; and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,  
and both are found with the sinner.  
He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord,  
who keeps strict account of sin.  
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,  
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.  
If a man nurses anger against another,  
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?  
Showing no pity for a man like himself,  
can he then plead for his own sins?  
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;  
who will forgive him his sins?  
Remember the last things, and stop hating,  
remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.  
Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will;  
remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The Word of the Lord. **R:** Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 102(103):1-4, 9-12

*The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.*

My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings.

RESPONSE

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion.

RESPONSE

His wrath will come to an end;

he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults.

RESPONSE

For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.

RESPONSE

**Second reading** - Romans 14:7-9 · *Alive or dead, we belong to the Lord*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord. **R:** Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation - 1S3:9, Jn6:68**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
you have the message of eternal life.  
Alleluia!

**The Gospel according to Saint Matthew** [18:21-35] *To be forgiven, you must forgive*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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**PRAYERS AT HOLY COMMUNION**

**Spiritual Holy Communion Prayer**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present  
in the most Blessed Sacrament.  
I love you above all things and  
I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if you have already come,  
and unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you.  
Amen.  
*composed by Saint Alphonsus Liguori*

**ANIMA CHRISTI**

**Prayer to the Most Holy Redeemer**

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, embolden me.  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
O good Jesus, hear me.  
Within your wounds hide me.  
Never permit me to be separated from you.  
From the evil enemy defend me.  
At the hour of my death call me  
and bid me to come to you,  
that with your Saints I may praise you  
for age upon age. Amen